

Lake Placid Art League Newsletter

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Summer Reflections

The Art League has been renovated; we now have beautiful caladiums surrounding the building and the fence; the inside has been given new lighting and a painting. New curtains are up in the bathrooms and the kitchen and a new grey laminate covers all of our floors, giving the entire inside a clean, bright interior. New covers for the tables have been donated and a new small table is located at the entrance instead of the bulky desk. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this possible. They received kudos in a former news letter, but we thank them again, now.

Artists and woodcarvers attended classes all summer. They have been a terrific support for our Art League and we appreciate each person. Painting classes were held on Tuesdays in the morning and the carvers met in the afternoon and on Thursdays. They have contributed to our having a special place for artists and craftspeople to meet and enjoy each other's company while producing fine art work.

Building Renovation Costs

We did some major renovation this summer on our building. Volunteers offered to paint the interior, provide curtains in the bathrooms, clean cabinets, install fixtures, and dispose of excess materials and supplies. Thank you, everyone, for your labor, lovingly donated. GSF put in our new laminate flooring and will be installing the new window when it arrives. The flooring cost was \$7020.96; the LED lights were \$343.96; the paint was \$332.42; the new doormats were \$254.00; the NuHope entry table was \$30 and there were items such as mulch, batteries, etc. for \$80. The new table protectors were \$170.00 but to no cost as they were donated. We wished to share these figures to show what expenditures we incurred to update our facility. Again, thanks to everyone who volunteered time, money, and effort to make this possible. To everyone, enjoy the bright "new" Art League.

First Update on our January Show

The applications have been printed, the introductory letter has been written and all the applications have been assembled and are ready to mail the middle of September. We hope that the 450 mailings will bring us our regulars back and new people who will join us. We provide a mailing to many artists to advertise our show and keep it special. Last year we had sixty nine artists, an increase of fourteen from the previous year. We were very pleased with the additional number as we had a wonderful array of art, all of it high in quality and the artists were fantastic to work with and place in our show.

The Agricultural Center has been rented and we have paid the \$1030 for the rental. We have a new person, Ginger Szendsen, to work with, and she has been very efficient and totally pleasant and helpful. The former person, Kimberley Middleton, received a new position, so Ginger added the Ag Center to her other tasks. We thank them for their help; they make our contact a comfortable one.

Grant Request Approved

The Tourist Development Council received our application for a \$1000 flex plan grant; on August 30th, Marlene Snyder, president and show chairman, presented our request before the council members. They appreciated our thoroughness in writing the application and the inclusion of our information about our artists, our donors, and our program. Immediately after the presentation, they approved our request. We are pleased and grateful for this grant as it will allow us to advertise out of county with 14,700 flyers distributed throughout our surrounding towns. In addition, we plan to advertise on our own in the Arcadian with 300 subscribers and an e-mail coverage of 7000. Thank you TDC for your support and to the the Board of Commissioners for providing the grant.

September Meeting

Our first fall meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 19th, at 5:00 o'clock at the Art League building. We will have a covered dish dinner followed by a short business meeting. Afterward, Penny Edmondson will provide us with an introduction into creating a painted card that members will design or copy and complete for our first program of the year. We should have a fun evening; you may bring in a design that you wish to place on a card and paint or designs will be provided by Penny. All materials will be available for us to use, but you can bring in any special paints and brushes that you may wish to utilize.

The size will be approximately 4 x 6 and an envelope will also be provided so the card can be sent if you desire. We hope this will be a pleasant first meeting after the summer hiatus and give us time as we create to chat. Plan to attend, have a special evening and leave with a lovely project and a smile.

Archbold Kids' Ecology Camp Helpers

A big Thank You to our Archbold Kids' Ecology Camp Helpers this past June/July: Janet and Paul Robinson, John and Wanda Nichols, Margaret Gleave, Edilma Ruehling, Fran Rolston. Dustin Angel appreciated the Lake Placid Art League Members being there to help the kids and make the Camp this year a big success.

Plein Air Painters take note

Arcadia Plein Air Event is Saturday, Nov. 10. Also this year, Arcadia is holding a Cowboy Theme Art Event, March 6. Details of these events are on the Desoto Arts and Humanities Council website. Any of our LP Art League Members interested in attending, please call Fran Rolston, 465-0038; we could go and participate as a group. Fran will have more details.

Library

Our Lake Placid Library is encouraging LP Art League Members to display their Art Work in the library. Make sure your name and phone number is on the back of your work. No price tags can be posted, but Library patrons may be interested in purchasing your art work and can contact you directly. See Librarian Samantha for more information.

Upcoming Event

Another date to keep in mind is Sebring's Art Wine and Jazz Festival this year, November 3-4, on the Circle in Sebring. Enjoy the local artists!

Painting Studio

On Tuesday mornings at nine the painters meet for a three hour session on individual painting. Each person determines the subject matter for the painting, the type of paints, and the style for the art work. Bill Snyder instructs the class but each person works independently.

Last year the artists had their first exhibit during the winter season and that will occur this year again. The community thoroughly enjoyed the exhibit and refreshments and people were thrilled to meet the artists and discuss their creations.

The painters donate \$10.00 per class and become members of the Art League for \$25 per individual or \$35 for family a year. All the donated funds are for the Art League. The class has from four to eight students each Tuesday; they bring their supplies, and are individually instructed. Feel comfortable to visit the group and see their ongoing work while getting to know the artists.

Woodcarving Winter Project

Woodcarving classes meet Tuesday afternoons and all day on Thursdays. The woodcarving class project this year will feature an eleven inch horse head; the blank will be a bonus for anyone wishing to carve this horse. We are asking once again for a \$35.00 fee to keep up all our carving equipment. Carvers also are asked to join the Art League for \$25.00 per year or \$35 for family membership. Additional rough outs can be purchased for \$10.00 for anyone wishing to make book ends or more than one separate horse head. Instructions are included and a \$2.00 donation per class is requested to defray utility costs for the Art League. All monies collected go to the Art League treasury.

Many of the woodcarvers compete at the Highlands Wood Carvers' Sebring Show in February. In addition, they place their woodcarvings at the Peace River Woodcarvers Annual exhibit in Arcadia, to promote woodcarving in the Heartland.