



Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
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All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, meeting room "A" usually the second Wednesday of the month unless specifically stated, (see the calendar). Starting at 6:00 for a social get together, followed by a general meeting at 6:30. And the scheduled program at 7:00 until 8:30.

Meeting February 15, 2017 Cindy Arnold. Painting with Paper

The **February 15** meeting is on 'Painting with Paper', a collage technique. Please note the date as it is the **3rd Wednesday**. Think of a simple idea to start: flower, simple landscape/seascape as it is easy to get too complicated and get discouraged. In advance of the meeting Cindy and I are asking you to cut/tear color swatches from magazines, gift wrap, tissue paper, greeting cards etc. It can be images or just swatches of paper. Also old watercolor paintings can be re-colored or just cut/torn to use. Any kind of paper can be used as we are using paper in place of paint. If you can go to the **Pinterist** site and search paper collage or just search collage art there are great examples; ours will be simpler. Also bring **scissors but you can also tear the paper**, glue, tweezers (to help handle the glued paper). Cindy will have **backing board**, and both Cindy and Nina will have glue, cut up paper tissue paper etc.

Questions? Email Cindy at cindyseclipse@hotmail.com or Nina at nmrupp@yahoo.com.

SRAG Spring show and Sale

The dates have been set for the Spring Show and Sale at the Mall at Greece Ridge. They are as follows:

: **Thursday April 20**, 9:00 pm. at close of business. Setup of racks and early hanging.

: **Friday April 21**. 9:30 am.- 9:30 pm. Show opens, judging in the am.

: **Saturday April 22**, 9:30 am.- 9:30 pm. Show continues.

: **Sunday April 23**, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, Show continues. Take down at 5:30 pm.

Entry letters will be mailed out to the membership about 6 weeks before the show, so get painting everyone and let's have a big show. **We have not yet decided on a theme for the show, we ask the members to throw out some ideas at the February meeting.**

(See the article below about the Irondequoit Art Club February 28th. meeting on framing your work).

SRAG Needs a Program Committee for 2018

It is only the start of 2017 but I feel that the time has come to pass the program duties to other members starting in January 2018. This is a fun job: researching, talking with local artists and scheduling them for meetings. Ideally there should be 2 people working together on this so that all details are covered. If the new program committee could be in place by summer it would be an easy transfer in scheduling meetings.

Pat Bushart has volunteered to put together a Demo committee, she has done this in the past. She would encourage our newer members to join her so they may get involved in the SRAG programs. The committee would meet at Pat's condo in Summerville.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

PARMA PUBLIC LIBRARY seeks artists to display work

The Parma Public Library seeks artists who wish to have one person or multi-person shows in the library's gallery. In keeping with the Parma Public Library's interest in promoting the library as a community centered cultural and educational institution, it has created an art gallery in its main meeting room.

Over the past 5 years, the library has hosted 64 art shows by painters, graphic artists, fiber artists & photographers from the Rochester area.

Each month long event enables the community a chance to enjoy the art while it provides the artist an opportunity to share their art with friends & family.

Interested artists should call Rosiland Lipomi at 392-8350

Brockport Arts Festival

We have the great opportunity to exhibit our masterpieces this year at the **Brockport Arts Fest**. All we need are enough people to participate and share the expense of the tent(s) space. Our tents (perhaps 2 or 3 depending on number of our members exhibiting) will be set up on either side of Main Street. Sounds like an enjoyable (and perhaps profitable) day for our group and perhaps a yearly venue for us. Luckily, all our participating members can share the space of 1, 2, or 3 tents (as needed) and thus share the tent(s) fees. Peggy Piscitello is organizing this event, Details of the show are shown below

Brockport Arts Festival dates:-- August 12 -13, 2017

Deadline for applications: May 31, 2017.

SCRAG Costs: \$175 (1-10 x 10 space) \$300 (2 – 10 x 10) spaces).A \$25 discount if application and entry fee is received by March 15.

Individual artist's cost: Cost of tent(s) divided by number of SCRAG exhibitors.

Number of art pieces per exhibitor: Depends on member participation and size of their pieces.

Tent Locations: Main Street – both sides (from the canal to College St.)

Setting-up: Cars/vans are allowed on the street on Friday evening and early Saturday morning for set-up.

Parking: Available on the side streets and in village lots.

A seating schedule will be compiled.

Please respond **before March 8** (by e-mail or phone)

I AM ----- interested in exhibiting my work

I am NOT-----interested in

exhibiting my work

If you have any questions, call or e-mail me: **Peggy Piscitello: Tel. 734-4163**
email: margcrest@aol.com

Irondequoit Art Club

BILL KUEBEL, owner and custom framer at “The Finishing Touch” frame shop in Irondequoit will give a presentation entitled "Framed" at the Tuesday, February 28 meeting of the Irondequoit Art Club to be held 7:30 PM at Chapel Oaks, St. Ann's Community, 1550 Portland Ave., Rochester, NY 14621. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for this event. The site is handicapped accessible.

Since art show judges stress the importance of how work is presented and framed, Bill will discuss the best and most economical ways to achieve this goal. Club members are encouraged to bring in a work on which they would like some guidance and Bill will address the various ways a work can be made to look polished, with examples of both well and poorly considered framing choices.

The Rochester Contemporary Art Center is holding its annual 6 x 6 show. Entries are due in by April 16 (postmarked by April 15). Entry forms are available for printing on their web site. RoCo6x6

SRAG MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The Meeting room calendar has been finalized by the Town Hall. The following dates have been reserved by SRAG for **conference room B.**

Meetings and Program and Board Meetings and Program 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Feb. NO Board Meeting

Mar. 15 Video on Art or model

Mar. NO Board Meeting

Apr. 12 Business Meeting and Kristin Malone demos watercolor

Apr. 20 Spring Show set-up

Apr. 21 Spring Show opens, judging.

Apr. 22 Spring Show

Apr. 23 Spring Show last day.

Apr. 26 Board Meeting and work night:

May 10

May 24 Board Meeting and work night

June 14 Picnic at Pat & Terry Brooks House

June 21 Board Meeting. Paint out or paint in. Details to be announced later.

July 12 Karlene VanDeusen “Expressive Emotion in Painting”

July 26 Board and work night

Aug. 9 Lennie Muscarella paints in oils – Old Master style

Aug. 23 Board Meeting and work night

Sept. 13 Constance Mauro - Monoprints

Sept. 27 Board Meeting and work night

Sept. 30 Paintout at Karlene VanDeusen Home. Details to follow.

Oct. 11 Richard Thomas works in acrylic

Oct. 25 Board and work night

Nov. 15 Andrea Durfee - Watercolor and pen & Ink

Dec.? Christmas Party