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"Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't." Richard Bach

Art Fusion the Finale by Lorna Hannett

Coming Events

- Program - Critique by Seka Owen
- On the Edge at Edgemont Community Centre - October 1, 2005
- Winter Frost at Lutheran Church in Strathcona - November 26, 2005



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As long as you're going to think anyway, think big. - Donald Trump

Art Fusion is just a memory now, but what a memory! The Gala opening at Gainsborough Galleries was a spectacular success; everything we hoped for and more with 2 very special guests, city of Calgary Mayor David Bronconnier, who officially opened the exhibit and Alberta Lt. Gov. Norman Kwong attending.

Approximately 140 guests were treated to delectable food and fine wine, while they wandered through the gallery admiring the wonderful art on display and several paintings found new homes.

From the entries received for this show and juried by a panel consisting of Alessandra Bitelli, SFCA, Suzanne Northcott, SFCA and Andrew McDermott, AFCA, a total of 62 paintings, including

entries by SFCAs, were selected to hang at the gallery, 13 paintings sold. Choosing the award winners must have been very difficult for Rose Zivot SFCA, Lorna Dockstader SFCA, Marie Woods from Gainsborough gallery, and artist Robert Woods, with so many great pieces to choose from.

Our planning committee was formed in 2003 with Marg Stevens taking the helm as Project and Promotions coordinator; Lorna Dockstader, Secretary; Lorna Hannett, Publicity; Rose Zivot, Gallery liaison and Gala coordinator and Kathleen McCombie, Treasurer. Meeting almost monthly for the last 2 years we worked diligently to make this show happen: visiting galleries to find a home for our show, sending letters seeking sponsorship, drafting a catalogue and invitations, publicity strategy, selling pins to

raise operating expenses...the list is endless.

One person in particular, richly deserves our heart felt thank you. We quite simply could not have done this without Rose Zivot. She was responsible for acquiring the donations of our largest contributors; the food and wine for the gala and the donations of the 1st and 2nd place prizes as well as private donations and as if that weren't enough, she hosted our all of monthly meetings as well! Thank you doesn't begin to cover it, but thank you, Rose.

A big thank you also goes to Rosemary Bennett, who actively pursued sponsorship and succeeded in bringing in a large amount of money with several business

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General Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2005

Attendees: 17

Approval of minutes April 21, 2005.

Mary Salloum moved to approve the minutes. Lois Fisch seconded. Carried.

It was suggested by Marija Petricevic that our newsletter include our meeting location address.

President's Comments and Announcements

Lorna Hannett reported on the success of the Art Fusion show. Seven paintings were sold on opening night, and seven later on in the week. Lorna reported that former chapter president Neil Locke conveyed his congratulations on a job well done. For the benefit of those who were not present at the Friday gala, it was described as a very wonderful evening with a good turn-out of guests, wonderful food and wine, attendance by Mayor Bronconnier and Lieutenant-Governor Norm Kwong, and

filming by A-Channel television. It was moved by Kathleen McCombie that we extend special compliments to Rose Zivot and a thank-you for the evening, noting that if it were not for her efforts, the evening would not have taken place the way it did. Seconded by Martha Jones.

A special thank-you and bouquet of flowers were extended to Natalie Kurzuk for her valuable work as the Chapter's previous president.

Treasurer's Report

Report read by Kathleen McCombie. As the report was valid only to the end of April, the final balance after Art Fusion will be available next month. Rose Bennett moved to adopt the report as read, seconded Mary Salloum.

Upcoming Programs

Seka Owen will be the presenter at the next meeting. She will discuss and critique "problem" paintings, including ones which

have not been accepted by a jury. Members are asked to bring paintings they feel might not be working (one per person).

There will be a one-day workshop with Gaye Adams, SFCA, on "What Jurors Look For." Saturday, June 11, 9 am - 3:30 pm, 673 Fine Arts Bldg, University of Calgary campus. There are a few spots left; fee is \$40 for members. Contact Rex Beanland.

Rose Bennett reported that the Stampede Window spots are now filled, and will be finalizing the list of times for participants. There was a brief discussion on whether participants should be Active or Supporting members. It was reiterated that Active members, who have been juried in, are the ones who should be representing FCA to the public and so should be the only ones taking part in the Stampede Window.

Meeting adjourned. Moved by Mary Salloum, seconded by Rose Bennett.

Karen Aulik-Now

It is with sadness that we send our condolences out to Karen on the loss of her daughter. All our thoughts and prayers are with Karen at this difficult time.

President's Message - Lorna Hannett

Do you realize that the Art Fusion gala was a month ago already and next week we will hold our last meeting until September? Where does the time go? Are you ready for summer? Planning on painting in the great outdoors, weather permitting of course?? Don't forget, our first jury for the fall season is at the Sept. meeting

for our show Oct. 1st, at Edgemont!

In my last message I asked for your help regarding attendance. We need to hear from you. Is it the change in the day of the meeting, is it the location, or is there something else that we need to address? We want our members to come to our

meetings if you have a suggestion that would help us address the issue please let me know. Make your voice heard! Please call or email me with your opinions or suggestions as soon as possible.

I wish you a summer full of sunshine and happy painting!



Art Fusion the Finale (Cont'd)

sponsors! She was our official photographer at the gala and also assisted us after the show with packing up and shipping the paintings to Vancouver. Nothing like this gets done without hard work and we couldn't do it without

volunteers; to all of you that helped us in this endeavor – we appreciate you and you also have our heartfelt thanks!

Our aim in putting on this show was to raise the profile of the FCA in Calgary and with

the television and newspaper coverage of our gala, we are confident we met our goal in making our name stand above the rest when it comes to quality fine art.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience!



Art Fusion Planning Committee
(left to right)

Lorna Dockstader SFCA, Rose Zivot SFCA, Lorna Hannett AFCA, Marg Stevens, Marie Woods (owner of Gainsborough Galleries) & Kathleen McCombie



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 confirmed Saturday July 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with artists

demonstrating in two hour shifts. If you are interested in demonstrating or showcasing your work please contact either Rosemary Bennett (249-4814) or Lorna Hannett (637-2454).

Workshop: Gaye Adams, SFCA, Saturday, June 11, 2005, 9:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the University of Calgary, Room 673, Art

Building. \$40.00 for FCA Members and \$50.00 for non-members. This exciting one day workshop is for anyone who would like to take their art and career to the next level.

Spaces are limited if you are interested please contact Rex Beanland at Beanland@telus.net or (403) 685-5812.

Art Fusion Award Recipients

| <u>Artist</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Award</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stephen Cheng | Free Dance | Best of Show | David & Rose Zivot Foundation |
| Roberta Combs | Sam Distracted | 2 nd Place | Silver Hill Acura |
| Margaret Elliott | Strictly Ballroom | 3 rd Place | Lorna Dockstader SFCA |
| Jerry Markham | Back Your Beef | Award of Excellence | Jon Williams Art Supplies |
| Tatjana Mirkov-Popviki | Indian Point Sunset | Award of Excellence | Classic Gallery Framing |
| Lyla Couzens | Peonies and Nectarines | SFCA Choice Award | |
| Jane Armstrong | Friendly Faces | Honorable Mention | |
| Lalita Hamill | Sacrificial Sake | Honorable Mention | |

Note: Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month at Crescent Heights Community Centre 1101 - 2nd Street N.W.

Program: Critique by Seka Owen

Seka Owen graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Alberta with a Major in Painting and a Minor in Printmaking and Art History. Her professional experience, scholarships, grants, lectures, workshops, teaching and awards cover many years. Seka's permanent collections are in many provinces

in Canada and with the former Yugoslavia, Zagreb, and Croatia. She has participated in many solo shows, and group exhibitions. Her work has been in many publications in Canada such as The Edmonton Journal, The Calgary Herald and The Works Newsletter just to mention a few. On June 16 Seka will critique works of art

that our members are having difficulty with and she will include the artist in the critique. So please bring your works of art for Seka to critique. This promises to be a very stimulating evening.

Lois Fisch, Past Program Coordinator

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:

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