

The Art Guild of Scarborough



Art Matters - December 2022



THIS year is beginning to look a lot like normal. This time last year we were concerned about covid and now the flu, resp and covid all seem to be out there. But we are still smiling, laughing and loving and very grateful that family and friends are with us.

We are back with live demos, sketch, jury and critique nights and our first live art show in Novembers at Centennial Recreation Centre. Thanks to Susan Paterson all of our events are documented and forwarded to all of our members on Facebook. Our Audio and Visual team of Hal Bilz and Mike Sholte did their usual magic every Thursday night for all those in attendance. Vanaja and her team manage successfully the stressful Jury nights and Margaret Ure and Andrea Hogan keep the juror on track every Critique night. This was an unusually busy half year with sixteen events over a time of about twelve weeks. I am so grateful that the Executive and committees are so dedicated to make the Art Guild so successful. They deserve a tremendous amount of appreciation from every member of this group.

60th Anniversary of The Art Guild of Scarborough

OUR 60th Anniversary was celebrated through the years by profiling each decade of our existence. These Zoom presentations brought back a lot of fond memories and interesting information about the Art Guild through the years. And in every decade from the 70's onward was Joy MacFadyen who played such a vital role in the club's success that we enjoy today.

WE had 60th Anniversary mugs produced with a logo designed by Mary Gazmin for members and our Art Guild of Scarborough Cookbook written by Susan Reed with recipes from a number of members and past members. Included in the cookbook is information, stories and photos from our past sixty years. We sold 75 cookbooks which is impressive.

"An artist is not paid for their labour but for their vision"- James Whistler

Fall Art Show 2022

OUR first live Fall Show in November was a big success. Every member of this executive deserves a tremendous thank you for making this show the success it was. The sales were very good considering our last show was in the Fall of 2019. We sold as many pieces of art at this show as we did in our 2019 Fall Show. It takes a team of dedicated members to manage all our events, especially our shows. The many tasks needed require members to step up and offer to help. **I encourage all members to volunteer in some capacity if we are to continue to be a successful art organization.**

Our show chairperson, Vanaja Cotroneo, did her usual stellar job of managing the show and Elvi Pakkanen managed the sales desk with precision and accuracy. Gail Pahwa got the word out about the show to numerous outlets that contributed to this show's success. Our tearoom organized by Jean Bilz and Erin Eggleton ensured that all our visitors enjoyed themselves. Joanne Binns and Jim Gordaneer demonstrated their usual attention to details that are so important for a successful show.

Art Guild of Scarborough Web-site

THE website is attracting a lot of visitors on a monthly basis and showcasing our impressive artwork by our members. Ana Jurpik is constantly keeping the website fresh for our members and its many visitors. Members are encouraged to refresh their artwork on the site.

Erin's Art Guild Christmas Party

OUR LIVE Christmas Party was held at the JC Banquet Hall and a big thank you to our talented Erin Eggleton. This was the most fun I've had in a while and it was a true joy seeing members in person rather than over Zoom, which we had to do over the last two years.

We had delicious food, gifts for everyone, singalongs with talented entertainment, lots of laughing and lots of dancing with some smooth dance moves by members.

And as tradition would have it, I recited my 2022 version of

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and I was still awake
Which is really quite surprising, cause its half past eight

I was watching TV like any typical man,
My eyes fully closed with the remote in my hand

When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter
I fell out of my chair to see what was the matter
I crawled up the stairs which was not an easy task
Then forgot why I was there which is a question I often ask

I stumbled to the door not knowing what to find
If I see any reindeer, then that's a good sign
Cause I'm expecting St. Nick as I do every year
And try to sell him some art while he is here

The front lawn was covered with new fallen snow
Other than the thought of shoveling, it was a beautiful show
When what to my wondering eyes did appear
Were Art Guild members who let out a big cheer

They sang Christmas carols like a professional choir
I forgot I was only wearing briefs which was not a sight to admire
Their smiles and laughter was a true sight to see
This might be the best Christmas ever for me

It's been a few years since we've celebrated like this
But seeing you all here is something I wished
We've had some sad stories over the last few years
And lost our dear Joy which brought a lot of tears
But we got through it all and still can smile
I hope we can keep doing this for a long, long while.

I exclaimed to the members before they all walked away

There is one more thing I would really like to say

A Christmas gift that you all could give to me

Is to make sure I see you all in 2023.

On behalf of Susan and myself, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

2023 Here We Come

STARTING on February 2nd 2023 we will be having our first Social and Pop-Up Art Sale at Cedarbrook Community Centre. Members can sell art supplies at attractive prices that they think other members may need, and each member will take care of all of the transactions, cash, cheque, etc. Further details will be forwarded closer to the date.

We will have live demos by talented local artists, Zoom demos from artists in Alberta, jury and critique nights, sketch nights and our entertaining Round Robin night.

Our next Art Show will be on June 24, 25, 2023 at the Centennial Recreation Centre, set up is on June 23rd.

"The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity" - Alberto Giacometti

Financial Outlook for 2023

We are in a very comfortable financial position thanks to our dedicated treasurer Elvi Pakkanen. Our expenses over the last few years have been lower because of our Zoom demonstrations and fewer expenses associated with our on-line art sale shows. The Arthur Show this year at the Clark Centre for the Arts was expensive and will decide when and where our next show will be.

Our goal every year is to ensure that our members are getting the most value for their membership dues by presenting demonstrations and on-hands nights to learn and develop their artistic talent and showcasing their art through our shows.

Keep on painting, loving and laughing.

Merry Christmas, Season Greetings and Happy Holidays,

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