

GRANT COUNTY ART GUILD

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JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be **July 9, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hearst Church Gallery**

Grant County Art Guild Minutes June 11, 2010

The Grant County Art Guild met on June 11, 2010 at 3:00 PM at the Pinos Altos Church Gallery. The meeting was called to order by the President, Arlene Sarkela. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer, Lois De Long gave the report as follows:

Starting balance : \$1,335.73. ; Bills paid: PNM \$10.59, Heckler Co. \$6.21, Arlene for Supplies \$56.00. Receipts are: sale of Bill Bolten painting \$93.75, and new member dues, Dawn Howard \$25.00. Balance May 31, 2010 = \$1,381.68. The motion was made by Setta Roberts, seconded by Sally Wofford, that the report be accepted.

The lights have been checked but some are still not working. We will check with Don when he returns. Sometimes you need to check the circuit breakers; turn them off, then on.

We need Forever Frontier books for the Gallery from Gail Moore. We don't know whether Dink will supply Pinos Altos books or not.

The cover for the TV and the door projects will come later.

Jack Brennan has been spoken to about parking at the church for the Tour of the Gila, to get access to the Church. We need to call back in January.

Marilyn Burbrink questions needing to sit 3 days at the Gallery when she is already sitting at Silver Spirit Gallery. Members need to fill in their three days on the calendar for the summer.

It was noted that the Visitor's Guide to the Galleries is not out yet, even though it is paid for. Do we get a discount for it being out a lesser amount of time? When will it be out?

A lady was in looking for sites to use in a movie. She was referred to Dink Tatsch. This may happen in a year or so, with the Church in a movie.

Jean Hatfield donated a TV and Stand to the Gallery. The connections need to be checked. It also need a stronger electrical cord and Surge switch. (The TV can go to El Refugio if not wanted.)

It was noticed that the Craft Area was smelling a bit. Gel beads are recommended for freshness. Members are also reminded to dust the shelves for cleanliness and bits.

Silver Spirit Gallery will have a new shift in July - December. Members have a shared display area in the GCAG area; wall and shelf area.

Nikki mentioned that the Art Guild brochure at the PA Ice Cream Parlor is not catchy, she would like to rework it. Nikki is emphasizing the Daily Artists on the GCAG Facebook page.

A mirror is needed for the Jewelry and Fabric Displays.

Bottled water is now available for visitors with a donation.
The meeting was adjourned.
Secretary, Mary Margaret Soule'

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois DeLong Nikki O'Connell Muise Roz Springer Donna Schmidt Kent Tallman
Setta Roberts Sally Wofford Arlene Sarkela Daria Tallman Mary Margaret Soule'

INFORMATION ITEM

On June 23 Barb Kejr opened the gallery for a tour group from Albuquerque, "Southwest Excursions". Forty people arrived on a bus and visited the gallery. They were interested in the church, and in the artwork on display. Total sales were around \$100, including a painting by Lois DeLong. The group was led by Dan Carnett. Mr. Carnett had contacted Barb about this event several months ago. If he should contact us in the future, it is a good opportunity for us to host this group. Barb recommends that 2 people be present to staff the gallery because of the number of people all arriving at once.

We have given out all copies of the photo of the church which we offered free for a donation. - Barbara Kejr

GALLERY SITTING & WEBSITE INFORMATION FROM NIKKI

Sitting at the Gallery:

There are still 7 days our gallery is scheduled to be open *without coverage* (in August and September -- check the current calendar online) -- members who have (or have had) art at the gallery this season will need to sit three (3) days in order for the gallery to be open on all scheduled days. Some of you have already booked your extra day (thanks!), but if you haven't, please take a look at the current calendar and email me or call me with an additional date.

Reminders:

Every week Florence Rowell sends "meet the artist" information to the papers about the artists who are sitting the upcoming weekend. In addition, I will post that on Facebook for additional exposure. Please assist Florence by getting your 'bio' information (a short paragraph with a *maximum* of 200 words) to her **at least a week before you are sitting**. Her email is: pastelpaintr@swcp.com. Also, if you have an image you would like to have posted on Facebook that weekend, please email it to Nikki at: info@gcag.org (see below).

Website Gallery: If you don't have your own website (or even if you do!) and would like your own gallery on the GCAG.org webpage, please let me know. Currently there are two options:

- 1) \$50 gets you an 'active' gallery of up to 24 images (see http://gcag.org/gallery_sample/gallery_sample.html), or
- 2) \$15 gets you a link to your own website (or even just your email address) -- (see <http://gcag.org/artistswebsites.html>)

With either option you will have a 'weblink' to give to people who want to see your work (unless it's only your email address, but that would still be 'web presence'). Email me or call me for more information.

Facebook: If any of you are on Facebook, please become fans of our new Facebook page (search for "Grant County Art Guild")! We have more "fans" every day, so the word is getting out. Its great *free* advertising -- let your friends know too by 'sharing' the GCAG Facebook page! You may also post pictures and comments on the wall, or email me an image or two and I'll post them.

Nikki O'Connell Muise: info@gcag.org or 575.388.4458

PURCHASE PRIZE SHOW - SEPTEMBER 21ST

The Purchase Prize Show will be on Sept. 21st. Please check the website for entry forms and show requirements. www.gcag.org. Judge for the show will be Ken Hosmer.

3-DAY WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 22-24

The Watercolor Workshop will be given by Ken Hosmer from North Platte, Nebraska. Check out his website at www.kenhosmer.com. At this time the quota for the workshop is filled. However, anyone wanting to submit their name to be placed on a "first come-first served" waiting list, should contact Donna Schmidt at 534-2899 or scchurch@cybermesa.com, or Barbara Kejr at 538-8216 or bkejr@signalpeak.net.