



## Notes from the ★ WVAA Chairs ★

**Auction-** The auction is over for another two years but we can pat ourselves on the back for another successful and fun event. Our profit was between \$13000 and \$14000. This will sustain us until our next time. Thanks to all of you who helped out and attended the auction.

**Bylaws-** The bylaws committee – Michele Orme, Lisa Gettinger and Cindy Holland – have worked very hard to create the amended bylaws for the organization. These will make us compliant with being a 501(c)3. Once they have been approved and gone through the waiting process, they will be posted on our website under Archives. Thank you for a job well done!

**Calendar-** Cheryl Johnson wants to remind you that we still have 2017 calendars for sale, and hope all members have a calendar to keep updated on WVAA shows and events

**Exhibits** -Debbi Lathrop wants you to know that we have had a really good and I do believe an interesting year with exhibits!! We hope everyone has enjoyed them!! Exhibits ranged from “Winterscapes”, Terry Hreno’s Railroad Exhibition, Elementary Students and more.....We had 2 competitions with our annual Regional Show and we added a High School Students competition. We were able to have quite a few sales and show an actual net gain, rather than an expense for the year as well!! Hopefully we will be able to expand even more this coming year. We will be starting the year off with a Photography Exhibit, followed by the Elementary Students Exhibit. We have a full year of great exhibits planned!!! Please plan to attend and enjoy!!

**House** - As the house chairman Lisa Gettinger checks for and purchases supplies that are needed in the buildings. She also checks for any repairs that are necessary and see that they are taken care of. It appears that some roof work on the 28th Street gallery will be in our future.

## THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

I guess we have finally said goodbye to the milder weather and are back on track with winter. Being indoors more may give us opportunity to spend some time doing some art work. This year we have spent many, many hours working on our biennial auction and in renovation of the Smith Building.

This has certainly been a busy, busy year. Not only did we pull off a most excellent auction but we made progress on our renovation project at the Smith Building. There have been a number of Artzzy Parites in the community of which several have been fundraisers for other organizations.

We are making a name for ourselves in the community and people are taking notice. There is much excitement and anticipation for moving into our new home.

This new year will bring us wonderful new exhibits in our new home and a chance for more visitors to see what talent we have in the Whitewater Valley.

Many of our talented members have won awards this year and been exhibited in area shows. We applaud your success in being recognized for your talents. We are so proud of you and for you!

We had a nice turnout for our Christmas Pitch-In. Around 20 members attended and about \$170 was raised through our Christmas Auction. A new tradition for recognizing outstanding member or members was started at this General Meeting to finish up the year. This particular party had a surprise with 3 members being recognized for their participation and support. Lisa Gettinger won an award for her support and advice to keep the President going for these past 3 years. Hector Perez won an award for his contributions for all the graphic work he has done for the past 3 years making the WVAA look very professional in all our brochures, newsletters, flyers, etc. The hopefully ongoing yearly award for outstanding contributions to the WVAA went to Doug and Gayle Siebert. They have done so much during the years from planting flowers, putting out garbage, helping set up for exhibits and the auctions, to helping with the renovations at the Smith Building. No job was too small or too big for them. Thank you all for your dedication and contributions. You are much appreciated.

So the holidays are over and it is time to start our work again on our new home. If you have some spare time, we would love your help.

I leave you with this quote.

*The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. Aristotle*

Sharon



# THE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The next WHITEWATER VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION's exhibit will be Photography and submissions are open to the general public.

Drop off for artwork is Friday January 6 from 5-7 pm and Saturday January 7 from 12-5 pm at the 28th Street Gallery.

Opening Reception is on Friday, January 13, 2017 at the 28th Street Gallery

If you think you take some pretty darn good pictures, now is the time to let the rest of us see them displayed in an art show exhibit. The photography must be framed and ready for hanging with a wire hanger. No saw tooth hangers.

**Membership** - Renewal letters have been sent out via snail mail this year so that you have a physical reminder. Please renew your membership and volunteer to be on at least one of our committees. Your support is much appreciated.

**Programs** - We hope to start back having programs at some of the General Meetings. If you have a suggestion for a program, please let a board member know.

**Smith building** - This has been an active year for renovation of the Smith Building. We received a matching grant earlier this year from the Fayette Foundation for a new roof. Vane Lashua gave the match for WVAA. Then we received a Summer grant from United Way for exit lights, smoke alarm and fire extinguisher. We just received a grant from United Way from their Season of Giving to purchase the track lighting and the hanging system for the new gallery. Dennis Phelps and Terry Hreno and perhaps a couple other members will be back to work finishing up replacing the electrical on the first floor after the holidays. More of us will be down there working on whatever needs to be done to get the gallery and bathroom finished so we can open our doors to the public. It has been almost 2 years since we have been gifted this building and it won't be much longer before we can actually invite the public into our new home with an exhibit.

## The New Board

The new board took office January 1, 2017. The new board consists of Sharon McQueen, Tracy Burns, Cindy Holland, Kathie Stuedle, Gayle Siebert, Debbi Lathrop, Jenny Groce and Vane Lashua. To make the voting process better we are considering adding a 9th member to the board. If you are interested in being considered to be a board member, please let one of the board members know. The officers for the new year will be Sharon McQueen – President, Tracy Burns – Vice President, Cindy Holland – Secretary, Kathie Stuedle – Treasurer.

## The Traveling Show



Years ago the front porch and the front door were a sign of welcome, Come sit a spell.

The 2017 traveling show theme encompasses that idea. Find an inviting front porch

or create your own welcome entry that encompasses the 2017 concept. Any media is welcome. Try to stick with the 8 X 10 portrait size. It fits the traveling show display well. The artwork is hung with Velcro. Artwork is due by the April general membership meeting. Up to three pieces may be submitted. Title of work could include where your porch is located. Full details may be found on our website.

The theme of the 2016 traveling show was Alleys and Back Roads of the Whitewater Valley. Over thirty entries were submitted by members for the six month tour of three counties - Fayette, Franklin, and Wayne. The display stayed at each site for a month with eight pieces bring sold along the way. WVAA receives a 10 per cent commission with the artist receiving the rest of the asking price. The show was well received with many positive comments. The present sites look forward to sponsoring the display each year. Doug and Gayle Siebert have been setting up the show and welcome any help

## Officers & Board Members

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