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DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Crazy!! Another Year is coming to a close. While reflecting on what has happened this year both personally and with the Art Society it is amazing that so much can happen in one year. The Art Society is flourishing thanks to so many individuals that are working behind the scenes.

So where do we go from here? I think that is a question for you.

There are always conversations that being held behind the scenes and that is great because that is how ideas are born. May be a new way of doing things, perhaps an idea for an upcoming show or an idea for the 40th anniversary coming up. Perhaps there are ideas for the Loft Gallery or other committees. It is really an exciting time to get involved and perhaps step up to the plate.

Our board is going to have some vacancies and you have heard that Michelle is stepping down from from Workshops. Think about joining our team. We are all wonderful artists who have a passion for art and also are always thinking of ways to promote the art society. The thing is we (as in all of us) can't just sit back and hope that things keep on track because if we do we will lose traction and to get that back is extremely difficult. We also have to keep looking forward and moving forward sharing ideas, talking, and enjoying art.

Also, the December meeting has been a potluck but we are getting it catered this time. Please sign up so that we will have numbers for the caterer. That can be done on-line or contact me!

If you can get out to the up coming events, please do. Also please invite your friends and family to join us.

Thank you,

Joyce Boyer

MEMBER'S CORNER

Art Society of Strathcona County



Curtis Golomb Workshop

Fantastic time

Linda Finstad



Thank you for the November Talk

12 x 12 & Under Miniature Show



DECEMBER'S MEETING IS IMPORTANT UPCOMING ELECTION!

A variety of spots are available to help you connect with this vibrant community.

A variety of committees are being formed for 2024 and we need your help. Answer the call... see the email sent out to membership to get heard. We want to hear from YOU!

1

DECEMBER MEETING

starting at 6:30 pm

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CATERED MEAL

Register on Line or email Joyce

3

FREE BOOKS

We have too many and will offer some to you at the Dec. Meeting

POLICIES

We are taking a deep dive into our policies and making sure that we are current and relevant. Read through the policies that have been sent out and make notes. Is there anything that needs discussing. We will be voting on our policies as a whole.

We needed to do this to remove all the policies that required volunteer hours to participate such as the Loft Gallery and the Spring and Fall shows and others that referenced volunteer hours. Please read through them and be prepared to vote on the changes in our policy guideline book that will be posted.

Fall Show Report

- 144 people attended
- 15 pieces of art sold
- total show sales \$3450 (not included Loft Sales)

DECEMBER CATERED MEETING MENU



12 x 12 & Under Show

91 people on the first day with 54 people coming in on the second day.

\$2120 in sales with \$1950 on the first day

December is our next show and we have plans for strategic changes.

Do you want to get involved let us know. This has the possibility of being an annual show with great potential.

WORKSHOPS

Wanted: Someone who loves to connect with other artists

Someone who likes to work by themselves and as a team'

**Someone who loves art and can find out what other artists
like and like to plan**

Someone organized Someone...just like you

PSST. Rumour has it that we have

Looking for a workshop coordinator



- sweet leaf holubtsi
- kubasa
- pyrizhky in creamy dill sauce
- coleslaw
- sour cream
- dessert

- potato cheese perogies
- meatballs & gravy
- sauerkraut & bacon or nachinka
- pickles & beets
- salad

YOU MUST REGISTER ATTENDANCE



Join us at Drop In Art every Wednesday, 9:30 - noon @
A.J. Ottewell Centre, 590 Broadmoor Blvd, Sherwood Park, AB
Bring your supplies, creativity and enjoy a morning of socializing with fellow artists.
Members: free Non Members: \$5

Great opportunity to introduce new friends to the Art Society.

What's Up In The Loft?

We are delighted to report our Nov/Dec art work is now on display! Thanks to those artists who found time to submit their work. Also, many thanks to the "Hang Gang" who used their artistic eyes to place the art pieces in a pleasing arrangement.

Feature artist, Penny Andrus has a lovely exhibit of delicate watercolors.



When I had my first child, I realized I needed an art form that I could take out and put away quickly. Watercolor fit so perfectly in this paradigm. It has been my ultimate challenge as I find it to be quite unforgiving, and a constant learning curve. It is truly different from all other art forms. Over the past 5 years, I have been honing my skills and taken multiple watercolor and drawing courses. I have come to love watercolour and all its challenges. I bring my best to every work I produce and hope to bring the viewer into the feeling and emotion behind every painting. I hope you truly enjoy my work."

Penny.andrus.ca

Please take time to view our new rotation and be sure and tell your friends and family!

We welcome suggestions for improving the Loft Art & Gift Gallery and will be working on more publicity for our "hidden gem"

Take down of this rotation happens on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4 pm

The Loft will be closed January & February.

Registration's deadline will be February 1

Inventory deadline will be February 15

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Library Corner

Welcome to our new members, please come to the meetings and check out all the resources we have in our library including both technical and inspirational books and DVDs.

We recently have acquired an amazing collection of books donated from a friend of our member Michelle Telford (Wendy Riley-Beller on behalf of her mom who recently passed away) so many of those have now been added to the library. We also received some books donated from Lily Dutchak's personal collection.

As we don't physically have room for all the donated books (some are also duplicates of books we currently have) we have decided to try and find good homes for them. So, at the December general meeting we will be putting them out for members to take for free on a first come basis.

As always, the ASSC Library is open during General Meetings and we can also be available to be open on Wednesday mornings (9:30 – noon) at the Drop-in Art sessions at the Ottewell Barn if needed.

Lists of our entire library inventory can be found on the ASSC website (the last menu item at the bottom of the 'Members Area & Login', click on 'Member Documents, How-To's, Library, Wifi', then 'Latest Library Catalogue'.

Check out the write up of one of our Members (Gloria Van Schaik) in the Arts and Culture Council magazine!! (Link attached)

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4bc34a5a8e.html#page/28>

Art Society of Strathcona County

WORKSHOP Newsletter DECEMBER 2023

**Registrations for 2024 SPRING Workshops will be enabled
online via the website beginning **December 1, 2023 –**
www.artstrathcona.com at 9 am**

FEBRUARY 2024

ISABELLA ORZELSKI, Palette Knife Painting,
Feb 10, 11 – 9:30- 4 pm, Members \$140,
Non Members \$180

APRIL 2024

DAVID LANGEVIN, Mastering Acrylic Landscapes
April 6, 7 – 9:30-4, Members \$180, Non Members
\$200

MAY 2024

JANE ROMANISHKO, Pastel Landscapes,
May 25, 26 – 9:30—4, Members \$140,
Non Members \$180.

MARCH 2024

**CRYSTAL DRIEDGER, Beginner
Observational Drawing for Adults,**
March 2, 3 – 9:30 -4, Members \$140,
Non Members \$180

**MARGARET KLAPPSTEIN, Acrylic
Landscapes,** March 7, 9:30-4 pm
,Members \$55, , Non Members \$75

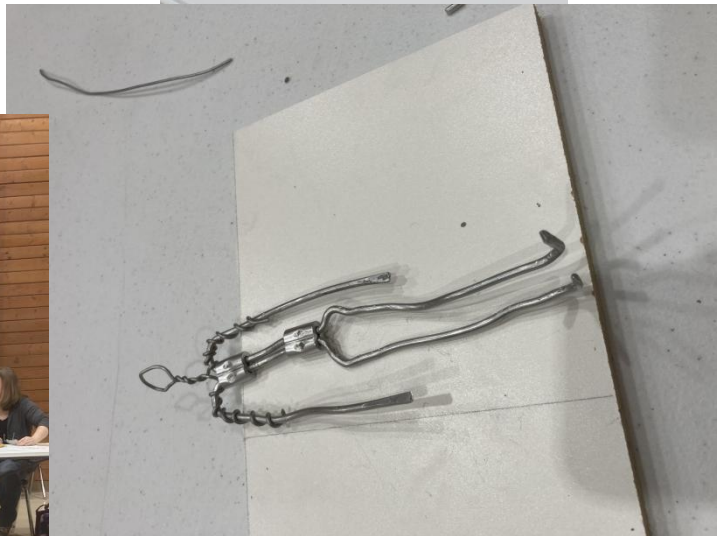
WILLIE WONG, Watercolors, March 11,18,25
& April 1, 8, 15 – 9:30 to noon – Members
\$160, Non Members \$190

TERRIE SHAW, Line and Wash Journals –
March 23, 24, 9:30-4 – Members \$140,
Non Members \$180

JUNE 2024

DIANNA SAPARA, Encaustics, June 8, 9, 9:30-4,
Members \$140 plus \$85 for supplies, Non Members
\$180 plus \$85 for supplies..

Ryan Kurylo's Figure Gesture Sculpting Workshop



Christmas Marketplace Pictures





Email "THE MAIL BAG"- askubleny@yahoo.ca Please send any write-up in Arial font for easy transfer to the newsletter by the 15th of the month.

If you are on Facebook and/or Instagram, please "like" or "follow" us on our social media @artstrathcona. "Likes", "hearts", comments and shares (to your social media) help us promote our events and workshops.

The ASSC has a private Facebook page "Drop In Painting" where members can share information on classes, art shows, or even ask questions of members.