



FCA NEWSLETTER

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"Be true to your work, your word, and your friend."

Henry David Thoreau

Art Fusion - A Collaboration of Canadian Artists

Coming Events

- Annual General Meeting and Social April 21, 2005.
- Art Fusion - A Collaboration of Canadian Artists - May 7 to 13, 2005.
- On the Edge at Edgemont Community Centre - October 1, 2005
- Winter Frost at Lutheran Church in Strathcona - November 26, 2005

Art fusion is just a few weeks away and things are really coming together nicely. We will have 62 pieces from New Brunswick to British Columbia making this a truly National show!

The advertising is in place for the major Calgary newspapers along with the local television stations plus an article in Galleries West. We have contacted several free places for advertising.

We are happy to say we received many generous donations from our sponsors and are fortunate to have their support. We would like to say a special thank you to Rose Zivot for all her hard work and hospitality over the last two years.

The Calgary Chapter would like to thank all our volunteers whose dedication and support will make Art Fusion a

success. Thank you.

The invitations are posted on our website for you to print off for clients and we would like to encourage you to please do so, whether or not you have work in the show. With the high profile of this major show, we will all benefit from the exposure for the Federation of Canadian Artists in our future shows.

Lorna Hannett



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Annual General Meeting - April 21, 2005

Reminder - The Calgary Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) is April 21st, 2005. 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 lot's of opportunities for members and you'll enjoy meeting and making friends.

Copies of the Bylaws, Policies, Membership List and Financial Statements will be available at the meeting.

After the meeting we'll have a social so please bring a goodie. It's a chance to meet your new Executive, Committee Members and visit with everyone. Come and join us for a great meeting and lots of great conversation.



FCA Executive - 2004/2005

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"Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

- David Lloyd George

Workshop - Scratchin' the Surface April 9, 2005



Those attending the Scratch Art workshop with Lorna Hannet on Saturday, April 9 were given an excellent introduction to the art of s c r a t c h i n g . Everyone was new to this art

form and as they say they were "itching to get scratching". There were a variety of approaches as each attendee used the provided tools and resources in their own special way.

Some of the comments showed how much people enjoyed concentrating on value without the distraction of colour (except for some subtle use of colouring inks).

Scratch art is obviously a very detailed art form and people seemed to enjoy the level of focus involved. The

camaraderie and atmosphere was extremely friendly and encouraging leading to a very successful workshop.

As someone commented: "awesome, 2 thumbs up".

Rex Beanland, Workshop Coordinator



President's Message - Natalie Kurzuk

As I reflect on the past year while serving as president of the Calgary Chapter of the FCA, I fondly recall numerous events, conversations and exchanges with members, and am pleased at our accomplishments, as a group and as individuals within this organization. I would like to thank the executive and all the committee volunteers for their support and their dedication. All of your contributions were greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our membership, I would like to thank the core committee who have worked diligently to hold the national FCA art show, "Art Fusion", in Calgary this May. These volunteers are Marg Stevens, Rose Zivot, Lorna Hannett,

Lorna Dockstader, and Kathleen McCombie. We are all looking forward to a great show!

Following the direction given to the executive through a questionnaire in 2004, we were able to provide meaningful programs through slide-talk shows and critiques, organized by our very capable program co-ordinator, Lois Fisch.

With Lillian Tkach-Matisons and Carol Little at the helm of Exhibitions, our art shows were always very professional and welcoming to the public. From the jury committee, to the set-up crew, to the clean-up gang, your volunteer jobs were all necessary to produce these

quality shows.

One of this year's goals was to get our finances in order, and I'm proud to say that we were able to stay within our budget, thanks to your suggestions and to the work of our treasurer, Kathleen McCombie.

We are also pleased to have Rex Beanland restart our Workshops this spring.

Although I have enjoyed being president for this year, I look forward to new adventures, opportunities and challenges in the years to come. I believe that when one door closes, another one opens, and so, "Adieu"!



General Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2005

Note taker: Karen Aulik-Now

Attendees: 25

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2005:

Lorna Hannett motioned to approve the minutes; Martha Jones seconded.

President's comments and announcements

Calgary Members receiving signature status, Lyla Couzens, Ken Thomas, Lorna Hannett and Christine Mitchell.

Treasurer's Report

Report was read by Treasurer Kathleen McCombie.

Art Fusion, National Show sponsored by Calgary Chapter May 6-13, 2005.

Names of Calgary members juried into show are in the February newsletter on the website.

Discussion—regarding possible grant money from the province for celebrating Alberta's Centennial. This will be discussed further at the next national show

meeting.

Exhibitions

A report on the Bonavista show is in the February newsletter.

Membership

Rosemary Bennett reported. Names of those members who did not pay dues by March 1 were taken off the membership list. 108 members.

Programs

May – Natalie Kurzuk

June - Critique – Seka Owen

Newsletter

Call went out for new volunteer for next term. Volunteer need working knowledge of Publisher

Workshops

Rex Beanland reported. They will be held in Room 678, U of C. For more information regarding registering, see the web site or January newsletter.

Nominations for positions on the executive and committees:

Names were suggested to fill vacant positions. Positions still needing nominations are:

1st Vice-President, Newsletter, and National Newsletter.

Guests and New Members

Ryan Kerr --guest

Announcements and Artist Opportunities

Rose Zivot is the new 2nd Vice-President at National.

Dawn Thrasher—Fund-raiser Thursday April 21, Children's Hospital Aid Society and IKEA "A Breath of Spring".

"A World of Colour", Art Nest Gallery & Framing March 4-21, 2005.

Motion made to adjourn meeting:

Kathleen McCombie motioned, Jean Pederson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Program:

Don Mabee—Artist Trading Cards



Program May 19, 2005 - Natalie Kurzuk

Lois Fisch, Program Coordinator

Natalie Kurzuk artist, teacher, instructor and Past President will

instruct all our members on a hands-on exercise during the program portion on May 19th. This exercise will be a spontaneous collage-journal, a

word and picture free fall that all artists can do to get in touch with their creative soul, that tremendous elsewhere that lies within.

News - Notices - Opportunities

FCA Name Tags. You can order your FCA name tags for yourself from Canuck Amusements 249-6641. Ask for Doug. You can order them plain or with the FCA Logo. They are \$5.00 plus GST.

Stampede Artists Window.



We have applied for the Stampede Artist Window again this year. If we are successful in receiving the two Saturdays applied for and you are interested in

demonstrating and showcasing your work, please contact:

Rosemary Bennett (249-4814) or Lorna Hannett (637-2454).

PROGRAMS - Lois Fisch

JUNE 16, 2005 - Critique Night with Seka Owen – teacher and lecturer who graduated from U of A with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in 1977. Seka promises a very stimulating critique evening. It is suggested that members bring a painting that they are having problems with. Seka will offer suggestions that

will involve the artist in the critique.

Possible Workshop: We have the opportunity to have a one day workshop on "What Jurors Look For" with Gaye Adams, SFCA, from B.C. It would cover copyright laws, the print market, and bringing paintings for a critique by her, plus a few other things. We need a minimum of 12 people. The tentative date is April 23rd, so please contact Lorna Hannett at 637 2454 or contact Lorna at lorna12@telusplanet.net if you would be interested in such a workshop, **ASAP**, so we can book her. Gaye's website: www.gayeadams.com

Discovering the Inner Landscape A creative painting workshop at Mount Engadine Lodge with HELENA HADALA

May 6 – May 8, 2005

Deepen your experience with the landscape and your artistic expression through a weekend spent in a pristine mountain environment far from everyday life. Helena Hadala, professional artist and teacher, will facilitate and support you in processes that will awaken your senses and perception, dissolve preconceptions about art making, enhance your inner connection to the landscape,

and encourage you to try new methods and approaches. Price: \$399 incl GST covers accommodation, meals, and instruction. For more information and to register contact Mount Engadine Lodge (403-678-4080 or www.mountengadine.com). Note: bursary available to defray costs through application.

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Artist Direct Programs

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ARTIST DIRECT PROGRAMS:

- ◆ A PRE-CAPPED SEAMLESS LINERS
- ◆ B SEAMLESS LINERS (ONLY)
- ◆ C 5/8" FLOATERS
- ◆ D 1 3/4" FLOATERS
- ◆ E CHOP & JOIN STRETCHER BAR*
- ◆ F STRETCHED PRE-PRIMED CANVAS*

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* ARTIST DIRECT PROGRAMS E&F - THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE SUMMER 2005!

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FRAMING DESIGNER ON SITE	SEAMLESS LINERS (MANUFACTURED ON SITE)
CONSERVATION FRAMING AND MOUNTING	MUSEUM FRAMING AND MOUNTING
OBJECT FITTING AND SHADOW BOXING	WET AND DRY MOUNTING
FABRIC MOUNTING	STRETCHING OF NEEDLE ART, TAPESTRY
(LAMINATING, GEL COATING & TEXTURED FINISHING	PICTURE HANGING HARDWARE AND SYSTEMS
CANVAS STRETCHING*RE-STRETCHING	PRIMED CANVAS MOUNTED ON HARD BOARD
CHOP AND JOIN SERVICE	FITTING SERVICES AVAILABLE
GLASS REPLACEMENT	FRAME REPAIR

PERSONALIZED CONSULTATIONS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE PPFA (PROFESSIONAL PICTURE FRAMER'S ASSOCIATION)

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

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 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:

Full Page	6 x 7.5	\$110.00
1/2 Page	3.5 x 6	\$60.00
1/4 Page	3.7 x 2.8	\$35.00
1/8 Page	2 x 2.8	\$20.00