

Lake Placid Art League Newsletter

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March Meeting

Thirty members attended our March dinner meeting at the Art League. We had a delicious dinner because of our innovative members who bring in their specialties. Dotti Bade presented a talk with a power point created by her and Eileen Tietz about polymer clay. The members listened intently, as many members had not known much about polymer clay and how it can be used. Dotti infused pictures of her jewelry and wall artistry with partial videos about the craft. She really worked hard to make the presentation very interesting and informative. Dotti could easily form a class if she wishes from those who heard the program! Thanks Dotti for a super program.

Our Memberships

We are very fortunate to have a number of new members to our Art League. People coming to our exhibits have found a welcoming atmosphere with people readily wanting them to join the organization. We have always had a wonderful group of people belonging to our Art League and that continues. People have come to our dinner and to our painting class or woodcarving sessions, glad we offer them for the community. We are fortunate to have new people joining our ranks and we fully appreciate those who have been with us for a long time. Let's keep looking for new, energetic art enthusiasts to join us and get to know those who have recently become part of our family.

Woodcarvers

The woodcarvers had their annual spring luncheon in the St. Patrick's Day mode at the Art League before the part timers leave for the northern areas. About forty members and spouses attended the covered dish luncheon which gave them a chance to chat and share experiences about their time at carving. Bob Jasper spoke to thank Al Hyman, Eileen Tietz, and Bill Snyder for their instructive help throughout the season and presented them with cards of appreciation. This year numbers of new people have joined the woodcarvers and they have enjoyed carving.

The woodcarvers' exhibit brought in over one hundred people to the Art League for their exhibit, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the community. Several people have joined the woodcarvers after seeing the exceptionally fine exhibit of quality woodcrafts. It is wonderful to share the talents of our craftspeople and have their work on exhibit for the public to view and to have the woodcarvers available to chat with visitors. Thanks to everyone who made the exhibit possible and the luncheon such a success.. The shark drawing earned the Art League \$285.00 and was won at four o'clock by Jim Davis of Sebring, and one of our own carvers. Enjoy the artwork, Jim!! Thank you everyone for participating in the annual woodcarvers' exhibit and for being so supportive in bringing in your work, sharing it, and for also donating great food for our guests. Thanks to Val Snyder for her donation of the shark carving. We wish our northern members a safe journey back to the northern homes and hope for their return in the fall.

Parking at the Art League

We have parking on Observation in back of our building and immediately next door. In addition, there is a parking lot to the west, two buildings away, and about seventy long strides. One other possibility but only after 5 P.M. or on an exhibit Sunday, is the accountants' property diagonally across the street. Marie Chapman is our accountant and would allow us to park late in the day if we needed. Hope this information helps.

E-Mail for the Newsletter

If you wish to receive the newsletter by e mail and do not at this time, please let us know. We reduce postage costs this way. We, however, want to please all our members, so you select the way to receive the newsletter. Thank you!!

Our Financial Picture

Members have asked about our general finances and what we do with membership dues, class received money and donations. We have about 108 memberships, individual or family, at this time. We have obtained a number of new members and we are

delighted. Several joined after coming to our exhibits, so we gain from our exhibits while giving to the community a number of beautiful "shows" featuring our talented artists and craftsmen. We have monthly costs of electricity, telephone/computer, water, lawn and building maintenance, insurance, and accounting costs, about \$850 per month. We belong to the local Chamber of Commerce and we have an area of the town beautification planting areas with a cost of \$300.00 per year. Our scholarship for the high school has been \$1220 per year plus \$120 for ribbons. This scholarship money stems from our monthly fifty-fifty at the dinners, donated money in memory of lost ones, and other earmarked money from drawings, including our drawing at the January art show of our members' artwork, which last year was \$666.

Repairs cannot be exact but we have air conditioning costs each year and some repairs. We even have a \$35 cost to check our fire extinguisher each year. Paper goods are purchased for the kitchen and bathrooms and we have our monthly dinners where we purchase table cloths, napkins, plates, and glassware. We believe that \$50 or \$60 per month would be a reasonable amount averaging out per month. All donations for our January show provide the artists with their cash awards. We have this as a tradition since the show began in the 1980's and continues today. We have increased the award amount to \$2500 from under one thousand years ago. Many of our donors are our own Art League members who donate various dollars for this yearly event. The community donates as well, most of them on our roster for many years.

We have received an annual donation of \$1000 from the Behlers, this year earmarked for our building fund. Thank you, Don and Mary, for your ongoing support of the Art League. Some of our members purchase items throughout the year and do count them as donations. Everyone is thanked for their generosity.

This account shows a "bit" of our financial picture for those who have wondered. All monies collected are put back into the Art League and we have very generous members. Thank you everyone for your membership and help!!!

Summer Plans

We expect to send out a newsletter this summer but not each month. Meetings will be suspended for June, July and August and resume in September. We expect to do planning for next year with the Board and hope to work on our building as well.. If you would like to donate any money to this account we would be very grateful. We have \$3900 in our building fund and believe that

we can use money from our checking account to put in the new laminate flooring, but we will obtain current costs before making a final decision. We again ask anyone interested in being on the building committee to call Marlene at 699 2665 if you would like to help in this endeavor.

If we go ahead with the flooring, we will need to "clean out" the Art League of unwanted materials. That will be a chore but a necessary one to go ahead. Look through the library and ask Bill or Al before removing materials; we would like many of the books to find homes where they will be utilized. The back room of supplies is organized now and we have removed excess things, so we have a start!!

The painting class on Tuesdays will continue throughout the summer as the artists wish to meet. The woodcarving sessions on Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday will also have their carving all summer for those interested in attending. We are very fortunate to have such great support for our "classes" here at the Art League with the very best people who are extremely talented and wonderful friends of the Art League.

Student Cultural Event

As of this date, the Lake Placid Senior High School **will not** have its annual cultural event that they have had for the past few years. We had donated cash awards and ribbons to art students and money to the Band, middle school Band, Choir, and Culinary department for their efforts for \$1220. We will hold the money for 2018 in our scholarship fund and await the schedule for next year at the high school. We are sorry they will not have the event, but circumstances at the school determined the decision to not hold the event this season.

Repairs for our Building

One of our carvers, Hugh Noeske, of Lake Placid and Michigan volunteered to make repairs for our building and completed them recently. Thank you very much for your help and your donation of time without pay!! One hundred sixty five dollars was spent for materials and we can appreciate having the work done and especially that Hugh did not want to be given money for his services. A speedy recovery to him after an accident caused a broken thumb to him at another site.

April Dinner Meeting

We will have our scheduled April meeting on Wednesday, the 18th at 5 o'clock. We will have a covered dish dinner before the meeting. For our program, we are asking each member who has brought

in pieces of art to discuss them since the artwork will be here. We always find great interest in how pieces of art are created after much thought in the design. Plan to chat about your artwork for us to share. See you at the meeting on the 18th.

Plein Air

We want to thank everyone who responded to support this year's **Plein Air Event** we held April 7 and 8. We had 5 local artists turn out to register who went out and about our Town Saturday morning painting. We were blessed with a gorgeous day for painting outdoors capturing the highlights of our Town and environs. We hung the resulting "masterpieces" Saturday afternoon and had a fabulous Show Sunday which also featured previous Plein Air work by the Artists as well. Sunday's Event was well attended with our cookies, snacks and delicious punch available. People's Choice Awards were presented at 3 p.m. Sunday. A Big Thank You and Congratulations to all the Artists: **Denise Hollenbaugh (First Place Winner), Maureen Fulginiti (Second Place Winner), Edilma Ruehling, Janet Robinson, and Fran Rolston** for their participation. Subjects included: Lake Istokpoga, views from Lake June shore and Placid Lakes Park, the Portico at First Presbyterian, and an old gnarly tree in Town. Thank you also to those who generously contributed food items: **Penny Edmondson, Edilma Ruehling, Janet Robinson, Margaret Gleave, Llewellyn Rinald,** . We also want to thank **Eileen May**, Director of our local Chamber of Commerce, for her support as well. Her organization provided us with local maps of Lake Placid, lists of Restaurants in our area, and other handouts about our Town. The proceeds raised from this Event went to our Scholarship Fund to encourage future Artists.

It was Fun y'all! We plan to hold next year's Plein Air Event a little earlier, before Easter while more of our members are still available to participate. Next year, put it on your calendar and sign up. All Artists, All Mediums are Welcome! We are already planning for our **2019 Plein Air Event**. Join us to promote our Beautiful Town and our own Lake Placid Art League."

Spring Members' Exhibit

The Art League will present a members' exhibit of two and three dimensional artwork on **Sunday, April 22nd** from one until four o'clock at the Art League Building. All members are invited to share their art with the community. Please bring in **two pieces of your work** on Tuesday all day, Wednesday at our dinner meeting,

or Thursday until 2:00 for the exhibit. Refreshments will be served, so please help by bringing in some "goodies" for the event.

We will place an ad in the newspapers for the exhibit and place 100 flyers throughout Lake Placid to attract the community. This will be our concluding exhibit for the season, which has been totally successful and covered by the media in great depth. Thanks to Tom Meisenheimer, writing for the Highlands News Sun. Tom has written articles about our annual art show, the painters' class exhibit, and the woodcarvers' recent showing of their carvings. We are grateful and truly appreciative of his efforts to publicize our art events.



Painting will be raffled off April 22nd.
TICKETS ARE \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Sunday
April 22nd, 2018
1p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake Placid Art League
Members' Show

Painting, Wood Carving, Wood Turning, and much more!

127 Dal Hall Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL

Free Admission & Refreshments