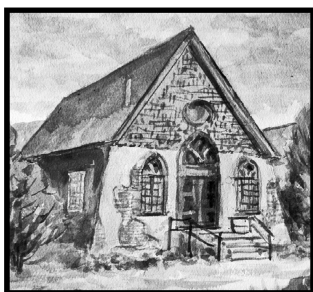


GRANT COUNTY ART GUILD

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APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

The next meeting is Friday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the The Gallery!

(not the usual '2nd Friday of the Month)

The Gallery will be cleaned on this day to prepare for the opening.

The Gallery opens for the season at the end of this month on Friday, April 29th!!

Minutes: GCAG Business Meeting, March 12, 2011

The Grant County Art Guild met on March 12, 2011, at 2 PM at the Silver City Public Library. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Daria Tallman. Members assembled, addressed, and stamped the brochures for the Purchase Prize Award Exhibit.

Past Judge and artist of renown, David Schwindt, will be teaching a class in May at Leyba & Ingalls Art. He will be giving a lengthy demonstration on May 19 there. The Grant County Art Guild will be holding a reception (from 6-8 PM) at that time for him and for the people interested in watching the demonstration. The motion was made by Barbara Kejr and seconded by Setta Roberts, and approved that we host the Reception. Members are asked to provide finger foods for this. (DavidSchwindt.com)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Donna Schmidt: A beginning balance of \$1830.57 with dues deposited of 195.00 and expenses of : Silver Schools Art Project- 200.00, PNM 4.70, NikkiO Design for redesigning the membership brochure 53.69, and Safe Deposit Box at 1st New Mexico Bank of 20.00 for a final balance of \$1747.18.

Nikki uploaded the new color membership brochure to our website for downloading. The suggestion was made to mail the new brochures to local artists when they have been printed. The membership is down. Call other members and artists to see if they want to join.

San Vincente Artists will be holding their Spring Fling Art Show on April 23 at the Silco from 10-5. The ad is in the Desert Exposure. Students are invited to show their work.

The Art Guild Show in the Library needs more pictures; please bring them in.

Cleaning for the Pinos Altos Art Gallery is set for April 15 at 2 PM. Entries for the Judged Show can be brought in then or any time before the end of the day on the 26th. Hanging will be done on April 27, with the judging done on April 28. The Gallery will be open all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays starting April 29 from 10AM to 5 PM. There will be a reception for the Members Only show on April 29 at 6 PM at the Gallery. Members A-H will be providing refreshments for the show.

Ruth Hamby has a studio space she will be willing to share with an interested artist upstairs at Studios on Yankee. The artist will share space, provide own furniture, and pay \$115.00/month.

Barbara Smith is planning an Old Masters Art Show at the end of the year. Interested artists would copy the style of the Old Masters (say Monet) and visitors would try to guess which artist's style was copied.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion by Donna Schmidt, Seconded by IleseLevitt. Approved.

Secretary, Mary Margaret Soule'

Members Present::

Lois De Long
Donna Schmidt
Kent Tallman
Barbara Kejr
Elizabeth Goertz

Juanita Heslip
Ruth Hamby
Tom Vaughn
Sandy Feutz
Marilyn Burbrink

Jean Hatfield
Setta Roberts
Sally Wofford
Gerri Spiller
Ilese Levitt

Mary Margaret Soule'
Daria Tallman

IMPORTANT!!

Unless we heard from you, your contact information has been published on our website on a new page called "Members". If you want any of your info removed, contact Nikki at info@gcag.org or 388-4458. Also, *if you have a website, email the link to Nikki to be included.*

If you would like your own gallery on our website, the charge is \$50 plus tax to build the gallery with up to 24 images. Future changes, additions, etc. are not included in that initial charge. Contact Nikki at info@gcag.org if you are interested.

The Gallery Opens for the Season this Month!

Members Only Show: The Gallery opens on Friday, April 29th at 10am, and the season is kicked off with the Members Only Show reception at 6:00 that evening. The Gallery needs to be cleaned on the 15th (the meeting is at 2pm), and any art to be shown in the Member's Only Show must be delivered to the Gallery between 4/15 and 4/26 – the show will be hung on the 27th and judged on the 28th. The Show will be judged by Judith Meyer, MFA, adjunct professor of painting in the Expressive Arts Department at WNMU. Members whose last name begins with A-H, please provide refreshments.

Tour of the Gila Bike Race: The Tour of the Gila bike race is from April 27th through May 1st this year. The big race that ends in Pinos Altos is Sunday, May 1st, so that day should bring extra activity! Arlene Sarkela is working with Jack Brennan and the Sheriff's Department to make sure the road to the Gallery is always open, and Nikki O'Connell Muise is working with Jack and his staff to help promote our Members Only Show and Gallery Opening! Help spread the word!

All Things Art...

Missing Paintings: Did anyone pick up two of Barbara Kejr's paintings from the Silver City Library? She hung four, but there were only two there on 4/1. They were two watercolors - one of Kino Bay, and the other of autumn leaves. Please contact Barb at 538-8216 or email: bkejr@signalpeak.net

Mother/Daughter Artist Guild: "Show & Tell" Membership Drive on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 12 pm in the WNMU Painting Studio (Chino 102), hosted by Judith Meyer. Join them to learn more about the new Guild. Bring your lunch and something indicative of your art (and your mother's or daughter's). Open to all mothers and daughters! www.MotherDaughterArtistGuild.org for more info.

Methodist Church Group to Visit Our Gallery: A group of 25 from the Methodist church in Albuquerque is coming to see our gallery on August 28 at 10:15am. No one has signed up yet for that date yet. Barbara Kejr was there for either this group or a similar group last year, and suggests having *two* GCAG members present in the morning to handle the "rush" and answer questions (about the church, etc.) and they buy lots of little items, and then depart as a group.

Studio Space to Share: Ruth Hamby has studio space to share. Half the rent would be \$115. The space is small but sunny and especially pleasant in morning. You must be able to climb steps. It is on Yankee St. in the Yankee St. Studios. You would have May and June to yourself as she will be gone then. Must see to appreciate. Contact Ruth Hamby at 575-388-0674, cell 575-313-0844, or e-mail hrhamby@comcast.net.

Members/Membership...

New Brochure: The new full-color 2011 GCAG Brochure is available for download on our website. Approximately 250 color brochures were distributed to the regular carriers, and an additional 250 black and white versions are available for general distribution (or download it from the website and print some to hand out to friends, colleagues, artists, etc.)

San Vicente Artists 2010-2011 Artist & Gallery Guide: A special thank you to Ilese Levitt and Luanne Brooten for working with us for an affordable solution for a "Gallery Members" ad in the SVA Guide! We will be supporting the SVA in-kind through our website and our eblast mailings.

Featured Artists: If you want your bios to be listed in publications, Facebook, etc. when you are the "featured artist" sitting at the Gallery, you must submit at least a 50-word-or-less bio. A longer one could be kept on file as well for other uses, but not used for the weekly publicity. Please email them 'print ready' to Nikki at info@gcag.org. (If you sent yours last year to be included on the SVA website, thank you -- it is already on file.)

Gallery Calendar: As always, the 2011 Gallery Calendar is available on our website, www.gcag.org and will be updated regularly. Please schedule three days as soon as you can by emailing or calling Nikki at info@gcag.org or 388-4458 (check the online calendar first).

Also, if you know of any events that the Guild should be aware of, pass that on too with any information you can provide.

If you have something you'd like included in a future GCAG Newsletter, please email it to info@gcag.org.