

GRANT COUNTY ART GUILD

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MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

The next meeting is Friday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library.

Minutes: GCAG Business Meeting, February 11, 2011

The Grant County Art Guild met on February 11, 2011, at 2 PM at the Silver City Library. The meeting was called to order by the President, Arlene Sarkela. Guests present were introduced. Some people mentioned that they are not able to get the newsletter online; this will be looked into.

The Treasurer, Donna Schmidt, gave the report:: January balance; \$ 1790.76: Receipts dues 145.00. membership for Silver Spirit Gallery 100.00: Expenses : Postmaster 60.00, PNM 4.68, Website 77.00, Printing Newsletter Oct,Nov,Dec 4.99, Light Bulbs 40.92, Stamps Dec Newsletter 17.60:: Final Balance \$ 1830.57. The motion was made by Lois DeLong and seconded by Liz Goertz that the report be accepted, approved. The Audit was done for 2007-10 and was correct to .13.

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE. Members who have not paid by the end of February will be dropped from the roster.

The MARCH program will be preparing the Purchase Prize Award Exhibit Brochures. The mailing labels are ready. The name of the Pinos Altos Church Gallery was corrected on the Brochure. The new GCAG Gallery Brochure will be available online in full-color.

The JUDGE for the Purchase Prize Award Exhibit has been chosen: Susan Carlin of San Antonio, Texas. She will be holding a workshop of Sept. 21-23 for \$30.00 a day. Her specialty is PORTRAITS, any medium.

The display of the paintings in the windows of the El Sol were changed and are good through the end of February.

The DISPLAY of paintings at the Public Library is set for March 1-31. Bring your work in on March 1 to get it hung. We will NOT have access to the display cases as someone else reserved them first.

The Opening day for the Gallery has been changed: Cleaning and meeting is set for Friday, April 15 at 2 PM. "Members Only" Art will need to be in by April 26: Judging will be April 28. The Gallery will open on April 29 during the Tour of the Gila Bike Race. The Members Only Show Reception will be at 6 PM on April 29.

The Membership list will be available on the Art Guild Website. If any member does not want their Name/Phone Number listed, please let Nikki know.

The Pinos Altos Church Gallery will be open for Meet the Artist on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Members need to reserve 3 days for sitting.

Studio Space is available at Yankee Studios Upstairs.

San Vicente Artists and Grant County Art Guild are looking into the idea of a discount in membership fees if an artist wants to join BOTH organizations. A committee was set up to look into this idea: Arlene Sarkela, Lois DeLong, and Ilese Levitt. San Vicente is also looking into hosting an Art Auction in May.

A Mother/Daughter Artist Guild is being set up: Karen Muench/BJ Allen; Roz Springer/Nikki O'Connell Muise, etc. Events are planned: Photos, Bios, Art Work, etc.

An idea was presented of local Artists doing a show presenting work they have done COPYING the work style of a Famous Master and then having the public guess what masters were presented. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Mary Margaret Soule'

Members Present::

Juanita Heslip
Sally Wofford
Lois DeLong
Ilese Levitt

Roz Springer
Nikki O'Connell Muise
Donna Schmidt
Arlene Sarkela

Sandy Feutz
Tom Vaughan
Liz Goertz
Mary Margaret Soule'

Ruth Hamby
Barbara Smith

IMPORTANT!!:

Unless we hear differently from you, your contact information will be published on our website on a new page that will be called "Guild Artists"! If you want only some, or none, of your info published, contact Nikki right away 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.

All Things Art...

Currently: GCAG members may show art at the Silver City Library for the month of March – art is needed there! So far only two artists have hung a total of six paintings. Let's fill it up! However, please call the library before you go, as the room is often in use this time of year and you can only hang when the room is empty.

New: The "Mother/Daughter Artist Guild" has officially been formed! It is a new artist guild solely to celebrate the unique and special talents shared by mother/daughter artist duos (or trios, or more!) and to encourage their creative development through mother/daughter art shows, field trips and more! Visit their website for more information, www.MotherDaughterArtistGuild.org.

Upcoming: Barbara Smith and Lois DeLong are putting together a show where the participants will copy a painting of a famous art Master, and the copied paintings would be judged for their likeness to the original. Stay tuned for more details.

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

Members/Membership:

Dues: The 2011 GCAG Membership Dues were due in January. If your name is not listed on the attached List, your payment has not been received. If you wish to renew (or join) please download the membership form from our website, www.gcag.org, complete it and mail it with a check to **Grant County Art Guild, P.O. Box 456, Silver City, NM 88062**.

New Brochure: The new full-color 2011 GCAG Brochure is available for download on our website. Approximately 500 new brochures will be printed this month and distributed to the regular carriers.

Artist Bios: In an effort to gather current and complete information about our members, we are requesting that you submit (or resubmit) your artist bios. A 50-word-or-less bio is requested from every member for weekly 'featured artist' newspaper ads (a longer one could be kept on file as well for other uses). Please email them 'print ready' to Nikki at info@gcag.org.

Gallery Calendar: 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.

Important Calendar Dates to Note:

3/11: 2 PM, Library, Monthly Meeting	9/18: Remove art, delivered PP art due
4/15: 2 PM, Gallery: Clean & set-up*	9/20: 6 PM, Purchase Prize Reception
4/26: Members Only art is due	9/21-23: Judges Classes
4/29: 10 AM, GALLERY OPENS! 6 PM, Members Only Reception	10/2: Close PP Show & Gallery
5/13: 3 PM, Gallery, Monthly Meeting	10/14: 3 PM Gallery, Monthly Meeting, clean and close Gallery for the winter
6/10: 3 PM, Gallery, Monthly Meeting	11/11: 2 PM, Library (if open), Monthly Meeting
7/8: 3 PM, Gallery, Monthly Meeting	12/9: 3 PM, Arlene's (Party & Monthly Meeting)
8/1: Purchase Prize entry forms due	
8/12: 3 PM, Gallery, Monthly Meeting	*in place of regularly scheduled meeting; see online calendar for more...
9/9: 3 PM, Gallery, Monthly Meeting	
9/10: Mailed PP art is due	

On the next page is the current GCAG 2011 Member List. Keep this handy so you can contact other members in case you want to swap sitting dates, etc.