



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The talk of the organization was whether the membership would accept the donation of the Smith Building at 400-402 Central Avenue. There was a meeting at the Miller Building on February 18th to go over information and hear from community leaders regarding their overwhelming support of this proposed project. There was a pretty good turnout regardless of the weather. Ballots were mailed out to those unable to attend. All of the ballots have been counted and the membership has voted to accept the donation by a two-thirds majority. Now the work begins. Grants will be sought and applied for and community involvement will be developed. If you would like to be part of this project in anyway, please let me or any board member know. Our first order of business for the building will be to get the bathroom in order. Hopefully followed soon by the heating and air. After that, we can begin our work on our new Art Center. The classes and meetings at the 28th Street gallery will not be affected for at least a year if at all. All our regular functions will go on as scheduled. This is a new chapter for the WVAA and, I don't know about you, but I turn the page with much excitement! I hope to hear from you.

If you have been following Facebook, you will have probably seen the pictures posted by Dee Boehmer on the Tuesday night paint group's work. Talk about a fun evening! Come on down and join the group for some guidance on different mediums. Dee is an excellent instructor and the group is always happy for more to join in.

The Woodcarvers had an excellent display in all three windows in the entryway of the Fayette County Library. Most exceptional work! Way to go you guys!

We have an exciting year planned with awesome exhibits, fun Artzy Parties, inspiring workshops and classes, Quilt shows and tours, documentaries and discussions, and working on our new building. I hope you plan on being a part of these activities. I look forward to seeing you there!

Congratulations are in order for Hector Perez who was chosen by The Richmond Art Museum to judge the 2015 Wayne County High School Exhibit. What an honor!

Until next time, I leave you with this quote –

"Art washes away for the soul the dust of everyday life."
Pablo Picasso

Sincerely,
Sharon
Sharon McQueen



Our next exhibition is from the Richmond Contemporary Art Group and opens Friday, March 13 from 6-8, Saturday, March 14 from 1-3 and Sunday, March 15 from 1-3 sponsored by Richmond Art Museum. They have graciously agreed to show their creativity in this exhibit. Please come down and support this exhibition. It will be worth your time and energy. Plus it gets you out of the house to help out with that cabin fever!

Workshops

Brenda Kunkel, our Professional Workshop Coordinator, has contracted with



Nancy Nordloh Neville for a watercolor workshop on April 11 titled "Interpret Spring". Cost is \$65/members and \$85/non-members. Check out Nancy's website at www.nancynordloh.com. She is a remarkable artist. Contact Brenda at 825-3579 to book your spot.

For the first time in years

Regional Art EXHIBITION

For the first time in years, WVAA is bringing a Regional Art Competition to Connersville. It is open to artists in Fayette, Union, Franklin, Rush, Henry and Wayne counties.

Submitted entries are for Amateur and Advanced categories. Top prize for Advanced is \$300 and top prize for Amateur is \$100. There will also be Purchase Awards and Merit Awards. Artists are encouraged to submit up to three 2-dimensional pieces. Entry fees are \$10 each for members. That gives a \$5 break for each entry for members. What a deal! If you have questions, please contact either Hector Perez or Terry Hreno. Our sponsors for this exhibit are FCN Bank, Stark Farms and Melvin and Sue Dice Endowment through the Fayette County Community Foundation. Thanks!
Entries must be hand delivered to the WVAA Gallery on Friday May 1, 2015 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., or Saturday May 2, 2015 from noon until 6:00 p.m.

2014 Auction Update

We still don't have the final numbers on the auction but our best guestimate is that we cleared between \$12-13,000 on this one. We just keep getting better and better. That's all thanks to you the members, all the donors, and all the guests who come to this fun event! Let's see if we can top this next year!

Art, Art & more Art

Last month we had a documentary on 1st Wednesday about Cezanne. Most interesting! This month's film was Sickert vs. Sargent. Hector leads a great discussion after these films. Come check it out. Don't forget ARTALK on the last Wednesday of the month. No artists are harmed during these discussions!



Artzzy Party



Artzzy Party is really taking off this year. Last year it had to take a backseat to the auction but it is up and swinging now. We have had 4 parties already since the first of the year. One was a fundraiser for Victim's Assistance in Rushville and they have already booked another one for this month. We are proud to be part of this organization's work for their community. We had our public parties at the end of January and February and hope to have one at the end of each month. We also had a private party at Jump In Style Salon and Wellness Spa in Brookville last week. What a fun group of ladies! Check out the Artzzy Party Facebook page or the WVAA Facebook page for pictures from these events. This is a fun way to spend a Friday night and anyone can paint these masterpieces! Spread the word! If you would like to be part of this fun in any way, we would love to hear from you. We need instructors and helpers at the parties. This is a great moneymaker for our organization so step up and join us!

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