



FCA NEWSLETTER

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Art is made to disturb. Science reassures. There is only one valuable thing in art: the thing you cannot explain. Georges Braque

Winter Frost - December 4, 2004

Coming Events

- Program for January - Karin Richter
- Winter Thaw Exhibition, Lake Bonavista Village, February 19, 2005.
- Art Fusion - A Collaboration of Canadian Artists - May 7 to 13, 2005.
- Edgemont Exhibition - October 1, 2005.

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"To paint--to travel--to combine the two--is to celebrate life." Jack R. Brouwer

Lillian Tkach-Matsons, Exhibition Coordinator

Although the Strathcona Christie Art Show "Winter Frost" was low in attendance at 265, out of 88 paintings, 17 were sold for a total of \$7,855.00.



First Place: Natalie Kurzak "Faded Images, A Measure of Time" Mixed Media

Congratulations to everyone who sold and thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make the show a huge success. Honorable mention went to Eileen Hirota and Mary Sallum.

The next FCA Show "Winter Thaw" is a non-



Second Place: Karen Makowski "Morning over the Healing Pond" Acrylic

qualifying show at Lake Bonavista Village on Saturday, February 19, 2005. Jury for paintings will be held at our January 20th FCA meeting at 6:30 so plan to bring your best three for the show. Also, bring a painting for a chance to win the "Door Prize"

designation. Remember, this show is widely publicized by Lake Bonavista Village and is great exposure to both the artist and to the FCA. In previous years, between 300 to 400 visitors have attended with sales from 14 to 25 pieces at this venue.



Third Place: Jerry Markham "They Don't Look Mad to Me" Oil on Linen



FCA Executive - 2004/2005

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Jury January 20, 2005 - Guidelines and Categories

Jurying – Calgary Chapter

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.

A jury fee of \$10.00 is charged.

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".

PROGRAM - The Travelling Artist with Karin Richter

Karin Richter - CSPWC, SCA, ASA is an enthusiastic art instructor. She is a featured artist at the famous Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC and her paintings can be found in corporate and private collections all over the world. Travelling and the interest in different cultures has always

been part of Karin's life. Her slide presentation will include images of the different countries she has been to recently, the subsequent paintings and her thoughts about how her art has been shaped by her experiences. **Lois Fisch, Program Coordinator**



President's Message - Natalie Kurzuk

As we welcome in the year 2005, the FCA members have much to look forward to. It's Alberta's 100th birthday and the Calgary Chapter is forging ahead with preparations for our national art show, "Art Fusion", at the Gainsborough Art Gallery in May. Several of our members will be applying for signature status (AFCA or SFCA) through Vancouver in February and we wish them all the best! We start the New Year off with preparations for our fourth annual art exhibition at the classy venue at Lake Bonavista Village in February.

As I look at the last eight months of serving as president, I am thankful for the executive and all the members who have worked diligently to keep our organization running in a positive and productive manner. It is important to remember that how we respond to situations is our responsibility, since we have the "gift of choice" in every moment! Although the saying, "Is the cup half full or half empty?" appears to be a simple saying, it very aptly points to the control we have over our responses to everyday

happenings. I would like to see our Chapter continue to be more like a family that supports and encourages each other. We need to celebrate each other's successes! A simple "thank you" or a complement goes a long way to strengthen bonds and cement good relationships.

Remember that positive attitudes are contagious!

On behalf of the executive team, I want to wish you and yours the best of health, good times, and a joyful year filled with laughter, good friends and painting time!

General Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2004

Attendees: 32

Approval of Minutes October 21, 2004:

Carol Little motioned to approve the minutes; Rosemary Bennett seconded. Carried.

President's comments and announcements:

Applying for AFCA or SFCA was discussed. Deadline is February 18, 2005. The applicant must have 8 juror's choice paintings in 8 different shows in 4 years. Shows other than FCA also qualify, examples are: Aim for the Arts, AWS, Painting on the Edge, CSPW, NWSW, ASA, and other national or international shows. Must submit 10 good slides and 3 original works within the last 4 years. Include on each slide, title, medium, ground, image size (HxW) and price. Include a one page biography, registration fee of \$40.00, self-addressed envelope with postage and the application form. The forms are available on the FCA web site.

Name tags—Lorna Hannett requested a volunteer to handle acquiring these, Rosemary Bennett volunteered.

Nominating Committee---Kathleen McCombie volunteered and a call went out for other volunteers.

Secretary resigning---Karen Aulik-Now has resigned as secretary of the Calgary Chapter, she will be spending part of the year away from Calgary.

Signing out art videos---Thank you went out to Christine Mitchell for the fine job she has been doing.

Jury Forms---Forms outlining how a piece of art is juried (designed by Lorna Dockstader) was distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Report read and copies of it were distributed by treasurer Kathleen McCombie.

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

Gainsborough Galleries, Calgary, May 6-13, 2005, then at Federation Gallery, Vancouver May 24-June 5. Deadline for slide submission: February 5, 2005, see newsletter for submission guidelines.

Exhibitions:

Lillian Tkach-Matisons reported on final preparations for Winter Frost at Strathcona-Christie. The projected budget is \$1,640.00. Additional sandwich boards were discussed. Estimates were Large \$110.00 plus GST and small \$85.00 plus GST. Carol Little moved that "we get two large signs" Kathleen McCombie seconded. CARRIED

A call went out for volunteers to help set up easels at 5 PM on Friday, Dec. 3. Jane Szombathy and Charlie Fong will help. Paintings must be at the show between 9:00 and 10:00 AM Saturday Dec. 4.

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed by Carol Little.

An Edgemont show was discussed, a show date of October 1, 2005 was decided.

A volunteer to do title cards is needed. Carol Little volunteered.

Publicity and Promotions volunteer needed, Martha Jones volunteered to fill position.

Discussion regarding demos at the next show. Eveline Koliijn-Vink will demonstrate making a etching plate and Lorna Hannett will demonstrate scratch art.

Invitations for the show were made available for members to distribute.

Membership:

Rosemary Bennett reported. Fees for 2005 due by Dec. 31. 2004.

Newsletter:

Call for profiles of any member who has not yet been in the newsletter contact Marg Stevens. Get information for the January Newsletter to Marg as soon as possible.

Workshops:

If members would like to do a workshop, please contact Rex Bearland. A form will be made available to fill out to give information to Rex.

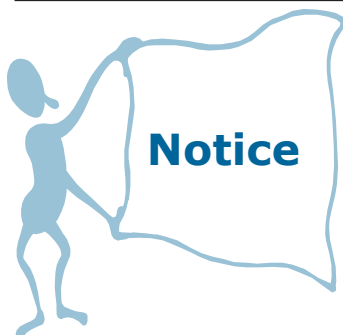
Guests and New Members:

New members: Dawn Thrasher and Alice Evancio

Guest: Judy Huk

Adjourned.

Winter Thaw Exhibition - February 19, 2005



Exhibition: Lake Bonavista Village, 11800 Lake Fraser Dr. S.E.

Saturday, February 19, 2005

Jury: Thursday, January 20, 2005

Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on January 20, 2005,

This is Not a Qualifying Show

News - Notices - Opportunities

The Calgary Chapter

is proud to host an exhibition to celebrate Alberta's 100th Anniversary

Art Fusion

a collaboration of Canadian artists

This exhibit will be on display at both

Gainsborough Galleries

441 5th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB
May 7th—13th, 2005

Reception and Awards Ceremony:
May 6th, 2005

&

Federation Gallery

1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC

May 24th—June 5th, 2005

Entry deadline: February 5, 2005.

Entry fee: \$20/image.

Submit completed entry packet to:
Federation Gallery

1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 4B7

For more information, contact Marg Stevens (403) 932-6383 or email at stevenss@telusplanet.net.

The *Art Fusion* entry form is available at www.artists.ca

Click on *FCA Events*

FCA Programs: Program Coordinator: Lois Fisch

- February 17, 2005 New FCA Members presentations of their work.

Mexican Art Retreat: Mar. 12-20/05, Painter's Paradise.

This art retreat to **San Miguel de Allende**, one of the most beautiful colonial cities of Mexico is led by Katherine Lakeman, local Calgary artist. See website:

www.katherinelakeman.com

phone Katherine for registration forms at 802-1095 or email: kat@katherinelakeman.com or kmlakema@telusplanet.net

registration by Dec. 15/04, fees for 8 nt.\$795 shared room, air not included. This is Katherine's 7th trip as facilitator and everyone has been enchanted with this creative travel opportunity.

Lorna Hannett has an article being published in the International Artists Magazine featuring a step by step demo on how to create a scratchart rose in the Feb/Mar issue available this month.

Natalie Kurzuk is showing her "used" teabag artworks in a show, "Traditionally Oral", at the public art gallery, The Godfrey Dean Gallery in Yorkton, Saskatchewan until January 10, 2005. In this show, the artists challenge our preconceived ideas about untouchables, rituals, needs and wants. Natalie is also taking part in the travelling show, formerly at the Triangle Gallery in Calgary, "Form and Facet: Body Ornament West", at the Alberta Crafts Council Art Gallery in Edmonton in January 2005.

2005 Membership Dues. Renewals were due December 31, 2004, please make sure you have submitted your membership renewal to Rosemary Bennett at 3443 Kerry Park Road SW, Calgary T3E 4S5 (403) 249-4814 email Rosemary Bennett at rosemarybennett@shaw.ca.

Members must be in good standing to submit pieces for jurying. If your membership is not renewed before the January jury you may not be able to submit pieces for jurying. Please make sure your membership is current.

Don't forget to let Rosemary Bennett know if your address, phone number or email addresses have changed.

Calgary Stampede Artists Window

The Calgary Chapter has been given six spots at this year's Stampede (July 2005). Each spot will be 4 hours (2 artists per spot, a total of 12 artists). We have applied for Saturday July 9th and Saturday July 16th, 2005. Members interested in doing demonstrations in the Artists Window please contact Natalie Kurzuk at (403) 254-6697.

Signature Status (AFCA, SFCA)

Reminder the deadline to apply for AFCA or SFCA Status is February 18th, 2005. To register on line go to Vancouver's website at <http://artists.ca/forms/index.htm>. To view the requirements for applying for signature status go to <http://artists.ca/FCA-3.html>. We encourage everyone who is eligible to apply.

Workshops if you are interested in doing a workshop or can recommend someone to do a workshop please contact Rex Beanland at (403) 685-5812 or email beanland@telus.net.

It is with sadness we send condolences to Rich Williams on the loss of his wife. From everyone at the Calgary Chapter our thoughts and prayers are with Rich at this difficult time.

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