



# Palmer Lake Art Group

**PLAG JUNE 2017**

**News**

**No June Meeting!**

***Next Monthly PLAG Meeting:***

**JULY Meeting:**

at John DeFrancesco's house starting 1100.

The chairperson for events (AKA the Art Committee) is now an open position. Cindy Tafil has done an exceptional job heading up the Art Committee but now is stepping down. PLAG is looking for just the right person who would like to step up to the plate and take over for heading the Art Committee.

The committee's purpose is to help to support the board of directors, helping the flow of the monthly meetings, addressing problems, improving the quality of our group through workshops and events.

The Art Committee gets a lot of things done, helps the President, and is a very rewarding and fun group to participate in.  
All members are welcome to participate.

**Keep the Date Open for the July Luncheon!**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

## **PLAG MEETING AND PICNIC**

Location: At the gardens of  
John DeFrancesco and Diana Picchietti  
18785 St. Andrews Drive in Monument  
(See directions below)

## SCHEDULE:

Come as early as you wish to paint or take photos.

11: a.m. Short Business Meeting.

11:35 Lunch and Fellowship.

## DETAILS:

Everything will be outdoors unless it rains; then indoors.

**Bring your own lunch.**

*(There will be no availability to heat food, so bring "cold" items and a cooler to keep them).*

John and Diana will provide bottled water, ice, plates, utensils, drinking cups, napkins, tent and tables

for set up of food and beverages.

Seating for meeting and eating.

DIRECTIONS to John and Diana's house:

On Rt. 105, drive 1-mile east of I-25.

Turn left (north) onto Lake Woodmoor Dr.

Go ½ mile and turn right onto St. Andrews Dr.

Go ½ mile to 18785 St. Andrews Dr.

If lost, call 719-488-0459 for rescue.

## **Happy Birthday to: No June Birthdays listed.**

If you have a June Birthday, please let me know.

Marcia Edwards

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## **MINUTES**

PLAG MINUTES – MAY 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President, Jim Sawatzki. Other Board members present were: Rikki Stiltner, Susie Arnold, and Carolyn Stolz. There were 19 members in attendance.

Members were welcomed. We had no guests today. Thanks to everyone who brought food this morning. A motion to approve Today's agenda was carried.

Sunshine Committee Report: Irene Pallon reported that she had sent a card to Pam Hafemann. Irmi Knoth has talked to Pam and she is home from the hospital. The surgery was successful. The cancerous tumor was removed and she will go through a follow-up of chemo as a

precaution once she has healed from the surgery. She has been assured that she will be cancer-free.

April Minutes. A motion was made by Pat Schmidt and seconded by Marcie Edwards to approve the April Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, as of April 2017:

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 04/01/17 Deposits

Checks/Debits:

Ending Balance 04/30/17

Savings Account

Beginning Balance 04/01/17 Interest

Transfer from Checking Acct. Ending Balance 04/30/17

Expenses: MCMC rent Tri-Lakes Printing

Carolyn Stolz/Coffee

USPS (PO Box rental)

Transfer of funds to Savings Acct.

\$47,436.13 501.11 40,614.63 \$ 7,322.61

\$ 5,425.72 1.37 40,000.00 \$45,427.09

\$ 100.00 410.65 9.98 94.00 40,000.00

Adjustment for 2016 (Expenses & Deposits not posted): \$ 501.60 Adjustment for January-April 2017: \$1,537.75

Adjusted Balance - Checking Acct.: \$ 9,361.96

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Irmi Knoth and seconded by Lynn Roth. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report: Rikki Stiltner reported that she attended the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. She promoted PLAG with members there. She left information with Debbie to stimulate interest of the town merchants/patrons to buy artwork from the upcoming June show prior to the show. Patron sales need to be done before the show in order to promote the patron's business with their name on the artwork at the show. It was noted that the proceeds from these sales will go directly to the artists.

There was discussion regarding sponsors for the June show. As always, monies from sponsors goes to the Scholarship Fund. Margarete has the letter to send out to sponsors & someone will follow up to make sure it has been sent out. Sponsors get their name displayed on the artwork at the show. Donna Arndt volunteered to help. Margarete has the list of sponsors. Cindy Tafil & Rikki Stiltner will take care of contacting possible patrons.

TRI-LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB SHOW – MAY 5-7, 2017 FOLLOW-UP:

Jim Sawatzki reported that attendance was very low compared to years past. He stated that for 30 years they had this event the last weekend in April & seemed to have good attendance. However, Lewis-Palmer made TLWC move the event to May. There are a lot of competing events at this time. Evalina Stoyanova sat the PLAG table Saturday morning and reported that there were not many people. Irmi Knoth added that she did not see much advertising for the show which may have been a problem.

Jim stated that he talked to a lot of people and tried to hit on all the artists there to join PLAG. Other PLAG members at the show were John DeFrancesco, Evalina Stoyanova, Claudia Dimidik, Cindy Tafil, Rikki Stiltner, Susie Arnold and Marcie Edwards. Marcie did a Facebook update/photo from the show. Jim noted that he thought the \$6.00 entry fee might be a deterrent, in that people don't get anything for their entry fee; no incentive to attend. Claudia stated that some people she talked to said they did well with their jewelry and painting sales. Thanks again to Bob Zettler & Lynn Roth for the sign for the PLAG booth and Susie Arnold for the PLAG brochures which were available for members to take and display at their individual booths as well as at the PLAG booth.

#### NEWSLETTER & CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Jim S. spoke about the need for someone to replace Margarete Seagraves. John D. expressed how important Margarete has been to the group and the number of responsibilities she has done. She can no longer do it.

There was much discussion about how we could manage the newsletter. Jim proposed that we could send the newsletter to our website for members to access. Jim asked Lynn Roth if he could redesign and re-purpose the PLAG website. It was suggested that the website could be made easier to access for membership, as well as updated. John questioned what we should do if we have an announcement and to whom to send it. Claudia Dimidik stated that we need a corresponding secretary.

Marcie Edwards volunteered to be the new Corresponding Secretary and do the Newsletter. It was determined from all the discussion that the website and Facebook needs be updated. Irene Pallon volunteered to be responsible for Facebook postings and all social media. Thanks to Marcie, Irene and Lynn.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DISCUSSION:

Committee: Jim Sawatzki, Lynn Roth, Pat Schmidt & Irmi Knoth.

The 2017 Scholarship Fund award was approved for \$4,000 at the April PLAG meeting. The committee members selected two high school seniors from Palmer Ridge to be this year's recipients. No one from Lewis-Palmer applied. Recipients are Christopher Voss & Haley Tubbs. The Committee determined that Christopher will receive \$1500 and Haley will receive \$2500. Lynn & Pat will attend the Palmer Ridge senior awards program this week to present the scholarships. The Committee reported that both recipients are very talented photographers & artists. Their artwork was very impressive.

Claudia Dimidik asked if we want to have a cap on the Scholarship Fund. She suggested that we need to contact the Counselors at the high schools as well as the art teachers to let the students know about our scholarship. This would help get the information to the students in their daily announcements and through fliers, etc. For next year, Lynn Roth will schedule a meeting at the Counselors office to answer questions regarding the scholarships and applications.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Budget/Finance Committee: Claudia Dimidik, Chairman; \*Jim Sawatzki, John DeFrancesco, Susie Arnold, and Donna Arndt.

The Finance Committee will be meeting this next week. Their focus will be: - Last year & this year reports

- Determine expenses & income from shows

- Scholarships; set an amount
- Do a survey of membership to find out what members want, ideas, etc. - Setting goals

Earlier in today's meeting during the Treasurer's report, there was a great deal of discussion regarding finances. John DeFrancesco brought up that we don't have a budget yet; that we have obligations and commitments in the future such as the scholarship. Irene noted that it was determined that there would be \$1,000 budgeted for publicity for the 3 art shows. It was stated that the Financial Committee would determine the amount of the scholarship fund and take it to the Board and the membership for approval.

#### JUNE SHOW UPDATES:

Show Dates: June 6-30, 2017 at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts Entry Deadline: May 31, 2017

Drop off: Saturday, June 3rd, 12-1 pm

Pick up: Saturday, July 1st, 10 am-12 noon

Reception: Friday, June 9th, 6-8 pm

Entry Fee: Members, \$30 for up to 3 paintings; \$10 each for paintings 4 & 5 Non-members: \$40 for up to 3 paintings; \$10 each for 4 & 5

Please read the Color Splash Entry Form for complete information.

Merit Awards: Marcie Edwards stated that merit awards should be awarded for the June Show. They are encouraging to the artist. This should be up to the judge's discretion. Pat Schmidt made the motion to allow merit awards at the discretion of the judge. Irmi Knoth seconded it. Motion carried.

Susie Arnold provided post cards, entry forms, posters for the members to take and distribute. She has distributed cards and posters around town. Irene Pallon reported that she has sent out information publicity out to Castle Rock, Denver and posted publicity at the Colorado Springs Airport. Also posted the event to various online community calendars.

Claudia Dimidik made two suggestions:

1- Have a contact number for questions on fliers for the June Show 2- Have "D-38 High School" stated for the scholarships

We need to state who is the lead/chair/contact person for our events, i.e. Cindy Tafil's email and/or phone number on publicity information for the June Show. Same for the Craft Show; Evalina Stoyanova's contact info.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Victor Celebrates the Arts: 18th Annual En Plein Air Art Show & Sale. Show Dates: Labor Day weekend, September 2-4, 2017 in Victor, CO Registration Deadline: August 18, 2017

Artist Check-In: August 25-26, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Painting Check-in: September 1, 8-11 am Purchase Patron Night: September 1, 6:30-9:00 pm

Please refer to their website at [VictorCelebratestheArts.org](http://VictorCelebratestheArts.org) for more information. Contact Info:

Phone: 719-689-5836 or e-mail: [vctashow@gmail.com](mailto:vctashow@gmail.com)

\ Irmi Knoth provided fliers for this show and encouraged members to participate or attend.

Shirley & Al Hawkins: Susie Arnold reported that we received a Thank You note from Shirley Hawkins recently. Shirley & Al were long-time members of PLAG & contributed much to our group. Due to illness in these last few years, they were not able to continue to participate in PLAG. Al is at Allison Hospice Care in Denver. Contact them at:

Al & Shirley Hawkins

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Adjournment at 11:00 am. A motion was made by Lynn Roth and seconded by Marcie Edwards to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.