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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

February! Almost there...when we can be out in the sun working on a canvas, instead of a snow shovel! Or dealing with freezing temperatures and icy roads! Can't wait!

Volunteer hours recorded in 2021 were down of course because of the pandemic. Recorded at 2086.5 hours (down from 3500 plus a couple of years ago). This figure will be included in the Alberta Foundation for the Arts grant that is submitted annually – let's hope they are impressed!

It takes all members working to present our Society in a good light to the world. I know that all of you spread the word about our workshops, our shows, and our Loft Gallery & Gift Shop. Something is working because our Loft Gallery & Gift shop recorded \$10,955.40 in sales in 2021- on par with the past 2 years. Of course 80% or \$8764 of those sales goes to our amazing artists!

My thanks to Michele Telford for all her work in organizing workshops for this spring! We must do our part in increasing the number of participants in order to allow the workshops to proceed. Volunteers and students – that is what we need!

Don't forget to visit the Loft Gallery! Spread the word to your friends that the Loft Gallery, including the Gift Gallery, are open starting February 5, Saturdays & Sundays 12 to 4 pm, and features solo artist, Stephanie Lane. Members can sign up for shifts even if they don't have art in the Gallery!! There are many opportunities to be a part of the art world through this Society.

Paint up a storm!! Registration for the Spring Show (traditional and/or online) will open in February. Watch for dates.

Let's hope that we can meet at the Ottewell Centre in February rather than being in little squares on Zoom!! Watch for the word.

I like this quote from Canmore artist, Donna Jo Massie:

"You're only as old as you think. Age is only a number. Seriously, your brushes don't know how old you are! So, if you have always wanted to paint...pick up that brush and let it think you are 18, or 46, or whatever you want."

Regards, Sonja

Members' Section:

February 2 Board meeting , 6:30

February 7 New Members' Information Evening, 7 pm, via Zoom

February 8 General meeting 7 pm

February 1 Deadline to enter registration for Loft Gallery for March/April

February 15 Deadline to enter inventory for March/April Show – Loft Gallery



LOFT GALLERY News and Deadlines

Solo Artist in the Loft Gallery - February 2022: Stephanie Lane

Dates to Note:

Gift Gallery:

Set up time: February 2 at 1:30/2:00

Loft Gallery:

Deadline to register for the March/April rotation in the Loft: February 1, 2022

Deadline to submit inventory for the Loft (March/April): February 15, 2022

Register by submitting the registration and inventory forms on the website and send to asscloft@gmail.com

UPDATE!!

This email invitation from member, Linda Finstad!!! Best of Luck, Linda!

I am very excited to be opening a brand new Art Studio - I will have a permanent home for my art practice and a fabulous facility in which to offer art classes and workshops. The studio is nestled in the beautifully manicured grounds of Tack-n-Things inc in Beaumont. On the corner of Twp510 and RR240.

I will be having an open studio on January 29th from 10 - 3pm where I will have on display my art and also samples of projects my students will be learning in the classes and workshops. Classes will start on Feb 2nd and will all day Wednesday and Friday.

I have also plans for "Art Jams" in the summer and Plein Aire sessions (my studio is surrounded by trees and horses) I want the studio to be open and enjoyed by many.

As you know I like to embrace the unusual and often unconventional some would say painting with coffee is a little unconventional however my sassy little coffee

angels have proven to be been hugely successful for me. Plus the concept of painting with coffee is fascinating to regular coffee lovers and they flock to my "How to Paint with Coffee" workshops. Believe there is plenty of sunshine for everyone so when I find something that works and is also fun I like to share it with others. So I am also very excited to offer "Neurographica art" classes - to my knowledge no one in Alberta offers workshops on this fascinating and insightful art form.

I would love for you to come out and see my lovely new studio and check out what Neurographica art is all about.

Frank Haddock Workshop this past Weekend

"Well what a fun weekend I am having. I am attending an Impressionistic Landscape workshop with Frank Haddock through Art Society of Strathcona County. He has a unique way of teaching and has a wonderful sense of humor. Day one I have learned a few new ways of doing things" - Gloria Van Schaik





Art Society of Strathcona County

WORKSHOP Newsletter WINTER/SPRING 2022

FEBRUARY:

Feb 26/27 – Terrie Shaw, “Oils and Acrylics”,
Members \$140

Feb 28/Mar 1 – Oksana Zhelisko – “Urban
Landscapes” , 6 to 8 pm, **ONLINE**, Members \$50

MARCH

Mar 5/6 – Joyce Boyer, “Mixed Media”,
Members \$140

March 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7, 14 –
Watercolors with Margaret Klappstein.
Members \$160

March 10, 17, 24, 31 – Beginning Drawing
with Joyce Boyer. Members \$140

Mar 19/20 – Margaret Klappstein, “Alcohol
Ink on Yupo Paper”, Members \$140

APRIL

April 9/10 – Lorelei Koszan, “Paverpol
Garden Sculpting”, Members \$120

MAY

May 2, 9, 16, 30– Willie Wong, “Small
Watercolors”, Members \$140

JUNE

June 11/12 – Sheila Schaetzle,
“Suspended in Time – Abstraction”,
Members \$140

**Volunteers are needed for all
workshops.**
Please email minirose@telus.net

Note: Hours to claim –
A one day workshop 2-2.5 hours.
A two day workshop 4-4.5 hours
6 week session – 8 hours
The hours can vary, depending on
class size, workshop extended, etc.
please use your discretion.

What's On Your Easel

Trying something new this newsletter to feature the art of different members. We will start with me!!

I work in a small room that has little space. Right now, I am doing mini pieces for the Gift Gallery but will work larger for the Loft and the Spring Show. I encourage you to submit your, in progress, work for the next newsletter to me at trish.haugen@gmail.com

From Trish Haugen



From Sonja Marinoske:

My easel sits in the west side of my house - overlooking the pastures, the deer, the sheep, and the horses! .. and now the snow! Always interesting!



and I have completed this picture of the front of my Church as a gift for a departing Music Director.



NOW IT IS YOUR TURN!! Email Trish before February 22 with your story!!

A “SHOUT-OUT” TO ALL MEMBERS!

Sometimes, the best advice comes from the experiences and learned lessons of others! Sometimes, it's as simple as sharing a good quote, a comical joke, words of wisdom, or a big mistake. We're open to anything - suggestions, questions, ideas - whatever you have...

Email “**THE MAIL BAG**”

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We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you - **NOT ALL AT ONCE - OF COURSE!**

Editor's Message

If you know of any competitions and/or shows open to Alberta artists, places that are looking for artists to hang their work, or you have an interesting art related article you would like to share in the newsletter, please contact:

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