

NewSketches

Lunenburg Art Gallery

SUMMER 2008

“Support your Gallery!”

A Message From the President

Summer draws to a close and we are well into the LAG season. We have several shows behind us and a couple more to go before closing the shutters and turning off the heat for the winter.



Garden by Lisa Hannaford

One disturbing observation is that opening receptions are not being very well attended by the members. The last one was particularly embarrassing. Other than personal friends of Mady Thiel-Kopstein, there was only a small handful of LAG members present. I urge all of you who live

in the area to make more of an effort to support your gallery by attending openings. Your absence en masse is a slight to the guest artists. If nothing else, you are missing the spectacular hors d'oeuvres provided by the hospitality committee.

Congratulations to the Paint Sea on Site (Lunenburg's Wet Paint Sale) committee for a well planned, superbly executed and fun event. Even as successful as it is, PSOS alone is not sufficient to meet our financial commitments in the long run. We really need to look at additional means of fund raising. We need new fund raising ideas plus people willing to act on those ideas, if the gallery is to continue.

The new LAG logo has morphed into a logo design contest. Not many entries have been received yet... click on the old logo on the website for contest details. The deadline for submissions is Sept 14. All members will

have an opportunity to vote for their favourite entry. The winner will be announced at the opening reception on September 30, 2008.

Doug Cooke - President
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GALLERY HAPPENINGS

Another season is in full swing and the Gallery is a flurry of activity. To date, we have had approximately 1850 visitors!

This is up from 875 this time last year. Visitors come from all parts of our Maritime Provinces, and other parts of Canada from East to West. Others are from Belgium, England, Germany, Japan, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Scotland, The Netherlands, and many areas of the USA. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying the shows, and our regular visitors who drop in appreciate the variety of mediums and the educational aspects of the work, as well.

The artwork on our Featured Artist Wall in the Members' Gallery has proven to be popular with the visiting public and our local visitors look forward to new art on a bi-weekly basis.

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. The page gives great information, and is a necessity 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.

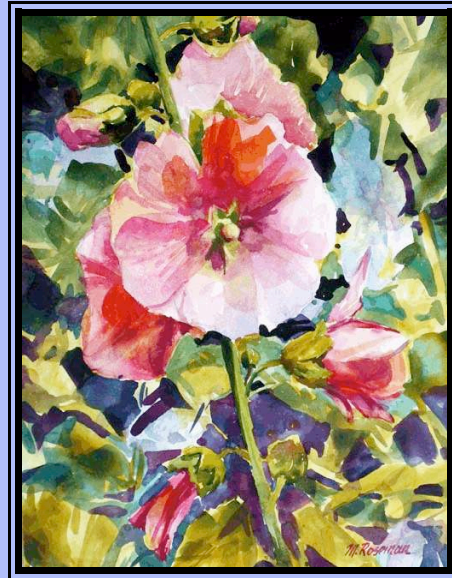
WEBSITE and SLIDE SHOW: For submission of work for our website or the slide show that runs daily in the Members' Gallery, please contact Doug Cooke at 634-9428 or cooked@eastlink.ca

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

RENOVATIONS: Renovations continue on the Gallery Building as Brian and Leslie, the new owners, anxiously wait for the work to be completed. The new coat of paint looks great!

Christine Hurlburt - Gallery Attendant
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2008 Art Gallery Workshops



~~Margaret Roseman - Sept. 15 - 18 2008~~ ~~Watercolour~~

~~Margaret is an internationally recognized Canadian artist and juror. Rich, vibrant colours and decisive brush strokes characterize Margaret's paintings. Margaret has been a popular and highly respected artist and art instructor since 1970. She has conducted workshops in Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean and France. Visit her web site at www.margaretroseman.com to see her amazing work.~~

~~Cost : \$350. Contact Anne Harding 543-4007 or anne.harding@ns.sympatico.ca~~

If you have any questions regarding the workshops or suggestions for additional workshops, please contact Lezlie Morgan 543-2248 or Ruth Flower 634-3536 ruthflower@eastlink.ca

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Paint Sea On Site, Lunenburg's Wet Paint Sale, July 2008

We were very lucky this year to have a sunny, warm weekend sandwiched between a rainy Friday and Monday. That made for a great event enjoyed by everyone involved!

As of the end of July the profit to the Gallery is \$9467.13. That number will change as not all receipts, grant money, etc. had been received by July 31st. Final numbers will be ready for the next General Meeting.

We were very fortunate to receive \$1000.00 in grant money and donations this year. This money came from The Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, The Town of Lunenburg, Travel Outfitters, Etc., and Claussen Walters and Associates. We appreciate this support so very much! There were a few other donations as well and these will be reported at the next General Meeting. We also received help from many local businesses who donated items for the "goodie bags" handed out to the artists when they register

Mimi's Food Tent was once again a sellout success and the profit from the sale of her artistic edibles is valuable to the financial success of the weekend. Chutneys were once again for sale and the jars that did not sell that weekend are available for purchase at the Gallery ... \$6.00 a jar or 3 for \$15.00.

Unfortunately there was no organized student event. Cindy Dial, who has looked after this for the past two years, was not able to find interest among students in the local schools, nor could she find a parent or two willing to assist her this year and assume the organization of the event next year. We'll hope that in the future the interest among the students will revive!

Sixty-five artists painted on the weekend this year. More than one spoke to me and told me what a wonderful event our Wet Paint Sale is and that of the wet paint events they take part in, this one is the best organized and the people are so friendly!

As always, bidders came from far and wide. Within the province they came from the Halifax and Chester areas. Outside of Nova Scotia bidders were from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, California, New York, Florida, Virginia, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. And, people also visited from Mexico and Germany! A total of 181 bidders took part in the Wet Paint Sale this year.

I want to thank the Wet Paint Sale Committee very much for working so hard to make this year's event once again such a success! The committee wishes to thank Christine for her valued assistance! Thank you to the artists who come, many of them year after year, to paint all weekend and share their profits 50/50 with the Gallery. We also thank the many volunteers who come out every year to help: our auctioneer, Vaughan Renzo; the cashiers, runners, monitors and those who worked in the kitchen; the many helpers in the fire hall who register bidders and hang paintings; and those who supply baked goods for the weekend. Your help makes this event so successful and best of all it is fun! A sincere thank you to you all!

Melanie Cooke - Chair PSOS Committee
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DATES TO NOTE

Aug 28 - Sep 28

Lisa Hannaford

Acrylic - Nova Scotia Inspiration

Opening Reception: Tuesday, August 26
- 5 pm

Sep 14

DEADLINE for Logo Contest. Contact
the Gallery or Jennie Carton for further
details. Gallery: 640-4044 or Jennie:
766-0139

Sep 30 - Oct 31

South Shore and LAG Members Juried
Show

Mixed Media. Opening Reception:
Tuesday, September 30 - 5 pm

Nov 8

Attic Art and Collectible Sale

10:00am -1:00pm.

Drop offs at the Gallery Nov 4-6;
at the Fire Hall Nov 7

Publicity News

Publicity of our exhibitions and our
Featured Artists in our 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. Thank you!

Bev Cluett - Chair Publicity
634-8156

News From the Members' Gallery

There will be a changeover August 31
between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. This will
provide two months of exposure for
your new works. The Members Gallery has
sold twenty paintings to date. These range in
price from \$40 to \$1,000. I look forward to
seeing what September and October will
reveal.

Ruth Flower - Members' Gallery Chair

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Attic Art & Collectibles News

The Attic Art & Collectibles Sale will be
held on Saturday, November 8th -
10am - 1pm at the Lunenburg Fire
Hall. We request that all members make a
special effort to go through unwanted
treasures of top quality items that they would
be proud to donate to our Gallery.

**Please encourage your friends and
neighbours to do the same. We will need a
good supply of plastic bags and we would
be most appreciative if you would start
saving them.**

**Please note the following Drop Off dates
and times:**

At the Gallery

Tuesday, November 4 – 10am – 5pm

Wednesday, November 5 – 2 -5pm

Thursday, November 6 – 2-5pm

At The Fire Hall

Friday, November 7 – 2-5pm

Susan Beavan, Chair

Attic Art & Collectibles Sale

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