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Federation Of Canadian Artists

FCA NEWSLETTER

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Painting is easy for those that do not know how, but very difficult for those that do! Edgar Degas

Leslie Scherger - Treasurer

Coming Events

- Saturday, March 11th, 2006 "Absolutely Art" - Prince of Peace Manor, 285030 Luther Rose Blvd N.E.
- Saturday, April 22, 2006 "Spring Forward" - Riverbend Community Centre, 19 Rivervalley Drive S.E.



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"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great"
John D. Rockefeller

I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself to the membership this month and tell you a bit about who I am. My name is Leslie Scherger, and starting this month my name will be appearing on your monthly minutes as the new treasurer. I have also just become a member of this rather impressive group as of last November. I suppose, first, I would cover a bit about myself from the standpoint of becoming the treasurer. I have run my own company for a number of years and so consequently have some accounting experience. My primary career at the moment is with the Justice Department. I have worked with them for close to 19 years. My accounting knowledge is not like Kathleen's but I hope it will be

sufficient. By the way, don't be afraid to provide input into the ways things are done. I am always open to suggestions (as long as they come with instruction).



So, now that I've got that bit out of the way, I'll tell you a bit about my other side. I am a musician and an artist. I would consider myself to be self-taught, having received no formal education in art, but I have learned a lot through my relationships with other artists. I'm still trying to define my style as I enjoy a number of different techniques. I like to switch from one to the

other. I think it's because my predominant style is technical and the desire to do something loose is a relief. Someone has told me though that the connection all my paintings have is the play of light in the sense I like what shadows do to objects. I enjoy creating those portions in my paintings the most so that is probably why my palate for the most part is limited in each painting I produce.

Well, that is probably the most I've ever talked about myself. I look forward to being your treasurer and learning from each of you how to move further down that path to being a really good artist because the talent within this group is amazing.



FCA Executive - 2005/2006

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General Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2006

Attendees: 32

Approval of Minutes November, 20, 2005

Dianne Stewart moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kathy Hildebrandt. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Leslie Scherger)

The Treasurer's report was read by Leslie Scherger who has taken the position of Treasurer. No motions made, assumed carried. (Treasurer's reports are available for examination by members on request.)

Exhibition Report (Lillian Tkach Matisons)

Lillian talked about the non qualifying Prince of Peace show to be held on March 11th from 11 am - 4 pm. Map of location in the February Newsletter. Jury for this show will be February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Lillian stated that it will be a first for us in the North East. Prince of Peace will supply food and music for the clients, and our own entrance. Lunch will be supplied to the artists at no cost. The hall in this building is large enough for 120 paintings. The show will be aggressively marketed. It was emphasized that anyone showing in a show must stay and carry out some of the volunteer duties for at least two hours during the day.

Membership Report (Rose Bennett)

Rose reported that there are 112 members. She reminded the

members that membership fees must be paid before the next show or they will not qualify. Rose stated that the Calgary Federation has been invited to show in the Artists' Window at the 2006 Calgary Exhibition. Ten artists are required. Rose will request the whole day. Anyone interested please contact Rose as soon as possible. The exhibition will supply easels and two passes each.

Newsletter (Marg Stevens)

The deadline for the Newsletter is February 11, 2006. Marg would like members to give her more news for the Newsletter. Marg requested a sabbatical and would like to step down from her position of writing the Newsletter. We need someone to take her place - anyone interested in this interesting position please contact Marg or Lorna Hannett.

Programs (Krystyna Laycraft)

February 21 - "Chaos Equal Creativity" by Krystyna Laycraft.

March 21 - "Show and Tell" by new members who will bring three paintings each.

April 18 - "Slide Presentation and Talk" by Jean Pederson

May 16 - "Art Can Be Hazardous to your Health" by Lee Churchill

June 2- - "Critique" by Seka Owen

Workshops (Rex Beanland)

Rex announced that the Sharon Williams workshop on January 21/22 has not filled up to this point. Karen Richter workshop in February and the March 18 workshop with Brent Laycock are filling up fast and Rex encourages anyone interested to give him a call at (403) 685-6717.

Other Business (Lorna Hannett)

It was stated that Martha Jones resigned as secretary. Lois Fisch is filling this position until new secretary volunteers. Anyone interested contact Lorna Hannett. Lorna reminded the members that an election is fast approaching and we need new volunteers for many positions. More discussion on this matter will follow at the February meeting. A Chapter Resource Handbook was sent to our Federation from Vancouver. Lorna encouraged members to read this handbook; it is very interesting and informative for all members. Lillian handed out a brochure on a Water Color Painting Symposium to be held in Calgary on Aug. 20-25, 2006.

Opportunities /News

Krystyna Laycraft will be giving a presentation in Greece on "Creativity as Order Through Emotions."

Meeting adjourned by Leslie Scherger, Second by Janie Lockwood.

Meetings are the Third Tuesday of Every Month

Haysboro Community Hall - 1204 - 89th Avenue S.W. (off Elbow Dr.) Phone (403) 253-1563.

Program - Chaos = Creativity

This one hour presentation will introduce the chaos theory and its applicability to creativity. The idea of chaos opens up radical new ways of thinking and experiencing reality. The concepts of complexity, non-linearity, feedback, bifurcation, attractors and fractals will be discussed.

Many artists recognize in chaos a deep connection to the world. Chaos theory applied not only to the subject they painted, but also to the artist's process by which a painting comes into being.

Artists like Leonardo Da Vinci, Turner, Escher, and Pollock will be discussed in

view of the chaos theory.

Biography: Krystyna Laycraft

Krystyna Laycraft was born in Poland. She completed her studies at the University of Warsaw as a theoretical physicist. After moving to Canada in 1982, she worked as a scientist at the University of Calgary on Aurora Borealis. She studied art by attending workshops and courses at the Alberta College of Art & Design and at the Rosebud School of the Fine Art.

Since 1990 she has been involved in organizing and running international schools in Warsaw, Calgary and Vancouver and was the

president of Equilibrium International Education Institute.

In 2003 she joined her husband Brain and moved to Lorell Ranch in the foothills at the base of the Rocky Mountains where she finds her inspiration. She is an active member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and member of Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology and Life Sciences.

In 2004 she started to work on a series of lectures and workshops, "The Chaos Theory and How to Enrich Our Lives," in which she merges art and science, two passions of her life.

President's Message - Lorna Hannett

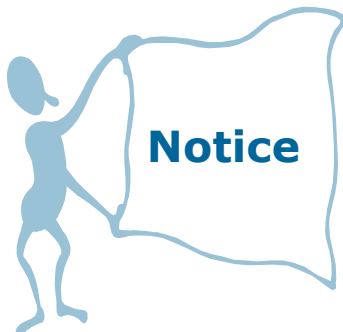
It was so wonderful to see so many members (33!) at our first meeting in our new location at Haysboro Community hall. Our show is coming up in just a few short weeks; with that in mind, our venue can hold many paintings and it is up

to all of you, the members, to take advantage of that. We need as many of you as possible bring your three pieces of artwork for jury at the meeting this month. It may not be a qualifying show this year

but if the show does well, it could be next year.

What an incredible winter we've been having...I don't know about you, but I wish every winter could be like this! See you at the meeting!

Absolutely Art - March 11th, 2006



Exhibition: Prince of Peace Manor - 285030 Luther Road Blvd. N.E.

Saturday, March 11th, 2006

Jury: Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on February 21, 2006

This is Not a Qualifying Show

News - Notices - Opportunities

Programs - Krystyna Laycraft:

- February 21 - Krystyna Laycraft, "Chaos = Creativity"
- March 21 - Presentation of New Members.
- April 18 - Jean Pederson, slide show of her work.
- May 16 - Lee Churchill, conservator working at Glenbow Museum - "Art can be hazardous to your health!".
- June 20 - Critique Night with Seka Owen.

FCA Workshops 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, Rex Beanland, 5504 Ladbrooke Dr SW, Calgary, T3E 5X8 or call 685 – 5812.

Registration is on a first come first served basis.

Membership Dues - Renewals were due December 31, 2005, 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 February 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 Chapter Annual General Meeting: April 18, 2006

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.

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



Lillian Tkach-Matisons

It is with sadness that we send our condolences out to Lillian on the loss of her Dad in January. All our thoughts and prayers are with Lillian 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
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