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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Thanks to all of you who helped to put together and to celebrate our April Juried Awards Show. We had a good turnout and a wonderful selection of artwork to celebrate.

There were a couple of things that did come up during the hanging of the awards show that do bear some discussion. We all know that the day of the hanging is a hectic time and it is not surprising that some things get through that shouldn't and wouldn't if there were more helpers and more time. This time there was one painting that was not completely dry much to the consternation of our hangers. Please ensure that your painting is completely dry before presenting it for hanging.

Another artwork was presented without a frame but it was not on a gallery canvas. This is not acceptable under the OAA rules and this piece should have been rejected. There appeared to be some confusion regarding the maximum size of artwork, so I will restate it here for clarification. For a framed piece of artwork, no side can be longer than 40 inches. For an unframed piece of artwork, no side can be longer than 40 inches and it must be on a gallery canvas.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on June 9, 2015 and I sincerely hope that many of you will make the effort to attend. We will be unveiling the new OAA website at this meeting and we would also like many of you to bring your work for a members' show and tell.

We will also be taking nomination for and electing our Board of Directors for the coming year. This is an important meeting for the Ottawa Art Association and we need the active participation of our membership. We have over 200 members, so why are we always looking to the dozen or so regulars that have been keeping this association going? If the OAA and the opportunities it offers you are important to you then get involved. It's not fair or realistic to continue to expect a small cadre to keep the OAA going. We need our membership to be active. It won't take that much of your time and help will always be available to you from that small cadre previously mentioned. Contact any one of the Executive to indicate your

OAA MEETING & HANGING

OAA Meeting: June 9, 7-9
Hanging: June 6, 10 – 10:30
(Ottawa Little Theatre)

OLT PLAY

"Breaking the Code"
By Hugh Whitmore May 5 - 23

Dear members,

While my winning watercolour painting had never been presented in OAA shows before, it had unfortunately won elsewhere last year. With no excuses other than being busy with other simultaneous art shows, I simply signed the registration sheet without reading the rules first. And for that reason I forfeit the first prize with my sincerest apologies. Again a precious lesson learned, never sign what you have not read.

Diane Groulx, F.O.W.S.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with next month's hanging on June 6th. We would greatly appreciate all the help we can get. Please notify us if you would like to participate.

DONATION REQUEST

St. Leonard's Society of Canada is an Ottawa-based charity and will be hosting a silent auction that will be running in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on June 5-6th, 2015. SLSC is a charitable organization whose mission is to promote a humane and informed justice policy and responsible leadership to foster safer communities.

They are inviting OAA members to donate an art piece that can be auctioned as a part of their fundraiser. This would be a great chance to promote the association while supporting a good cause. They would be happy to promote the artist and their donation online through social media and other ways.

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to take part in, please contact Anita Desai at 613-233-5170 or anita@stleonards.ca

Thanks so much in advance for your consideration!

CALL TO ARTISTS

West Carleton Arts Society Fall Show and Sale "Expressions of Art" 2015

A reminder that the deadline for application to the West Carleton Arts Society Fall Show and Sale "Expressions of Art" 2015 is **June 1st**. If you have not yet sent in your application and images, please consider doing so. Information at <http://www.westcarletonartssociety.ca/expressions-of-art-2015.html>

HIGHLANDS EAST PLEIN AIR ARTS FESTIVAL

The Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival runs September 10th through September 13th, 2015. Highlands East is a treasure trove of scenic subject matter perfect for any kind of plein air artist: lakes, rivers, colourful trees, rocky outcrops, ruins, historic sites and much more. Plein air simply means to paint outdoors. A great tradition in Ontario, plein air is enjoying a renaissance as more and more artists and hobbyists want to be inspired by the wild and natural world.

To register, please do so with the Municipality of Highlands East. Participation to Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival is \$100 which includes: a public exhibition where your work is for sale

and promoted with the festival. We also actively seek out from an exhibition opportunities for participants. You will also have a chance at winning a \$200 cash prize and your artwork could be featured on next year's brochure and website. Last year several participants sold their work at the exhibition!

All inquiries direct them to: info@highlandseast.ca and please put Plein Air Arts Festival in the subject line of your emails. You can now pay by credit card by using the link: www.plastiq.com. You will see in the window a field that says 'who you would like to pay' – type in Municipality of Highlands East, then select Please Register or Pay as Guest. Follow payment for and use the drop down menu to find PLEIN AIR ARTS FESTIVAL. Fill in your information and click save and next. Call the municipality if you have any issues.