

January 2008 Newsletter

December 2007 TVAL News

2007 has been a very interesting year for our group. December turned out better than anticipated for the Holiday season, 2nd Friday's have been successful and the Art League has remained strong with membership support. Sales were meager considering the economy, but a few were squeezed out here and there. We are closing the year on a good note as the Barnes & Noble book fairs returned substantial revenues for us.

We appreciate each of you for time spent handing out vouchers to support the events at Barnes & Noble Bookstore. There are people coming to the Gallery and showing interest in the organization and what we have to offer. Leads were obtained for future classes and potential customer sales. Your efforts have paid off in numerous ways, thank you!

Events for next year are being planned including a book fair in February and of course the Sweet-Art Show for the membership. Renewing of your membership as quickly as possible allows us to get the required scheduling off the ground for 2008.

The Gallery is going to be closed for cleaning, repainting along with other odds and ends that need attention after January 5. Please remove your artwork so we can proceed with our tasks at hand. We are going to be able to work around class schedules, but have no artwork displayed.

Sweet-Art show entries can be delivered starting Jan 30 with the deadline being Saturday Feb 2 at 2 pm. Membership must be paid for 2008 to enter and the same format as the Fall show will be used. No theme and categories are 3-D, Watercolor, Acrylic, Oils, Mixed Media, Pastels & Photography.

We need people to sign up to work the gallery on Saturdays starting Feb 2. Dean Kirk will be scheduling Saturday gallery attendants for next year. You may call the gallery or email with a specific date you are available to work until Dean gets up to speed with her new duties.

The Art Leagues wants to thank Mari Verkuyl for all the many hours given to the organization and Gallery the past few years. She has been a great part of our success and stability. Mari is still recovering from a broken foot and hopes to be going strong again soon. Keep her and Donnie in your thoughts, as it has been a long ordeal for them both. Thanks Mari and Donnie for serving on the board and your contributions to our group!

Dick Schilling is having a watercolor journaling class on January 12 at the Gallery. It is 9 am to 4 pm with cost at \$30. There are limited slots available and you must contact Jeff to register for the session.

2008 Board members for TVAL are as follows:

President, Ann Delzell, Vice President, Peggy Keagle, Secretary, Lori Disney, Treasurer, Diana Wade, Member at Large, Dean Kirk, Kerri Ertman has been contacted for Member at Large.

Lori Disney will combine her Secretary duties with publishing the Newsletter. As she will be attending membership and board meetings it was suggested she could compile information that needs to be included in the publication. We hope this change strengthens our communication to the members. Thanks to several members indicating they can help with the Newsletter, your interest has not been forgotten and may still be incorporated with our renewed efforts.

Judy Sprague, Signature Member Colorado Pastel Society, had her newest pastel, "SPICER ARENA COWBOY" accepted into Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum's National Juried "Western Spirit Art Show" held March 1-April 13 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Diana Wade and Mary Benke both had paintings accepted into the Western Spirit Art Show as well.

Karen Ramsay is scheduling experienced and beginning watercolor classes at "The Gardens on Spring Creek" Fort Collins, Colorado. Contact her at 970-223-6290 karenramsay@comcast.net or register at www.fcgov.com/horticulture or 970-416-2486.

Mary Giacomini is teaching classes for experienced and beginning students in various mediums. Contact her at 970-613-1258 or mmp@lpbroadband.net for schedules