



# FCA NEWSLETTER

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*" Painting is a self discovery. Every good artist paints what he is."*  
Jackson Pollock

## Coming Events

- Program for March - Romana Kascar-Krast
- "On the Edge" Edgemont Exhibition - May 8, 2004
- "On the Edge" Edgemont Jury - April 26, 2004
- Annual General Meeting Calgary Chapter - April 20, 2004
- Art Fusion - National Exhibition May 6 to 13, 2005

## Winter Thaw 2004: Lake Bonavista

**Winter Thaw 2004, Natalie Kurzuk** - Yes, the sun did shine this year at our first-class art show, Winter Thaw at Lake Bonavista Village. We are proud to report an excellent show, as well as a small profit for the Federation of Canadian Artists. Federation Members sold 14 paintings for total sales of \$6,810.00.

The new management at Lake Bonavista Village went out of

their way to accommodate us in providing a classy venue, the use of their grand piano, decorative and scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, as well as wine and other beverages. By partnering with them,



3rd Place: Lyla Couzens



2nd Place: Maureen Ireton

we were able to benefit from their advertising through community newspapers and radio.

Thanks goes out to all the members who volunteered their time to make this a stellar event.

Our next qualifying show and sale will be held at Edgemont Community Centre on Saturday, May 8, 2004. Thank you to all the members who filled out their questionnaires. Your comments and suggestions will guide us in our decisions for future FCA art shows.

Your Exhibition Team: Natalie Kurzuk, Carol Little, Marg Stevens, Lorna Hannett, Neil Locke, Lillian Tkach-Matisons.



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1st Place: Christine Mitchell

## FCA Executive - 2003/2004

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## FCA General Meeting, February 17, 2004 - Minutes

Meeting called by: Neil Locke, President - Type of Meeting: General

Note taker: Karen Aulik-Now, Secretary

### Attendees: 26

Meeting commenced 7:00 pm

### Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2004:

Beverley Farley motioned to approve the minutes; Dorothy Barraclough seconded. All approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Announcement by Treasurer: a large portion of the funds outstanding from last year have been collected.

### Questionnaire

Questionnaires have been mailed to members for their comments. A thank you went out to those who have returned them and a request to others to please fill out and return.

### Upcoming Lake Bonavista Exhibition

90 paintings in the show. A

Volunteer list was circulated and invitations distributed.

### Upcoming Elections

The upcoming elections come as an opportunity for members to become involved and to better understand how the federation works. Members were encouraged to take and/or to nominate others, with permission, for positions.

### Proposal October Show

A question was put forward to see how many members were interested in the addition of another non-qualifying show to be held at Crescent Heights in October 2004. The majority of those attending were in favour.

### Media Awareness

Copy of "Modern Painters" magazine circulated for the perusal of members.

### Items of Note and Artist Opportunities

Deadlines for applications for membership in the Alberta

Society of Artists due March 1<sup>st</sup>, with the jury to be held April 10 at U of C. Five original pieces to be juried and forms need to be filed out. For more information contact Nadien Cole 246-1970.

"Painting on the Edge" FCA exhibition Aug. 24 to Sept. 12, 2004. Entries due June 22, 2004.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts: Art acquisition through slide submission for artists new to the collection. Slides due April 1, 2004.

### Door Prize for Lake Bonavista Exhibition

The membership selected a painting by Neil Locke.

### Visitors and New Members

Teresa Stieben - visitor, Dianna Zasadny - visitor

### Motion made to adjourn meeting:

Rosemary Bennett 1<sup>st</sup>, Lillian Tkach-Matison 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Meeting Adjourned.

### Program:

Critique by Jean Pederson.

## President's Message - Neil Locke

Complaining is something plenty of people do and more so in numbers. Stating that you disagree and being able to clearly explain why is a sign of good communication. To come forward and say you can see what is happening, you feel that you have some ideas, and you want to act and put those ideas in motion is what having a

say is really all about. Making a difference. Making a difference also comes in different levels whether it be coordinating the next exhibition, publishing the next newsletter, taking care of our videotapes, or even helping to set up and put away the chairs at each meeting. All of the

work that our members do to make FCA Calgary move forward does not go unnoticed.

What can YOU do to help? Elections for the Executive and Committees happen this year at our Annual General Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. To move forward requires ideas in motion. Your ideas.

If you're looking for some great tips the World of Watercolor has a great website at:

<http://www.worldofwatercolor.com/features.htm>

Check it out.



## Program - Romana Kascar-Krast

**Romana Kascar-Krast** will be our guest speaker at the March 16, 2004 general meeting. Romana is a lady that has had art training and grew up in a family that was involved in the art world. Her father was a gallery owner. Ms. Kascar-Krast is the owner of The Collector's Gallery. Romana will be

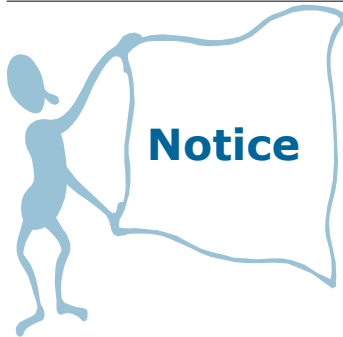
offering advice on preparing your art portfolio. Ms. Kascar-Krast will also offer advice on how to approach a gallery. There will be a question and answer period after. Come out and join us for a wonderful presentation. Ms. Kascar-Krast has graciously waived the honorarium for her

presentation. We look forward to hearing about building our portfolio's and more.

**Kathleen McCombie**  
Program Coordinator



## "On the Edge" Edgemont Exhibition - May 8, 2004



*On the Edge: Edgemont Exhibition - Edgemont Community Centre,  
33 Edgevalley Circle N.W.*

*Saturday, May 8, 2004 (11:00 - 4:00 p.m.)*

*Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on April 20, 2004, (members will select one for the door prize).*

***This is a Qualifying Show***

**IMPORTANT: You must be a member in good standing to jury into a FCA Calgary Chapter Exhibition. If your membership renewal has not been paid prior to the jury you will not be able to submit pieces for jurying.**

## Jury April 26, 2004 - Guidelines and Categories

### Jurying - Calgary Chapter

**Jury forms** are available on our website at [www.fcacalgary.ca](http://www.fcacalgary.ca), **please have forms filled out prior to registering your paintings for jury.**

*The Jury is Monday, April 26, 2004 at Lakeview Community Centre, 6110 - 34 Street SW.*

*Drop Off time is 6:30 p.m. sharp. Jury fee: \$10.00*

A member must have "Active" status before submitting pieces for a jury into a show. A member can submit three images to a Jury.

Pieces previously submitted can be resubmitted if they were not accepted as "Juror's Choice" paintings. All Calgary Chapter Shows are juried.

Paintings may only hang once in a FCA juried show at the same location. Paintings that have hung in a Chapter Show, either as a Chapter's Choice or a Juror's Choice may subsequently be submitted to an FCA juried show at the Federation Gallery.

If a painting is accepted in two FCA shows, it will only count once towards application for Signature Status. You require eight different works at eight different shows.

**Chapter Choice:** Are pieces considered to be of a high standard and quality that are acceptable to be shown in a Chapter Show but are not eligible for "juror's choice" and do not work towards "Signature Status".

**Juror's Choice:** Are pieces considered to be of a higher standard and quality and are acceptable to be shown in a National Show, allows members to work towards "Signature Status".

Members must have eight "Juror's Choice" over a four year period to apply for AFCA Status.

A member can only count one "Juror's Choice" per show towards their signature status.

This is considered the stepping-stone to signature status and is harder to attain. It ensures artists applying for signature status are meeting the qualifications necessary to be accepted for "Signature" status.

**Best of Show:** Is "juror's" choice but is considered to be the "best" of show and works towards "Signature Status".

## Calgary Chapter Annual General Meeting: April 20, 2004

**Reminder** - The Calgary Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) is April 20th, 2004. If you are interested in volunteering for a position or would like to nominate someone please give anyone on the executive a call to find out more or to indicate your interest. If you are nominating someone

please make sure they are willing to let their name stand for a position. We have lots of opportunities for members and you'll enjoy meeting and making friends.

Membership lists, Chapter By-laws and the Financial Report will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

For the membership list please make sure you let Lorna Hannett know if your information is not current so she can update the membership list accordingly before copies are made.

See you there.



## News - Notices - Opportunities

**Call for Volunteers.** The Calgary Chapter has several vacancies. We are looking for someone for Membership, Workshops, Publicity and more. If you're a recent member of the Calgary Chapter or a current member and are looking for a new challenge, we have lots of opportunities for members to learn, grow and gain lots of experience. The rewards of getting involved are huge and we guarantee you will make a lot of friends in the process. If you are interested in volunteering please let anyone on the Executive know.

We can't do it without you please consider volunteering.

**National Exhibition - Art Fusion 2005.** We are pleased to announce the dates for the National Exhibition have been

confirmed. The National Exhibition is open to all FCA juried members.

Title: *Art Fusion*

Date: *May 6 to 13, 2005*

Theme: *A Collaboration of Canadian Artists*

Gallery: *Gainsborough Galleries*

We're going to need lots of volunteers. Some of you have put your name forward already and we thank you. As soon as we work out the details we'll develop a roster of jobs and responsibilities that we'll post in the newsletter and on the website. If you are interested in volunteering now for a position please let Marg Stevens know at

stevenss@telusplanet.net.

We'll keep you posted as we work out the details.

The Committee Members are:

- Marg Stevens      Rose Zivot
- Karen Aulik-Now      Lorna Hannett
- Neil Locke      Lorna Dockstader



We want to thank Gainsborough Galleries for partnering with the Federation on what we know will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us.

Quote: Paul Klee

*"Art does not reproduce the visible, it makes visible".*

## FCA Newsletter - Calgary Chapter

**FCA - Calgary Chapter Newsletter.** The Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA) is a not for profit organization dedicated to its aim of gradually raising the artists' standards by stimulating participants to greater heights of achievement.

The FCA - Calgary Chapter Newsletter is produced nine (9) times a year. We do not publish July, August or December. The deadline for submission to the newsletter is

five week days after the end of the month

We're looking for members profiles/biographies to publish in upcoming issues of the newsletter. If you are interested please submit your bio and picture to Marg Stevens at [stevenss@telusplanet.net](mailto:stevenss@telusplanet.net) or phone (403) 932-6383.

The Newsletter provides information on persons, places and events of importance,

as well as technical information.

Advertise in *the Newsletter* to reach a premier audience of artists, rates are very reasonable:

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