Palmer Lake Art Group

"SEPTEMBER"

Erik Werenskiold 1883

Next Meeting:

Saturday, September 9

at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church

9:00 am for social gathering and snacks

9:30 am business agenda.

Agenda:

Welcome members and guests
Thanks to those who provided refreshments
Sunshine committee report
Approve minutes from August
Treasurer's report
Finance Committee Report (and Possible Vote)
Crafts Fair Report
Other Business

Happy Birthday!

Barbara Donnegan 9/4
Gloria Williams 9/6

Bruni Berkowitz 9/14
Maggie Williamson 9/14
Nancy Moeglein 9/17
Susie Arnold 9/18
Irmgard Knoth 9/19

A Word From Our President

Dear Members,

First of all, I'd like to thank the members of the Finance Committee, Claudia Dimidik, John DeFrancesco, Susie Arnold, Donna Arndt, and Irene Pallon for all their hard work in establishing the very first yearly PLAG Financial Budget. They will present their findings at the next PLAG meeting, Saturday, Sept 9.

Secondly, we will be having a major discussion on the PLAG Crafts Fair. Again, thanks go out to Evalina Stoyanova for all her good work.

I will not be at the meeting as I will be in Vermont attending a wedding. I look forward to out Crafts Fair in October. See you all then!

MEMBER NEWS

FROM MAGGIE WILLIAMSON:

CALL TO ARTISTS: ***Once again, this post for all our members. Get your little out and make something small! Let's make our PLAG presence be known!*** Bella Art & Frame is gearing up for their 3rd Annual Miniature Art Show in October. Registration Deadline: October 4, 2017; Art Delivery By: October 4, 10am - 6pm; Reception: October 14, 4pm - 6pm; Show Dates: October 7- November 15, 2017. Entry Fees: $15 for 1st entry, $10 for 2nd entry, $10 for 3rd entry.

Entry Requirements:

- All entries must be original paintings belonging to the artist (no photography).
- Hanging art must be in gallery ready framing and wired for hanging.
- Gallery Wrap canvas is accepted.
- 3-D art is accepted.
- Maximum dimensions 7" x 9" including frame.
- 3D art not to exceed 8" in any direction including base.
- All entries must be for sale.

- May submit up to 3 pieces.

Awards
First Place - $250
Second Place - $150
Third Place - $75
Ribbons for Honorable Mentions
All sales will be conducted through Bella Art & Frame who will retain a 30% commission.

The show will be judged by Joe Bohler.

FROM IRENE PALLON:

Where do we get new PLAG members in 2017? From You and I. This year's year-end goal is to increase new membership for PLAG and We need You.

How? With your postcards! *We mailed each of You a Crafts Fair postcard. Just make copies and share them with your Artist friends and those new to the area Who are looking for new Art friends.*

Online/Social? *On Facebook, find PLAG post on the PLAG group called "an invite" that you can share with your followers and friends local to this area AND Lets make it go viral. I will also post in the sub-group Colorado Springs. Be on the look out and together, we can do this!*

Your voice is powerful. You can make a difference and thanks for your help with this 2017 goal.

Irene Pallon
Owner & Artist,
Pallon Pastels
719-527-0417

FROM JOHN DEFRANCESCO:

John DeFrancesco will teach a four week oil painting class at the Colorado Springs Senior Center.

Sessions will be on consecutive Mondays at 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. beginning September 11. Details are available at www.csseniorcenter.com. Click on Class Schedules.

FROM EVELINA STOYANOVA:

Dear PLAG members,

The October Arts and Crafts fair is fast approaching.

As always we will need volunteers to set up the Town Hall, bring whatever is needed from the storage in the church and most of all put out the signs for the show.

Please, consider sparing even just an hour of your time to help out. We only have one table left before the show is sold out. Any takers? I'd love to have more members display with us!

FROM NANCY BONIG:

PLAG MEMBERS:

THIS WEEKEND, SEPT 9-10, FRONT RANGE OPEN STUDIOS TOUR

Grab a map and see how and where fine art and craft is made! This is a rare opportunity to see the tools, techniques and sanctuaries of creativity of the finest artists and craftsmen in our region. Watch demonstrations, try your hand at creating your own work of art, and discover some incredible deals! Sixteen locations, twenty one artists and free! Priceless! Maps are available at retailers in the Tri-Lakes area, on the website, www.frontrangeopenstudios.com, and download the google map from the same website! We can't wait to share our gift with our neighbors!

PLAG BOARD/GALLERY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 28, 2017 MINUTES

The Board and Gallery Committee met to discuss the Finance Committee's proposed budget for 2018. There were questions regarding how to proceed regarding income, expenses, the scholarship fund, sponsorship, funding our shows, etc.

Topics discussed and proposed actions to be taken:

Scholarship Fund:

A separate bank account shall be established for the Scholarship Fund.

$900 is earmarked from sponsorship donations to open the account.

Future income designated for scholarships will be added to this account throughout the year.

The Finance Committee will propose an amount to be given for scholarships each year and will be voted on by membership in January that year.

All donation checks to the scholarship fund shall be written payable to "PLAG Scholarship Fund".

2018 Budget Proposal:

The budget proposal shall be adjusted to eliminate $4,000 designated to scholarships. Scholarship income will be funded and accounted separately.

Money in Savings:

It was decided that further discussion should be ongoing regarding the approximately $45,000 proceeds from the sale of the Vaile Gallery.

PLAG MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Vice President, Rikki Stiltner. Other Board members present were: Susie Arnold and Carolyn Stolz. There were15 members in attendance.

New Member, Bonnie Sands, was welcomed. Bonnie is a former art teacher in D-38 high schools. Since retiring, she sometimes conducts small art classes in her home and enjoys doing mixed media.

Sunshine Committee Report: No report.
July Minutes approved. Motion was made by Bruni Berkowitz and seconded by

Linda Roberts.

Treasurer's Report, as of July 2017:

Savings Account

Beginning balance as of 07/01/17 Ending balance as of 07/31/17

Checking Account:
Beginning Balance as of 07/01/17 Deposit
Expenses
Ending Balance as of 07/31/17

$45,437.98 45,437.98

10,848.99 ** 580.00

500.00 10,928.99

Deposit: craft fair 480, sponsors 100

Expenses: MCMC = 100, TLCA = 400 (winter show Feb 2018
**does not match ending balance for June, 2017 because of voided checks voided after 7/1/2017

The Treasurer's Report for July 2017 approved. Motion made by Margarete Seagraves and seconded by Evalina Stoyanova.

Vice President's Report: No report. **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, July 26, 2017. Claudia Dimidik reported that a proposal for a Budget for 2018 was formulated at this meeting. The committee identified actual past income and expenses. Projected numbers

are based on these past items. The committee also discussed way to manage expenses and retain monies that we have.

There was general discussion after Claudia Dimidik talked about how we have not generated enough income in the past to cover expenses and scholarships; how do we want to proceed in terms of shows, awards, advertising, etc. John DeFrancesco brought up that there are a number of members who would like to increase scholarship funds. Based on the current Financial Report, we would not be able to do this.

The Gallery Committee will be meeting Monday, August 28th at MCMC. The proposed budget as well as PLAG goals and how we want to proceed. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. The Finance Committee Report and proposed Budget for 2018 will be included in the September newsletter for PLAG members to review. It will be discussed at our regular monthly meeting September 9th. Members are encouraged to come and give their input, ideas and suggestions. A general membership vote will be taken at a later date once a budget is finalized.

FALL CRAFT SHOW - Friday, Oct 6 & Saturday, Oct 7:

Chairman, Evalina Stoyanova, did an update report. As of this date, we have 21 vendors/tables commitments with four more expected. We have some new vendors. Evalina stated that she would like to have more PLAG members enter the show. Someone suggested that Greg Hoff might be interested.

Cards advertising the Craft Show have been printed. Evalina has been distributing them in the area and brought them to today's meeting for members to take and give out. She asked that members invite people via Facebook by sharing this card on Facebook to friends.

We need volunteers for the show on Friday & Saturday, as well as set up on Thursday afternoon. Be thinking how you can help out:

Set up tables; tear down; greeters; decorations for the porch; put

directional signs. (Bob Zettler will help with signs).
Set up will be Thursday afternoon; opening at 9:00 am on Friday; take down will be Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Evalina stated that she believes we have already reached the $1,000 limit for advertising for 2017. There would need to be a vote to increase this amount for advertising for the craft show. A vote will be taken at the September meeting if an increase is necessary. Updated signage is needed and was discussed. Bob Zettler has a large printer and could print signs. Tsilla Reyner stated that she thought signs could be done for approximately $4.00 a sign and volunteered to help Evalina get new signs. They will report to the gallery committee on this.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

John DeFrancesco stated that we had a vote (motion) in the past to invest the proceeds from the sale of the gallery/house. He stated that we need to come up with a plan to carry this out.

Linda Roberts stated that we need to clarify our mission as to the scholarship fund; that we align our mission with money that is budgeted.

Margarete Seagraves stated that PLAG advertises that proceeds from our shows go to the scholarship fund. PLAG awarded $4,000 for the past several years to scholarships.

Susie Arnold stated that sponsorship money this year should be for scholarship.

Linda Roberts stated that PLAG should network and work with other local groups to generate more money for scholarships.

Bonnie Sands stated that she could look into community art grant money that might be available. She also stated that we should get students to enter their work into our shows. She can contact art teachers. There is an educational base from which to draw talent and participation.

It was noted that our Charter allows artists to profit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

John DeFrancesco reminded everyone to stop by at the Chautauqua event today at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. Jim Sawatzki is participating in this event.

Bonnie Sands announced that the "Taste of Palmer Lake" event was happening Saturday, August 26th from 1-4 pm. You can get tickets at the Wine Cellar & probably all the restaurants in PL. Cost: $18.00 per person in advance or $25 if you get them on that Saturday, the day of the event.

Adjournment at 10:38 am. A motion was made by Susie Arnold and seconded by Bruni Berkowitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.