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Theisimas Pitch-in

Once again, we will have a Christmas pitch-in for

the December meeting. The dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite covered dish and your table service. Meat and drinks will be provided. Also, do not forget your auction item



for our after-dinner-auction. This is always such a fun evening; hope everyone plans to attend!

Next Exhibit at the Gallery

OPENING RECEPTION:

Friday, November 8 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



November 8th - December 27th, 2013

We will also open the gallery for the **HAND MADE 4U ART TOUR**

Thursday, Dec. 5 from - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 from - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., and Sat., Dec. 7 from - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Gallery sitter sign-up sheets will be placed in the gallery before that weekend. Please try to volunteer to sit at least once during that weekend if you have artwork at the gallery.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

very busy year is ending for the WVAA. We have all accomplished a great deal - both artistically and maintaining our building. In the spring, we entered the 21st century with a donated laptop computer from Kathie and Tom Stuedel, and we purchased a printer/scanner. It has been so helpful to have this equipment at our facility. In addition, in the spring many volunteers painted the inside of the gallery and gave the bathroom some much needed updating. Two of the old "orange" chairs were painted and upholstered, and they look very high-end for our little gallery. While we are not currently planning to purchase a new site for the WVAA, we are still entertaining ideas and dreaming! However, in the meantime, we will try to clean out the basement and make more storage room for our growing "stuff."

We entered the Bicentennial Building Decorating contest by painting a huge mural. This endeavor included many artists and lots of technical planning from Hector Perez, Terry Hreno and John Blommell. Consequently, all the hard work paid off and we won "Best in Show". Also, during the Bicentennial, the long planned and awaited "Barn Quilt Tour" came to fruition as Association members guided many tourists along the trail.

Educationally, Hector Perez enlightened many members on "First Thursdays" with his video presentations. Brenda Kunkel did a wonderful job lining-up leading Indiana artists, Jerry Smith and Mary Ann Davis, for three very successful workshops. Additionally, in our attempt to bring a form of art education to our community, we have started a new endeavor. A dedicated committee has worked hard to start the "Artzzy Party" for the WVAA. This group hopes to not only instruct and have fun at social settings, but also make money for the WVAA.

Terry and Judy Hreno were able to contract and hang six shows for the year. The year started with a "Permanent Collection" exhibit, March and April was" Don McDaniel's" show, and then May and June was "Automobile as Art". July opened with the "Member's Show", September and October saw the Whitewater Artists Guild exhibiting in our gallery, and another "Member Show" will run November through December.

Once again, members participated in the "Traveling Show." The theme this year was "Celebration" and required artists hide a red balloon in their art piece. Doug and Gayle Siebert took the display throughout a three county area. The exhibit traveled for seven months. And, just recently, WVAA artists were asked to exhibit purchasable pieces at the new Union Savings and Loan. Twenty-one artists submitted work and it will hang until May (unless it sells). We have had so many opportunities for the artists at the WVAA to exhibit their work!

We continue to grow with several new talented members. However, John and Mardee Blommell have moved out of Fayette County to be closer to their daughters. We will really miss their dedication and positive attitudes at the gallery - no job was ever too big for them and they were always willing to help and lead.

A new slate of Board Members and Officers will be taking over the reigns in January. New Board Members are Terry Hreno, Hector Perez, Delilah Rigsby, and Gayle Seibert. The board will appoint the slate of officers at the next board meeting and announce them at the November meeting.

I have enjoyed my term as president at the WVAA and look forward to playing again as I give up my responsibilities to Sharon. Thanks to all the many dedicated members that made my job much easier.

You are a great group!!!

Lisa



2014 CALENDARS

We are currently selling member calendars for the 2014 year. If you have not received your five to ten calendars to sell, contact Cheryl Johnson or Doug Siebert. There is



a form on the little desk to sign-out calendars and state whether you owe or are paying (remember they are 5 dollars). Please fill out your information so that we can keep track of sales. This fundraiser requires help from all members to be a success!

2014 Auction

We have locked in a date for the Auction next year. It will be November 1. If we decide to go to a different venue, the date may change. At this time, though, we plan to rent



the Country Club again. Please start working on your auction items this winter. We will have more information about the auction after the first of the year. If you would like to serve on the auction committee, contact Lisa Gettinger - ilgett@yahoo.com or call 765-932-2763.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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The following artists were juried into the Richmond Art Museum's Annual Competition.

Hazel Ailes Rick Coleman Cheryl Johnson Hector Perez Marilyn Smith

IU East Hector Perez was juried into the IU East Art Competition.

DUES

Please start sending in your dues in December for the 2014 membership year.

EVENTS AT THE GALLERY

The Artzzy
Party
committee
is very busy
contracting
parties for November,
December and January.



The committee could still use instructors and party assistants. Also, spread the word! We can have fun with art in our community and make money for our organization. Contact Sharon McQueen at 765-692-0368 or Cindy Holland at 765-561-1173.



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