



ART OPPORTUNITY

RAM Saturday Paint Outs The newly re-formed Richmond Art Group will continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00a.m. Don't be bashful. Visit this new group.

"Paint the Town" has fizzled because of conflicts and the oppressive heat. If you want to try some outdoor painting on first and third Fridays, give Terry a call and we will resurrect the project.

Our **Wednesday Watercolor** group is growing. Join us at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday to improve your skills and have a little fun.

The Hagerstown Museum & Arts Place is still conducting free acrylic painting sessions from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. on Saturdays in spite of the fire in their building. Join Tom Butters for a great painting experience. Just drop in and join them.

The Richmond Art Museum is currently running two exhibits. One is work from their permanent collection and the other is work from the Richmond Embroidery Society. We would like to take a Sunday field trip sometime soon. If interested, let Terry know.

REMINDER

Here's a list of the groups we have meeting weekly at the WVAA:

- Painting, Mondays 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m.
- Wood Carvers, Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Conner Quilters, Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Open Art, Tuesdays 5:30- 7:00 p.m.
- Watercolor, Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Painting, Thursdays Noon-4:00

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is often said that working with artists is like herding cats. I'm certainly no exception. Running in six directions at once is common practice. There is so much going on in our organization that it's tough to keep up with everything.

We are still hearing that people are not getting the newsletter and other event information. At present, only about half our membership has given us e-mail addresses. Marilyn and Hector are working hard to keep that list current. We are mailing newsletters to the rest of the members. In addition, Patti Star, Doris Martin, and Brenda Kunkel have begun making phone contacts with people. We hope to have a full phone committee in place soon.

We would appreciate having all our members help spread the word. When you hear of a WVAA activity, tell your artist friends. Spread the word about our exhibits and openings to everyone you know. Call them on the phone, tell them in the grocery aisles and at church, and forward our newsletter in your e-mails. If you have heard anyone say they haven't heard about an activity, tell one of our officers or board members. Most of all, give us their names so we can get their contact info to the correct committee.

Drawings for the calendar are due at the August meeting. Pen and Ink drawings work best. It's difficult to reproduce shaded pencil work. Works should be 6 ½" by 9" in landscape format (horizontal.) Get the drawings to Lisa.

Our first Dan & Tom Woodson workshop filled quickly and the second is nearly full. Dan has offered to do a third workshop if needed. Brenda has done a marvelous job coordinating this event. Let her know if you would be interested in a third workshop.

Margaret Hall and Tracy Burns won blue ribbons as well as reserve and grand champion honors at the Wayne County Fair. Congratulations to both of you on your successes.

Some exhibit reminders are in order. After hanging our Members' Show we were surprised at the number of works which were not ready to hang. Most frames require some work to hang in a gallery. Sawtooth hangars and the little loop hangars common on most ready-made frames are meant for hanging on a nail. No gallery will put nails in their walls. Wire reaching across the back of the frame is the generally acceptable method. We managed to display everything, but you can make gallery managers' lives easier and insure yourself the opportunity to be displayed if you include a hanging wire across the back of your works.

One other reminder is that the WVAA asks a 10% commission on all works sold from our exhibits. We are on the honor system, so get your commission fee to one of our officers or board members.

Be creative!

JULY / AUGUST 2012 MEMBERS' SHOW

EVENTS

Annual Elections and August 15th Pitch In August is the month we elect the next group who will lead our organization. We will be changing our election procedure slightly to be in compliance with our by-laws. In the past, we have elected officers and the officers have appointed the board members. Our by-laws call for the membership to elect four new board members each year to two year terms. The board members then appoint officers from the board.

Board members who will carry over will be: Debbie Coleman, Judy Hreno, Terry Hreno, and Delilah Rigsby. The nominating committee has slated the following members as new candidates for the board: Tracy Burns, Lisa Gettinger, Cheryl Johnson, and Sharon McQueen. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the August meeting. The elections will be the only item of business because of the pitch in.

John Blommel will be grilling again this year. Lisa Gettinger will provide meats from her new meat market (It's actually her sons' and daughters in laws' venture, but Lisa was recruited into the business. Great move, kids!) Bring a covered dish or other side and your own service. We will provide drinks. Remember to arrive at 6:00 p.m. We start an hour earlier than normal.

Christmas Banquet The final event of our fiftieth anniversary year will be a Christmas banquet. This will be a catered affair to honor our founding members. Details will follow as soon as possible.

Connersville Collects The WVAA's very first show was titled "Connersville Collects." We were reminded of this by Don MacDaniels, our first president. Our September/October show will repeat this theme. We are asking our members to let us know of any original art works they would be willing to loan for exhibit. We are also requesting that you ask non-members to share work from their collections. Here's your chance to share the Rembrandt or Picasso you have hanging in the family room. Contact Terry for more information at 825-1608.

WVAA 2012 Calendar:

July/August Members' Show

August 25 Dan & Tom Woodson Workshop

September 7&8 Show opening "Connersville Collects"

October 13 Chili Challenge

November/December "Holiday Show"

December 19, Holiday meeting and catered banquet

The Traveling Show is still on the road. The show will be at Union Savings and Loan in July and Dr. Yaryan's office in August.



Opening reception for Now & Then, Hector Perez Lozano Exhibition.

ART EVENTS

"First Thursday" was skipped during July because of the 4th. We will resume on August 2. Hector is doing a great job finding art videos. If you have any art films you would like to share, let Hector know. Bring a bag of popcorn and join us. For those of you who haven't joined us yet, we really do have popcorn. Thank you, Marilyn and Dick for that idea.

The **Area 9 Seniors' Art Show** will be held at I.U. East again this year. Full info is on the poster in the kitchen at WVAA.

Gary Schlueter has run a great series of art opportunities in his column in the News-Examiner. If you don't take the paper, you might contact him at: garyaschleuter@gmail.com and get on his mailing list.

The **WVAA 2012 Auction** will be held November 3, 2012. Save the date. The deadline for live auction donations is September 1. Items received later will be included in the silent auction. Marilyn has begun posting photos of our auction items on our Facebook page. Be sure to check it at: <http://tinyurl.com/7oc797w>



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