



July 2017 Newsletter

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” Thomas Jefferson

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

A Word From Our President:

Great show everyone, what a nice array of pictorial expressions. Also, congratulations to those awarded ribbons, wonderful stuff. See you all at the DeFrancesco's gardens for our monthly meeting and picnic on July 8th.

Your president Jim Sawatzki

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.

BIRTHDAYS:

KIM MARTIN

SHARRON PEROTTI

WILHELMINA STEENBERGEN

JANET YOUNG

NEWS:

From John DeFrancesco

Many of you will recall that Lucretia Vaile willed to Palmer Lake the house that PLAG used for many years. The following was noted in a recent Tribune "40 Years Ago" column: "Lucretia Vaile former citizen of the town, left \$35,000 to the town when she passed away. The money is to be used for cultural purposes. \$1,000 will go to the Little Art Group of Palmer Lake. Some consideration was given to naming a park in her honor."

From Marcia Edwards:

The Art Committee is a group of dedicated PLAGarians who get together about once a month to discuss, in detail, some of the more pressing issues, concerns, and plans for the PLAG membership. This is by no means a closed group. All interested parties are welcome to attend. It is a very interesting group with many topics discussed, brainstormed, and implemented (with membership approval in most cases). If you are interested in amping up your involvement with PLAG, art, and the art community, ask Susie Arnold or Marcy Edwards to get you in the loop for email notifications about our little forums.

From Margarete Seagraves

Monument Art Hop: Every third Thursday during the summer months May through September 5 – 8 pm. Come and enjoy this fun event. See the art at Bella Art & Frame, Jody's, Pottery and more.

From Gloria Williams

From an article in the Gazette by Wayne Heilman as summarized by Gloria Williams.

Study: Arts provides over \$150, million to the Local Colorado Springs and surrounding areas. Nonprofit arts and cultural groups contributed more than \$150 million in 2015 to the Pikes Peak region's Economy and support more than 5,000 full time jobs, according to a study released by the Arts Economic Prosperity Study; completed every 5 years by Washington. This represents the success of the artist, art organizations and audience that are involved in the creative process, support and organizations and volunteers. This year's study found that 82.6% of attendees at local art and cultural events came from the Colorado Springs area and that ½ of those traveling from outside the area came here specifically for the event they attended.

Nationwide: the study found that more than 14,000 arts and cultural organizations in 341 regions and states spent \$63.8 Billion together supporting 4.6 million jobs and generating \$27.6 Billion in revenue for the government agencies. This study did not include for profit galleries and professional theater.

“When you invest in the arts, it is not just a frill that contributes to the quality of life but an industry that provides both cultural and economic benefits. A vibrant arts community generates economic activity for local businesses” said Randy Cohen Vice President of Research and Policy for Americans for the arts. “Nationally arts is a growth industry that responds to the economy; when it is good, the arts out-perform a lot of other industries.”

From Bob Zettler

I was best of show winner at the Pikes Peak Whittlers for my piece called Larkspur Rocks in Colorado Springs last month. Also did a demo on drawing the caricature If this is something you are looking for I can also send a photo

From Wilhelmina Steenbergen

Wilhelmina Steenbergen will be participating in this year's "How Do You See God?" exhibition at Academy Art and Frame Company, 7560 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 (check them out at academyframesco.com). In this juried exhibition artists show their thoughts and beliefs through art. Pictures of the art works will be gathered in a commemorative book.

The exhibition runs from mid-July through August and there will be two receptions:

- An opening reception on July 21st, 4 - 8 pm
- A book signing reception on August 18th, 4 - 8 pm

From Gloria Williams

WE really need to promote the arts and culture in all cities they help even the poor learn to express ,in a positive way, that will help society and helps keep them off the streets.

They are the future and arts can help even the disabled, veterans with problems from being in war, seniors, and even those in prison have found a new form of expression. etc.

I truly believe in the arts and love the fact that I can and am a part of the community of artists.

It brings tears and emotions out when I personally can and have helped, especially the children and seniors since that is where I have worked my volunteer hours and funds for supplies.

NO MEETING LAST MONTH = NO MINUTES

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!