

KAA Update



KENT ART ASSOCIATION INC.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Fellow Artists and Friends,



The Spring Juried Show has many beautiful entries and it was difficult for the Judges to select the prize winners. Thank you to Maija Veide, Charles Ray and Bobbi Mullen for their superb cooperation and comments. Thank you to Deborah Flavin and Barbara Ripps for Chairing and Co-chairing the show and all the volunteers that made the process go smoothly. **Maija Veide, one of our judges, has donated \$100 for an award in the President's Show for a Figurative drawing or painting.**

Critique

Paul Gould, Artist, KAA Board Member, and Gallery Owner, will be doing a critique on Thursday, June 18th from 7pm to 9pm. It is free for members and will be \$5.00 for non-members. Please bring one (or two pieces as time allows) for critique. Paul did this for us last year and everyone benefitted greatly from his comments.

"Getting Attention for Your Work"

Cornelia Seckel, publisher of *Art Times*, will be giving a presentation for artists on Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm. It is free for members and there will be a \$10.00 fee for non-members. Advanced reservations are recommended.

Jazz Festival

Remember, there is a special award in the President's Show for the best Jazz entry. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Jazz festival will attract people from all over the country and they will be in Kent beginning on July 5th and continue until August 2nd.

Beginning on July 31st, The Kent Art Association will have a tent on the lawn of the Association to the

conclusion of the Jazz Festival on August 2nd. We **need Kent Art Association members to man the booth** and in return for your time we are offering you the opportunity to display your work in the tent. There's no cost to you except your time and we are offering this on a first come first served basis - it's like having your own mini solo show! Work can be previously shown at KAA and does not have to be Jazz related. The hours will be from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. If you can not do the entire 10 hours, you may want to get another person to display the other half of the day. Please contact me directly at kaapres@snet.net as soon as possible so that we can put a schedule together. The schedule will be generated on a first come, first served basis. The gallery will handle the sales and will receive its normal commission of 30% and you will receive free publicity. We will need additional small work and portfolio pieces for sale during this time. Specifics for delivery will be in a later newsletter.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has been formed and is looking for input from the membership. A good way to get your suggestions implemented is to become a board member. If you are interested please contact Gretchen Abene, Davia Fink, Cathy Lusardi or Ruth Newquist.

Holiday Sale Fund Raiser For Kent Art Association - 7 by 5 for \$75

Once again this year we are going to hold a Fund Raiser on November 21st. We are asking all of our member artists to pick up at least one 5 x 7 canvas and create and original painting. It should be **signed on the back not the front**. The canvas can be returned to Kent at any time, but no later than our annual meeting October 24th. If you can not make that date, we can make arrangements for it to be returned at a later date. All the proceeds will go for the benefit of the art association. As you know, everyone's costs have gone up and it is no different for the Art Association. We greatly appreciate your participation and support!

Canvases are available at the front desk at all times. There are also 300 pound watercolor papers for those of you who do watercolor.

For those that did not return their canvases last year, please do so as soon as possible.

Please check the website periodically for updates between newsletters.

Continued Support of the Arts

Please continue to support the arts by remembering us in you will. Many of us have benefitted greatly from having the Art Association in our lives. We were left a magnificent gift by the founders and other members have made generous donations to keep the organization afloat during the years. We need to continue this tradition for future generations. We thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

MEMBER NEWS. . .



We received a very nice note from Life and Elected Artist Member, **Catherine Peluse**. She included a Poem of hers that I will share with you all.

The Meaning of Friendship

Sometimes we call a friend
Someone who comes along
But a friend can make you happy
Like a lovely simple song.

It doesn't have to be fancy
It doesn't have to be a star
But the sincere smile and action
That comes from the heart.

I've been blessed with friends
Doesn't matter rich or poor
That can give me a helping hand
Even if I'm not asking for
Thank God for those people
That I can call my friends

Friendship is like a flower
Maybe wilted, but never end
No distance can keep apart
Not even when one of us departs

Clayton Buchanan's exhibit *People, Places and Things* Hudson Valley Gallery is on until May 4th, The Gallery is located at 246 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (845) 534-5ART, Gallery Hours: Sat. & Sun. 1-5pm

Patricia Collins Broun and **Alexis Lynch** participated in a show in the Howland Cultural Center in the month of April.

Gretchen Abene, Karen Bahrenburg, Julie Hopkins and Pamela Reese are in a Exhibit of Hudson Valley Scenes at the Howland Cultural Center for the month of May. The Gallery is located at 477 Main Street, Beacon, NY (845) 831-4988.

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