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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As you read this Newsletter, I am on a painting weekend with 30 artists in Sutton, Quebec. Every time I have painted with this group, the weather has been bad but we have a wonderful time and each one of us produces something we want to keep. The joy of painting 'plein air' includes bugs, wind, rain, snow, grouchy dogs and cattle, sometimes a tumble into a stream and always lots of sombre skies. Also, there is the exhilaration of spending the days outside in interesting settings, the camaraderie of generous and friendly companions, music, laughter and many unforgettable moments. As I look at my paintings later, I remember the day, the friendship, the sounds and the smells of the location. I am so lucky to have found this crazy passion for art and privileged to have met so many people through it like you. If you like to paint en plein air, let the members of your Executive know and we will plan some plein air outings.

The Annual Members' Choice Awards Show is coming up next month. Please note that only members in good standing as of October 31 will be allowed to enter this show. No memberships will be sold at the Ottawa Little Theatre on the day of the hanging. Take a minute to **check your membership card for its expiry date** so you will not be disappointed. This is a fun show where each and every member has the chance to be juror for the night and vote for his or her favourite painting in each category. Your tickets can be purchased at the hanging for this show and for members, the price of \$6 includes admission, light refreshments, door prize opportunities and the hanging fee for your painting. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$6, at the hanging or at the door. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with this event. This is your personal invitation to get involved in your organization.

Please remember that all paintings (or light-weight wall sculptures) brought to the Ottawa Little Theatre for hanging must have the artist's name, phone number, title, size and medium clearly written on the back. They must all be dry, for sale, clipped into a secure and unblemished frame and the ends of the wires must be covered with tape to protect the volunteer hangers.

Be sure to attend the OAA meeting this month. We are fortunate that our website designer Ingo Peters, Domingo Informatics, will be our guest and give a short presentation about the new website that his company has designed for us. He will allow plenty of time for questions and answers. Now is the time to find out how to upload pictures and text to have a web presence on the OAA website. The price can't be beaten (\$30) and artists can set up a link to their site. Get your introduction to the new OAA website look, the new web tutorial, and come prepared with all of your questions.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Heron Rd. Multi-Service Centre
1480 Heron Rd.
Ottawa

Executive Meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Topic: The New Website:
All You Need to Know
Ingo Peters



FALL SCHEDULE

Our September guest was talented artist John Mlacak. His presentation of the loosest of renderings of landscape and still-life inspired us; we enjoyed a delightfully humorous and informative demonstration of his ideas, methods, materials, techniques and how to honour the impulse to paint.

Be sure to enter the door prize draw when you attend our monthly meetings for a chance to win. The winner of the door prize at September's meeting was Kerstin Peters. She received a gift certificate for purchases at Wallack's. John Mlacak also generously provided 3 packages of cards that were won by happy draw entrants.

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

"One and Only" Sandy Hill Art and Gift Fair, November 23 at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. Deadline for registration for the juried event, October 3. Contact info: sandyhillxmasfair@yahoo.ca, or call Helene at 613-565-3289.

Call for Artists: Rothwell Gallery is looking to feature new artists through temporary exhibits in the coming months. We are asking for interested artists to contact the gallery with an artist bio, website or sample of a minimum of 10 pieces as digital photos with prices, and a resume/list of previous exhibitions. All mediums, as well as photography, will be considered.

Call for Art Teachers: Qualified instructors interested in conducting semi-private classes should contact the Rothwell Gallery by October 28th, 2008. Rate of pay is \$25 per hour of instruction. A schedule will be compiled for distribution to the Gallery's full client base. You may reply with name and contact information, biography and teaching experience, type of medium taught, preferred length and times of classes, equipment needed, and preferred age group and experience level by email, fax or snail mail.

Contact: Rothwell Gallery, Nicki Sleeth, 613-745-6410; Fax: 613-745-5364; info@rothwellgallery.com.

CORRECTIONS

The one-year OAA membership costs \$30, not \$35, and Kathyrine Graydon's name has now been correctly spelled on this month's front page side bar.

UPS DISCOUNT FOR OAA MEMBERS

The UPS Store located at 1769 St. Laurent Blvd. gives back to the OAA 10% of costs incurred by members when they purchase services at the store; this discount to the Association helps deter costs, such as this newsletter. Members must identify themselves to the store staff and should ask about wholesale prices if interested in reproducing their work for the purpose of selling it.