



# Palmer Lake Art Group



## **Edgar Degas, A Cotton Office in New Orleans, 1873**

The first painting Edgar Degas sold to a museum did not portray underage ballerinas or a domestic tableau but the artist's relatives at work in a cotton brokers' office—in New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, February 10

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 January  
Treasurer's Report  
Winter Show Discussion  
Library Drawing Classes  
PLAG Investments  
PLAG Collectibles For Sale  
Other Business  
Program – Critique of Member's Artwork

## **Program for January Meeting**

Bring an item (painting, fabric art, etc.) that you would like to get an critique on or may be at a stumbling point on.. Items may be finished or in progress. We will discuss the works and gently critique them. And who knows, you may pick up some fresh ideas to get you going again! Open to all members, and any art.

Thanks,

Susie

## **A Word from the President**

Great Winter Show! Thanks to all those who put it together. We are now doing some community outreach in the form of free drawing classes at the Monument Library twice a month on Thursdays from February to May. If you are interested in teaching a class, sign up at the next meeting, or call me. Not only is this a way

of giving back to the community, it may also bring new members into the group.

Jim



Judy Martin Feb 4

Lynn Roth Feb 14

Jim Sawatzki Feb 14

Margarete Seagraves Feb 27

Norman Smith Feb 22

Bonnie Wendelburg Feb 4

**Member News**

## From John DeFrancesco

John DeFrancesco will teach a two-day workshop, "Oil painting with palette knives," April 25-26, noon to 3 p.m. at the Colorado Springs Senior Center on Hancock Ave. Cost is \$33. Registration at [csseniorcenter.com](http://csseniorcenter.com).

## From Patty Schmidt

Members, our next PLAG meeting is very important for all. We are going to have a Silent Auction of the artifacts belonging to the Art Group. You have an opportunity to buy any one of these items.

Please come and participate as these are valuable and members will have first right of ownership before PLAG offers these items to the outside. The appraisal is an old one, so possibly the items are more valuable at this time. Items will be on display during the meeting. Rules of the auction will be announced at that time.



## From Irene Pallon

If there is someone you know that is part of the group that is undergoing surgery or is in poor health or is in chemo; please let us know so we can cheer them up with a card. If there is someone you know that is part of the group that has lost a family member, please let us know so we can send our card.

The sunshine committee is a great way to say something when you can't find the words yourself.

We are pleased that no one has needed such a card during the first 25 days of this new year. This is just a reminder, that we are here for our members and wanted to stay committed as even a small card can make a difference in the lives of our dear members.

PLAG Sunshine Committee  
Irene Pallon  
John DeFrancesco

## January 2018 Minutes:

### PLAG MINUTES—January 13, 2018

Officers of the Board in attendance: Marcie Edwards, Bonnie Sands, Linda Roberts, Jim Sawatzki, Carolyn Stolz.

There were 18 PLAG members in attendance.

#### **Welcome:**

Board President, Jim Sawatzki, called the meeting to order at 9:35 and welcomed guests. He thanked those who brought refreshments.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Patricia Schmidt and seconded by Irmi Knoth to accept the minutes of the December meeting as written. Motion carried.

#### **New Officers for 2018:**

The following officers, elected at the December meeting, were formally introduced:

Jim Sawatzki, President

Bonnie Sands, Vice President

Carolyn Stolz, Treasurer  
Marcie Edwards, Corresponding Secretary  
Linda Roberts, Recording Secretary

**New Business:**

1. Jim notified the members that there have been some security issues at PLAG's meeting venue in the Mennonite Church. As PLAG is presently storing @\$5,000 worth of artwork/artifacts donated to PLAG throughout the years, two concerns were brought up:
  - a. Using the old contract with the church as a reference, Jim would negotiate a new agreement for the use of the meeting/storage spaces. The new contract would specifically outline liability insurance for PLAG property being stored.
  - b. Patricia Schmidt expressed her ongoing interest in selling the artwork/artifacts to those interested. She made a motion, seconded by Irmi Knoth that the items be set out for sale at the next meeting for a PLAG members only sale/auction. The motion carried. It was further suggested that unsold items next be offered to the general public for sale or for consignment.
2. Jim solicited suggestions for possible venues for upcoming shows. Locations included: one of the local high schools during a vacation period, local restaurants, the Colorado Springs airport, the new retirement village being constructed on Jackson Creek Rd. The Art Committee was charged with considering these venues and possibly suggesting others.

**Treasurer's Reports:**

Susie Arnold, Treasurer for 2017, presented the reports. Following a clarification regarding the \$1,000 in Scholarship funds, Marci Edwards made a motion, seconded by John DeFrancesco that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report November, 2017**

Savings beginning balance 45,449.31

Ending balance 45,449.31

(Scholarship = \$1,000.00, Savings = \$44,449.31)

Checking Beginning Balance 8,042.89

Deposit 0.00

Expenses 1,671.80

Ending Balance 6,371.09

Expenses: MCMC = 100.00

Gazette = 116.00

Stamps = 9.80

TLCA = 500.00

Directors ins = 561.00

Farmers = 385.00

Total = 1,671.80

Note: It was voted that the \$900 in sponsor donations would be separated from other funds to be the starting basis for the 2018 scholarships, so I have reserved that in the savings account, and added the \$100 donation from October to it, giving us \$1000 as a start on the 2018 scholarships.

Submitted by Susie Arnold, Treasurer

### **Treasurer's Report December, 2017**

Savings beginning balance 45,449.31

Interest 11.33

Ending balance 45,460.64

(Scholarship = \$1,000.00, Savings = \$44,460.64)

Checking Beginning Balance 6,371.09

Deposit 361.00

Expenses 2,318.25

Ending Balance 4,413.84

Deposit: Dues = 75, luncheon = 286

Expenses: MCMC = 100.00

U of Denver = 1500.00

Susan A = 102.25 postcards/posters for show

Bella Pannini = 616.00 xmas luncheon

Total = 2318.25

Submitted by Susie Arnold, Treasurer

Note: The scholarship funds money is in the savings account and noted above.

Jim re-opened discussion regarding the investment of a portion of PLAG's savings in order to earn more interest. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Margarete Seagraves and seconded by Marci Edwards that Jim seek several investment proposals (based on an initial suggested amount of \$30,000). He would present his findings in writing to the membership at the next meeting with a recommendation to vote on moving ahead with the investment instrument/s that best meet PLAG's needs.

**Announcements:**

1. Susie Arnold, representing the Art Committee, announced that entry Forms for the February show are due January 19<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged members to enter and to help distribute publicity postcards. She reminded members that they could submit previously exhibited work. She clarified that student artwork could be entered at a \$10 fee for each piece. She encouraged participants to volunteer for hanging the show on January 27 and helping with greeting and clean up for the reception on February 2
2. Due to the Martin Luther King holiday, the Art Committee meeting time/place was moved to Tuesday, January 23 at Irmie Knoth's studio on Monument Hill Road.
3. Irene Pallon reminded members that she continues to monitor the growth of PLAG's online presence, both to encourage membership and to publicize call for entries for PLAG shows.
4. Evalina Stoyanova announced that the dates for the 2018 Craft Show will be Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6.

At 10:45 a motion was made by Don Goodman and seconded by Patricia Schmidt that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Following the meeting Jim Sawatzki gave a presentation of some of his personal artwork that he has used in the preparation of his video programs featuring the history of the Monument area.