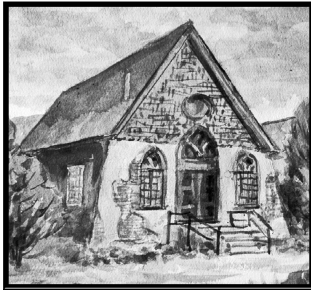


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MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

*The next meeting is **Friday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gallery!***

Minutes: GCAG Business Meeting, April 15, 2011

The Grant County Art Guild met on April 15, 2011, at 2 PM at the Pinos Altos Church Gallery. The meeting was called to order by the President, Arlene Sarkela. A question was brought up on the minutes which were corrected. The motion was made by Nikki O'Connell and seconded by Lois De Long that the minutes be accepted as published in the newsletter. Approved by the members.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Lois. The beginning balance was \$ 1747.18. Receipts were 170.00 in dues and a 100.00 memorial from Monique Fuller in memory of Arlene Foster. Expenses were 5.11 PNM, 138.90 printing brochures(Unicorn Press), 17.60 stamps for newsletters, 132.00 stamps for Purchase Prize Brochures , refund of 25.00 for Ron Swartley membership, and 160.53 for printing the membership brochures(Heckler). The ending balance on March 31 was \$1538.04.

A meeting was held with Jack Brennan and the Sheriff's Department for people getting to the Church Gallery during the Tour of the Gila. The advertising for the opening of the Show is out.

The Art Guild has a 1/2 page ad in the Art Brochure put out by San Vincente Artists for \$75.00.

Barbara Smith picked up the brochures and posters for the opening Judged Show.

An All Sale Art Yard Sale will be held in May.

The Art Market on Bullard will be held on Saturdays during the summer from 9AM to 2PM.

The Mother/Daughter Art Guild will be holding an introductory meeting on April 16 at the University.

Arlene Sarkela asks authority for Nikke to do something if Arlene is unavailable; such as e-mails, etc. Motion made by Barbara Kejr, seconded by Sandy Feutz. Approved.

Plans for the Members Show. Daria Tallman has volunteered her son, Jesi, to play music during the reception. Motion made by Karen Meunch, seconded by Nikki O'Connell. Approved.

Nikki announced that she need bios from any member who has not previously given her one that she can use in advertising for the Artists sitting during the summer for Meet the Artist.

Arlene and Daria are planning demos and mini-workshops at future meetings. Contact Daria if you have ideas for programs. The Art Guild needs educational programs to improve the skills levels of artists and crafters.

Arlene asked for someone to help with the Members Reception. Tom Vaughan and Ruth Hamby will meet with the Judges. Ilese will sit Silver Spirit Gallery so Arlene can be here with the judges. The judges will be Judith Meyer for Art and Barbara McLain for Crafts. Members can enter 3 items per category for art and 5 per category in crafts. The ribbons for the show have been organized and ordered. Nikki will put out an e-mail on the categories available. Simon Sotelo will help with hanging the show, which will be on April 27 at 9:30 AM.

A Demonstration will be given to new members for how to label items and record sales.

Kent Tallman suggested that members let Simon make professional labels if he can: Title, Medium, Artist, Price. The motion was made by Carolyn Gray and seconded by Roz to have Simon make labels for the show for hanging. (sotelos@wnmu.edu).

Barbara Kejr reminded members that David Scwindt (a past judge) will be giving a 3-day workshop at Ingels/Leyba in May. There will be a long demonstration with a reception on May 19 at 6PM. The Art Guild will be supplying food for the Reception.

Pictures on display at the El Sol can stay indefinitely.

Barbara Kejr is missing 2 pictures from the Library Show.

Barbara Smith has Art Books and supplies from Elinor Ott for members to take with donation. Elinor is retiring.

Members stayed after the meeting to clean the Gallery for the Opening Members Show.

There are plans for a Masterpiece Art Program later in the year when the new Museum Director gets settled.

71 membership brochures were mailed out to artists in the area as prospective new members. Kent has left brochures around

town, encouraging owners to look after them and order more when needed.

The meeting was adjourned.
Secretary, Mary Margaret Soule'

Members Present:

Barbara Kejr	Jan Wagner	Juanita Heslip	Mary Margaret Soule'
Setta Roberts	Elizabeth Goertz	Carolyn Gray-Patty	Roz Springer
Barbara Smith	Donna Schmidt	Lois DeLong	Nikki O'Connell Muise
Gerri (Jaiya) Spiller	Sally Wofford	Arlene Sarkela	

The Gallery Opened for the Season with the Members Only Show!

Members Only Show: The Gallery opened on Friday, April 29th at 10am, and the season was kicked off with the Members Only Show reception at 6:00 that evening. The winners were announced via press release to members and publications via email on May 3rd and can be viewed on our website from the Downloads page: www.gcag.org/downloads.html.

Purchase Prize Exhibit: The Purchase Prize arrangements are proceeding on schedule. Information has been provided to NM newspapers. Barbara Kejr will be out of town for several weeks, but can still be reached by e-mail at bkejr@signalpeak.net for any questions about the Exhibit. All decisions related to the Purchase Prize Exhibit are made by the Purchase Prize Committee. Also, be sure to contact Liz Goertz to reserve a space in the **Susan Carlin Workshop from Sept. 21-23**. Susan, the juror of the Exhibit, will demonstrate painting portraits in oil, but is skilled in all media, and students can paint subjects of their choice. This is a great opportunity!

Members/Membership...

Welcome, New Members! Because of the recent increase in Guild membership, the Gallery will have plenty of coverage during open days (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and major Holidays) with members sitting only two days rather than three! If you scheduled three already and would like to drop a day, please email or call Nikki at info@gcag.org or 388-4458 so the calendar can be updated. As of this writing, there are very few days without coverage this upcoming season – good job, everyone!

Gallery Calendar: As always, the 2011 Gallery Calendar is available on our website, www.gcag.org and will be updated regularly. Please schedule **two days** as soon as you can by emailing or calling Nikki at info@gcag.org or 388-4458 (please check the online calendar first – the dates without coverage are highlighted in **red**).

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

Arts & Cultural District Website Listings: Last year the ACD generously offered to include GCAG artist bios on their website under "Area Artists". If you are a new member, or if you didn't get listed last year, contact them at info@silvercityacd.org.

Featured Artists Reminder: If you want your bios to be listed in GCAG publicity, 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 info@gcag.org. (If you sent yours last year to be included on the ACD website, thank you -- it is already on file.)

All Things Art...

FREE Plein Air Workshop: There will be a Plein Air Workshop with Louise Sackett on Thursday, May 19th from 8:30am – 4:00pm, hosted by Barbara Smith at 4842 Deertrail, Silver City. This will be the first workshop in an effort to form a Plein Air Society Group. Bring your own easel, art supplies and lunch. RSVP to Barbara at 388-1701 by 5/17.

Silver City Artists' Saturday Market (From Chris Sowers): In the big lot next to Thundercreek/Western stationers @ 703 N Bullard St (across the street from the farmers Market). Booths are **\$10 a weekend**. Set up begins 7:30 - 8:30 am every Saturday. Booths will be assigned on a first come first serve- basis, unless previously reserved. The market will be open from 9 am till 2 pm. There are no vendor applications or weekly commitments needed to attend this fair. All arts and crafts must be made by the artists or their family. **The Market will be every Saturday throughout the tourist season (April-October).**

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

The following page contains the latest 2011 GCAG Member contact list. Please print a copy for yourself to use to contact other members. *(It is considered confidential, so will not be published on the website.)*