

NewSketches

Lunenburg Art Gallery

Fall 2005

Volunteers Crucial to Gallery's Ongoing Success!

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SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2006

March - (date To Be Determined)

Junior Schools

March 28-April 30

Lunenburg County NSCAD Students Show

May 2 -May 28

Renate Hempel and David Burns - Photography
"Two Sides"

May 30-June 25

Hallie Watson - Oil/Pastel

June 27-June 23

Carol Morrison
"Colour and Rhythm"

July 25-August 27

Eliza Schurman - Oil & Watercolours
"Organic Impressions" - A body of work in oil and watercolour which reflects her impressions of the spiritual thread that weaves through the earth above and below.

August 29-October 1

Sheila Lewis - Watercolours.
"A Nova Scotia Year".

October 3-October 29

Lunenburg Gallery Members

November 4

Attic Art and Collectible sale.

A recurring theme for any volunteer organization is the continuing need for its members to step up to the plate and volunteer their time.

The Lunenburg Art Gallery is entering a crucial stage where the number of members volunteering continues to decrease while expectations and costs are ever on the rise.

In an effort to encourage members to donate whatever time and resources are available to them, Committee Heads have been asked to summarize the responsibilities of their committee, including where they might need some new blood to help out.

From an hour or two per month to a few hours per year to a fulfilling yearly commitment, the positions are as varied as our membership, lending credence to that old adage, "Many hands make light work." These summaries begin on Page 2 and if you can, please contact the Committee Chair and volunteer!

2006 Membership Form

Located on Page 4 of this Newsletter, offers you a quick and easy way of making sure your membership is up to date. Please note that ALL memberships expire on March 31, 2006. Don't let your's be one of them!

Notes on the Attic Art and Collectible Sale

With a great deal of support from Christine and committee members, we had a most successful Attic Art Sale this year. A big thank you to all the artists who donated work. We know that this is your livelihood and are most grateful. The donations of other treasures from LAG members and the public really was overwhelming and helped to raise about \$2,500 in just over 2 hours. Treasurer Laird Wilton is away as I write so I am not sure of the final total. (I always think of it as winter rental!)

I would also like to mention all the willing helpers who give up hours to sort, price and then sell the items. An example of this is Anne O'Dowd, who collects all the donated linen from the gallery, removes stains, repairs, starches, irons and packages each piece! Many, like Anne, walk the extra mile. Thank you to all.

And thank you all once again for this generous donation to your gallery.

Gill Osmond, Attic Art Sale Chair

COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Volunteers-Sue Kelly, 634-4565

This committee was struck to find help for the gallery when paid staff were unavailable. This year has been a breeze since Christine Hurlburt was hired for the full season. Other than when she needed a day off, there were very few times that I had to scramble to find help. There is a short list from which to draw and usually it took only a few calls to fill the gap. I would like to hand this job over to a new person at the AGM as my commitment to the gallery is somewhat lacking. This would be a great job for a newcomer as it only requires a phone and a few dedicated calls several times a season.

Hanging Committee-Jo Eisenhauer, 634-4463

We meet once a month at the gallery on a Monday, usually at 9:30am, to hang the art in the exhibition room. Depending on the show we are done by around 12:00pm. As to requirements for volunteers for our committee most are full-time members but we are always looking for new help.

Attic Art Sale-Gill Osmond, 634-9626

This committee requires volunteers to be in the gallery from 2:00-5:00pm to sort items on three intake days, two weeks prior to the sale, to be in the Fire Hall on the Friday before the sale from 2:00-5:00pm for set up and price goods, then from 9:00am-1:00pm to sell items and to help pack up remainders on the sale day. It is good fun and a short lived commitment. As I'm not sure that I will be doing the Attic Art Sale next year, there will be further need for a Chair for this committee.

Membership-Melanie Cooke, 634-9428

This is basically a committee of one. The membership chair is responsible for receiving paid memberships, recording details from the membership form (address, phone numbers, artist or not, etc.) and passing the membership fee onto the treasurer. At Board and General meetings a brief summary of the number of memberships is presented by the membership chair.

Members' Gallery-Mary Brownless, 634-8815

1. To help with the receiving of artwork at the start of the season, when the Members' Gallery is due to open. Then help with the hanging of pictures which takes quite a few hours.
2. To be present when the changeover takes place in July and artwork is fetched and new work brought in, followed by hanging of these.
3. Make sure the list of those willing to donate refreshments for openings or donate money, is signed. Also the list of those willing to volunteer to work in the gallery, if applicable.

Workshops-Lezlie Morgan, 543-2248

This is a committee of four members who organize workshops bringing International, Canadian and local artists to share their talents with members and non-members and teach their methods of painting. The committee organizes the artist's schedule (travel, lodging, etc.), locations to paint, set-up, registration and payment of bills (rent, artist fees, lodging, sundries, etc.). Essentially it is the task of this committee to make the visit as pleasant as possible for the instructing artist. The workshop committee meets approximately 4 times a year to plan and discuss workshops and prepares an annual report for the Board.

Paint Sea On Site-Melanie Cooke, 634-9428

This committee is made up of many members as there are many jobs to be done in preparing for and on the weekend of this, the main fund-raiser for the LAG. The event takes place over the two days of a summer weekend and draws artists from all over the province as well as some from out-of

-province. This committee requires people to take registrations, handle publicity, signage around town, indoor administration during the event, runners to gather the paintings from the artists as they are completed, monitors to keep an eye on the silent bidding process (the method of sale of artwork at this event), cashiers, and volunteers to contribute food for the weekend.

Gift Case-Shirley Powers, 634-8133

A committee of one, I am responsible for keeping records on the artwork in the Gift Case. As Christine kept "tabs" on every piece that come in and was sold, I went in every week or so to update the records, about eight hours per month.

Member Contact-Jen Worden, 543-0352

Currently, comprising 4 people, 1 co-ordinator and 3 on the call committee, we are the liaison between the Board and its members. The co-ordinator emails messages to those members who are online while the remaining 3 contact the members who do not have email access. Depending on number of outgoing messages, these positions require anywhere from 5 minutes to half an hour per month.

WEBSITE NEWS

Not too much new with the LAG site. Since the last update, I have added a "daily art quote" which shows up automatically on the home page. Total traffic to date since January is over 11,500 page hits. The fraction of artists who have taken advantage of the free web page remains stubbornly at about the 40% mark!

Doug Cooke, Webmaster

MEMBERS' GALLERY NEWS

The Gallery had successful year with approximately 50 artists exhibiting. 29 works were sold, making almost \$6,000 of which 25% is commission paid to the gallery.

Mary Brownless, Chair

EXHIBITION & PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

We had a most successful year, culminating in the Juried show in October. Three judges from the Arts community in Halifax agreed to jury the art and chose 34 of a record 75 submissions. Thank you to all who submitted their work. It is never easy to have ones peers sit in judgment. You all made this show a great success and many favourable comments were received.

A few notes regarding next year's shows:

We are so pleased to be holding a NSCAD (Nova Scotia College of Art & Design) show. We have members of our gallery, who have both gone back to school as mature students to study Art (no mean feat!) and younger students at the beginning of their careers. It is good to honour them all. Non gallery members at NSCAD who are residents of the county are also encouraged to exhibit.

Sheila Lewis has produced a lovely calendar depicting 12 of the paintings that she will exhibit in September. The 2007 calendar will sell at the gallery from March 2006. Sheila is very kindly donating a percentage of the proceeds to the gallery. This is a wonderful gesture that has entailed a great deal of extra work on Sheila's part and the Committee encourages all members and friends to support this. Thank you, Sheila.

I would like to say how very thankful we are to have had the help and support of Christine this year. It has made our committee work a real pleasure. Thank you, Christine.

We are grateful too for the constant support Of Bev Cluett (Publicity) and of by Robert Hirtle of the Progress Enterprise.

Gill Osmond, Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It hardly seems possible that another year at the Gallery has gone by!

Our affairs have gone so smoothly (thanks to all you competent Board members, committee heads and volunteer members of all those committees) that I as your president have actually had time to paint. Our two innovations - a new computer with internet connection, printer and fax machine, and a full-time adult attendant at the gallery have made a tremendous difference to the work load of committee heads. Christine has been able to assist in many endeavors and now has a grasp of gallery business superior to most of us. She will return next season and hopefully our fund-raising will enable the gallery to operate in this fashion for the future.

As our expenses increase so too must our resources. With a membership nearing 200 the manpower is there to hold two major events yearly, in addition to several smaller ones. In the new year we all need to get together and think about this and put a plan into action. I welcome all ideas and all offers of assistance. Here is a chance for those of you not serving on a committee to get involved - make new friends and ensure the longevity of the Lunenburg Art Gallery.

Our Annual meeting is set for Wednesday February 15th at 7:00pm at the Gallery. I hope to see all of you there.

Ruth Flower - President

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Welcome to the Lunenburg Art Gallery

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Please return this membership form with fee before April 1

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Membership: Exhibiting Member (\$15.00): (wishing to exhibit work in the gallery)

Member (\$10.00): (not wishing to exhibit work in the gallery)

Student Member (\$5.00) (youth or adult who is a student)

Donation \$10.00 \$15.00 \$20.00 other _____

Name: _____

New Member: yes Artist: yes

Medium: _____

Summer Address:

Mailing address: _____

City/Town _____ Prov. _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

email: _____

Winter Address (same as above ?)

Mailing address: _____

City/Town _____ Prov. _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

The Lunenburg Art Gallery Society is a volunteer organization and while we welcome all our members to become volunteers, exhibiting members are expected to volunteer. Please check off the committee(s) you wish to join. The committee chair will contact you when your services are required.

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