



FCA NEWSLETTER

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"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get. "

Anonymous

Chapter News & Exhibition Guidelines

Coming Events

- *Winter Frost at Lutheran Church in Strathcona - November 26, 2005*
- *Spring Forward at Riverbend Community Centre - April 22, 2006*



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Our Chapter is presently financially stable and the Executive Committee is happy to announce that our membership dues have been lowered effective immediately. Active members will now pay \$30.00 instead of \$40.00 and Supportive dues are reduced from \$25.00 to \$15.00. And that's not all...effective our next show Nov. 26th, commission to the Calgary Chapter will be reduced to 25% from the current 30%. We will revisit these changes next fall to see how we stand.

More good news - We're starting out the New Year in a new hall and we are going back to third Tuesday of the month for our meetings! The response to the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of Haysboro

Community Hall located at 1204 - 89th Ave. SW (off Elbow Dr.). Not only is the price right but there is more space with a separate room for our juries to take place and lots of parking! Please mark it on your calendars - Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, Haysboro Community Hall for our first meeting in our new location.

For clarification we're also reprinting the Exhibition Guidelines

In the event that there are not enough juried pieces to accommodate the venue a member can submit previously juried pieces. A previously juried piece can only be submitted to the same venue once. The exhibition team will determine the number of previously juried pieces that can be submitted. The exhibition team must be

consulted before submitting.

Once a member has a piece accepted in a jury the piece cannot be sold and/or withdrawn before the Show. The piece can be identified as on "hold" but must be submitted to the Show.

All Artists who have pieces in a show must be in attendance at the Show. If you cannot attend you must notify the exhibition team immediately and where possible have an alternate member present.

Calgary Chapter has three shows a year for members. Two of the shows are qualifying events (juried shows which count towards signature status) and one, which is juried but is not a qualifying show (doesn't go towards signature status).

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

- Richard Bach

FCA Executive - 2005/2006

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General Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2005

Attendees: 18

Approval of Minutes Sept 2005.

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

President's Report and Comments

Based on input from our members and our good financial standing, our annual Chapter membership dues will be lowered. Active members will now pay \$30 per year, down from \$40, and our Supporting members will pay \$15, down from \$25. Commissions on sales will also be lowered, from 30% to 25%. The results of these reductions will be reassessed next fall.

It was moved that next month's social meeting, after the jury and business part of the meeting, will be a social, with the Chapter providing pizza and refreshments. Lillian Tkach-Matisons moved to approve, Rose Bennett seconded.

Lorna Hannet reported that the results of the questionnaire sent out to members last month showed an overwhelming vote in favour of moving to Haysboro Community Hall, with meetings taking place Tuesdays instead of Thursdays starting in January 2006. Lillian also informed us

that we would be able to keep our coffee break supplies there in storage between meetings, and that we would be able to use their coffee machines if need be. There will also be extra space available for juries.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kathleen McCombie was absent. Lois Fisch presented the treasurer's report.

Kathleen has reinvested our GIC to one with a better rate.

New member Leslie Scherger volunteered to serve as Treasurer after Kathleen's departure in December.

Exhibition Report

It was reported by Lillian Tkach-Matisons that the Edgemont show resulted in a loss of \$750. She also said we need more show participants to volunteer for duties throughout the day at the shows, i.e., if you are in the show, you must put in two hours and not just the first two hours. It was also clarified that previously juried work may be put into the show if needed to make up quantity, as specified in an agreement in place with FCA National. However paintings may not be shown twice in the same location.

The next Chapter exhibition will be on November 26, 11 am -

4pm, at First Lutheran Church in Strathcona. The jury will be held before the November 17th meeting.

Newsletter

Marg Stevens wished to remind members to send in photos of works and the stories behind them to be featured in the newsletters. She would also like to set up a "tips" page, so if you have any tips to share or know of any good art website links, please forward them to her.

New Members

Four new active members were juried in. They are Kathy Hildebrandt, Janie Lockwood, April Lund, and Leslie Scherger. We also have one new supporting member, Kristen Federchuk.

Workshops

Rex Beanland reported that two workshops have been booked for the new year: Working with Yupo paper, with Karen Richter, Feb. 18, and Acrylics, with Brent Laycock, March 18. Details to follow in newsletter. The November 17th meeting will feature an information visit from Prelude Framing.

Opportunities and Events

Lillian announced "Colours from the Light," a fundraiser held by Servants Anonymous, to be held at Artspace the weekend of , with

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Workshop Survey - Rex Beanland

Last year we had a number of very successful workshops. In order to serve the members even better I am asking for some feedback. I would like to know what type of workshops members are most interested in.

Please send your comments with

regard to:

1. medium: watercolour, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media etc
2. who you would like to see a workshop by

Thanks,

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Jury Guidelines & Categories - November 17, 2005

Jury forms are available on our website at www.fcacalgary.ca, please have forms filled out prior to registering your paintings for jury.

The Jury is Thursday, November 17, 2005 at Crescent Heights, 1101 - 2nd Street N.W. 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".

General Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2005 (Cont'd from Pg 2)

opening gala on Friday evening from 7 - 12.

Lois Fisch reported on her solo exhibition in her home town of Moose Jaw, which had an

attendance of over 100 people in a 3 hour time slot.

For those interested in the CHRS object-painting project (chairs), contact

wandamcneil@shaw.ca.

Meeting adjournment moved by Lorna Hannet, seconded by Lillian Tkach-Matisons.



President's Message - Lorna Hannett

We are always open to suggestions from our membership and in the past few months, with your help, we have implemented some changes that we hope will help bring overall improvements to our Chapter. We will start the New Year in a new location, lower dues and commission fees, thanks to you. Please keep those ideas and

suggestions coming!

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank our dedicated, hard working volunteers, as well, for the countless hours they have put into making this Chapter run. We quite simply could not do it without you. We appreciate you... thank you so much for all your efforts!

Winter is upon us and Christmas is coming up fast. Seems like just yesterday we were all worried about Y2K and here we are five full years into the new century! I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Let's all look forward to great things happening in the future...see you in 2006!

"Winter Frost" First Lutheran Church Strathcona - November 26, 2005

7102 - 14 Avenue SW

Jury: Thursday, November 17, 2005 (at Crescent Heights)

Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on November 17th (members will select one for the door prize).

This is a Qualifying Show



News - Notices - Opportunities

Programs - Krystyna Laycraft:

- January 19, 2006 - Prelude The Fine Art of Framing.
- February 16, 2006 - Chaos Theory and Creativity - Krystyna Laycraft.
- March 16, 2006 - Stephen Murphy - owner of Arts on Atlantic Gallery.

Membership Dues - The 2005 Membership renewals are due December 31, 2003 please send your dues to Rosemary Bennett before the December deadline.

FCA Workshops 2005 / 2006

Yupo with Karin Richter

Come have a fun day exploring the exciting possibilities of painting watercolour on Yupo, a slick, synthetic paper from

Japan.

Where: Room 677, Art Building, University of Calgary

When: Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006 from 9:00 – 3:30

Cost: \$35 & \$5 for paper for members, (\$45 & \$5 for non-members.)

Supplies: Regular watercolour supplies. Paper will be provided.

Acrylic Painting with Brent Laycock

Nationally and internationally known Calgary artist, Brent Laycock will be giving a one day workshop on acrylic painting.

When: Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 9:00 – 3:30

Where: Room 677, Art Building, University of Calgary

Cost: \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members

To register for these workshops send cheques payable to the Federation of Canadian Artists, to Rex Beanland, 5504 Ladbrooke Dr SW, Calgary, T3E 5X8 or call 685 – 5812.

Registration is on a first come first served basis.



On the Edge - Honorable Mention

Karen Makowski, Iris in the Wild, Mixed Media

David Pawson, High Solutions, Acrylic

Program November 17, 2005 - Chapter Social & Prelude Framing

The November meeting is not only our jury night for our Winter Frost Exhibition but it is also our last meeting until January so we hope you can join us. Since it is our last meeting of 2005, our Chapter is throwing a Pizza Party

Social. For those of you who missed their last visit in the spring, we will also have some folks from Prelude Framing there with some frame samples (including watercolor

frames) and information about their Artist Direct Program. Nothing to bring but your paintings and appetite and be prepared for a fun evening!



Meeting Change for 2006

Our last meeting at Crescent Heights Community Centre 1101 - 2nd Street N.W. will be November 17, 2005. In 2006: Meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month starting Jan. 17, 2006, at Haysboro Community Hall.

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
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1/4 Page	3.7 x 2.8	\$35.00
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