

Art Matters-May 2023



Painting by Sim Wong

Well here we are nearing the end of another year and The Art Guild is alive and strong as ever. We started the year off with our well attended Arthur Show at the Guild Inn in September and our successful Fall Show at the Centennial Recreation Centre. Our first Pop-Up sale gave our members an opportunity to buy art supplies at very reasonable prices and gave others to an opportunity to downsize their art inventory.

The fellowship of the Christmas dinner and dance was a highlight after spending the last few Christmas Parties over Zoom. I never realized how many talented and enthusiastic dancers we had in the Art Guild.

It is so enjoyable seeing our members in person and experiencing the fun and laughter we can have in person as opposed to Zoom.

“There is no retirement for an artist, it’s your way of living so there is not an end to it”

-- Henry Moore

Membership Dues

Membership fees remain at \$75 and are due by May 31st. After May 31st, there is a \$5 late fee. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit or debit card at meetings. If you wish to pay from home using a credit card, please contact Elvi. The last way to pay is by mailing in your cheque to Jean Bilz or Elvi Pakkanen. We will also soon be filling places with artists who are on the waitlist. Protect your spot by paying for your membership. If you have encountered extenuating circumstances and need a slight delay for your payment, contact Elvi or Jean. bilzjean@gmail.com

If you DO NOT intend to return, please notify Jean Bilz at bilzjean@gmail.com

Hanging fees for the June 2023 art show remain at \$10 and can be paid in advance at the next 4 meetings. In return, you will receive the index and title cards to complete at your leisure while sipping your favourite beverage at home. However, the last opportunity to pay hanging fees will be on Friday June 16th. Looking forward to many of our members participating in the show.

New Time for Thursdays Starting in September

Starting in September our Thursday night demonstrations will start at **7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.** The City of Toronto has informed us that Cedarbrook Community Centre will close at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday nights.

Your Executive

I would like to thank this executive and committee members of the Art Guild of Scarborough who have brought this club through an interesting period. These executive positions are two-year terms but this executive has far exceeded those terms for which I am thankful. Because of their dedication we have survived the past years and actually allowed us to become stronger and increase our membership.

Thank you to Derreck Liberty, VP; Treasurer, Elvi Pakkanen; Secretary, Joanne Binns; Exhibition Chairperson, Vanaja Cotroneo; Membership Chairperson, Jean Bilz; Show Coordinator, Jim Gordaneer; Liaison/Website, Jacquie Tjandra; Social Director, Erin Eggleton; Publicity Chairperson, Gail Pahwa; Audio/Visual Team, Mike Scholte & Hal Bilz; Facebook posting, Susan Paterson; Jury Night Videos, Sylvia Leroy.

Special thanks. Gail Pahwa is leaving this position and moving to Ottawa. Gail has served as Publicity Chairperson for 4 years and held other positions prior to that. Our successful shows over the years are because of Gail's hard work and dedication to the Art Guild.

Also, thanks to Derreck Liberty who is stepping down after 5 years as Vice President. Derreck's contribution and willingness to assist me and the Art Guild has been a true asset. Fortunately, Derreck will continue to volunteer his time for which we are most grateful.

We have had interest expressed by members for these open positions. If you are interested, please contact me. As per our constitution if more than one person has expressed interest in a position an election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on May 25th.

The slate of officers will be posted on May 11th, two weeks before the AGM.

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

What's Coming Up

- May 4th Demonstration by our own Melinda Calway
- May 11th Jury Night
- May 18th Critique Night
- May 25th AGM
- June 16th, 17th, 18th Spring Show at Centennial Recreation Centre

Our Art Show this year is on June 17,18th with set-up on Friday June 16th. Normally this show would take place in April, but the Centennial Recreation Centre accidentally booked someone else during that date, so we got bumped into June. It promises to be another successful show thanks to the many volunteers that contribute their time and effort. They deserve a tremendous round of applause.

Composition Tip

In his painting, *Colors of the Wind*, Bill Inman said: “I use many small branches to move the audience from one tree to another as if watching dancers take their turn performing and having their moment in the spotlight. Each tree becomes a line, every tiny branch, the lavender color behind the trees, the path, the blades of grass – they each work as lines that contribute to the energy and rhythm in the painting.”



Bill also suggested that we encounter some common shapes in nature such “as **spirals**, **zigzags**, **circles**, **triangles**, **curves**, and **diagonals**. Use them strategically to enhance your designs”.



“If I could say it in words there would be not reason to paint” - Edward Hopper

September 7th Welcome Back Night (details to follow)

I have started working on the new program for the Fall and there will be some new demonstrators and creative programs.

Mural update under the bridge on Bellamy Road – by Susan Paterson

Last week the Wendake sent StArt their support of the mural. Now the budget will be set and an artist call will be posted. The estimated timeline for the mural from StArt will begin in Oct and the mural will be completed in May-June 2024.

They do state that the Artist and Arts organization will be identified.

The ways I see the Guild can still be active in this area

-There will be a community engagement that our members can offer their thoughts.

-We could promote the mural on Social media and in our local news paper.

- Be part of the community celebration and launch

I wish my vision of us painting with the students was possible. On the positive side we are going to have a beautiful mural! Who knows what other gifts the committee will receive from our mural proposal.

Thanks for a great year,

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