



NewSketches

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009. New Sketches is the product of the Lunenburg Art Gallery and will be a regular feature of the gallery over the course of the year. It is our intent to keep the membership, the general population and out of town visitors up on current and future events happening at the gallery. We trust that you enjoy the issue and look forward to hearing from you with your comments.

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Lunenburg's Wet Paint Sale

The big event will be on July 25 and 26. PLEASE NOTE.. It's at a new location this year... the Lunenburg Community Centre.

See the website for details...
www.lunenburgartgallery.com/PSOS.htm

President's Remarks

Vincent Van Gogh wrote: *"I see more and more that my work goes infinitely better when I am properly fed, and the paints are there, and the studio and all that. But have I set my heart on my work being a success? A thousand times no. I wish I could manage to make you really understand that when you give money to artists, you are yourself an artist's work, and that I only want my pictures to be of such a quality that you will not be too dissatisfied with your work."* Van Gogh did not do very well financially, having sold only 2 paintings in his lifetime.. He has done a whole lot better posthumously.

Meanwhile I am preoccupied with financial challenges which beset our Gallery. One nasty surprise was the recent discovery that we now have to pay HST on the rent, which amounts to an extra \$1,000 per annum. Coupled with the downturn in tourism, the recession, etc, we will have to work extra hard to make ends meet. We need to convince more people to "do artist's work" by buying more art or donating to the gallery.

One potential source of funding is government grants. I have started exploring the possibilities. Another promising development is that the Municipality will offer tax receipts to companies and individuals who donate amounts greater than \$100 to non profit organizations like LAG. This avenue of funding will be aggressively pursued. If anybody would like to help out with this or any other fund raising initiative, please get in touch.

Meanwhile, the 2009 season is well launched. The " Lets Celebrate Spring" show has been a great success. It bodes well for the rest of the year.

Doug Cooke-President

Exhibitions & Events

June 2-28, 2009

Sandy Caines, Holly Crooks, Mike Wendt
Caines, Crooks, Wendt-

Selected Photographic Works

Opening Reception: Tuesday June 2nd - 5pm

June 30-July 26, 2009

Joseph Fitzpatrick

Watercolours and Drawings-"Places-Travel of a Lifetime"

Opening Reception: Tuesday, June 30th - 5pm

July 28-August 30, 2009

Doris Eaton & Suzanne Gunn

Art Rugs-"welcome to our World"

Opening Reception: Tuesday, July 28-5pm



Gallery Happenings

Visitors: Our 2009 season is well underway, and since the school show, we have had approximately 375 visitors. The art is being enjoyed by all and many have commented on the Spring feeling the gallery has taken on with our spring show.

The regulars have dropped in and are pleased that we are open again.

Residents of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, California, and as far away as Doha, Qatar have dropped in. The bulk of the visitors live locally, including Halifax / Dartmouth and Annapolis Valley areas, as well as, other parts of Nova Scotia. The featured artist wall in our ongoing Members' Gallery is always enjoyed by everyone.

Bio Page: It would be helpful if all artists could provide a bio page for the members Bio Binder and have their work on our website.

This page gives good information, and is necessary to have available in the Gallery. If you provide me with two bios, I will ensure one is placed in the Bio Binder at our Tourist Bureau.

Website and Slide Show: For submission of work for our website or the slide show that runs daily in the Members' Gallery, please contact Doug Cooke at 634-9428 or cooked@brw.eastlink.ca

Member Contact: Many thanks to the members of the Telephone Committee. They are Mary Anne Brunelle, Paul Clarke, Dennis Curran, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Barbara Furhovde, Laurie Mireau, Faye Walters-

Mossman, and Linda Roe. Your telephone calls to our members who are without e-mail ensure that they are kept up-to-date with Gallery information. I am most appreciative for your help. Should any other member like to participate on this committee, please contact me. Thank you.

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Frame Hardware: Please ensure that the eyes on your artwork for hanging are not completely filled with the hanging wire that is looped through it. Space is required to slip an "S" hook through the eye for hanging, so please use a large eye that would leave room to do so. Also to prevent your work from hanging improperly, please install the eyes no more than 2" from the top. Thank you.

Volunteers: It is the policy of the Gallery that a paid member displaying any artwork should contribute as a volunteer in some way.

Christine Hurlburt, Gallery Attendant.

Wanted: The Gallery is in need of an upright vacuum cleaner. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please contact Christine Hurlburt, Gallery Attendant at 640-4044 or lag@eastlink.ca.

For Sale: One Brass Easel with one shelf setting. Please contact Larry Conrad at 454-2138

Volunteer Committee [News](#): We require volunteers to gallery sit when Christine, our Gallery Attendant is away from the gallery. Training sessions in gallery procedures will take place this spring. New volunteers are always welcome, so if you are interested, please contact [News](#): Me at 634-4050. Again mant thanks for your assistance.

Doreen Himmelman-Chair, Volunteer

Publicity: Publicity of our exhibitions and our featured Artists in our ongoing Members' Gallery is going well. Keep an eye on our local papers for our advertisements and should anyone have any comments, please contact me at 634-8156. Also, many thanks to Christine for her publicity work.

Bev Cluett, Chair.

Gift Case: Our member artists have been busy this winter creating smaller pieces, because the Gift Case is well stocked, and so early in the season! The smaller works were popular with our travelling public last year, and we are hopeful these sales will continue. Work can be dropped off any time at the gallery is open and Christine will be happy to display it. Also, just as a reminder, the Gift Case Guidelines follow. Thank you.

Gift Case Guidelines: Members displaying artwork are permitted to have in the gallery, at any given time, no more than:

- * 1 dozen note cards
- * Only 5 (original and/or prints) and our Gift Case can only accommodate artwork no larger than 7" x 9"-framed size.

* Larger works can be displayed in the rack, but they must be in a clear plastic envelope or shrink wrapped.

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Workshops: During the winter months we held four workshops in the gallery. Two drawing sessions with Frans Aeyelts, painting in Acrylic with Laurel Haslett, and negative painting in Watercolour with Eliza Shurman. These artists donated their time and skills for the benefit of painters and the gallery. The workshops were very well attended and much appreciated by the participants.

Our upcoming summer schedule is posted on the LAG website and includes Zahava Power, Rachel Kennedy, and Ron Hazell. We would very much like to know of your interest in these workshops. So far the enrollment has been light. It is necessary to cancel workshops unless we have a good idea how many people are interested. You can express your interest without making a deposit to ruthflower@eastlink.ca Thanks.

Our big news is that in August 2010 we are bringing Alvaro Castagent to Lunenburg. He is a very big name workshop instructor and we are thrilled to have him come here. His workshop has 15 people who say they are committed but not that many deposits yet. We will take 20. Acceptance is determined by deposit order. His work can be seen on his website. Go to LAG workshops for information.

Ruth Flower, Chair