



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 January 11 2017

Critique by Jeanne Beck: Bring 2 paintings from the Mall show or any painting you would like critiqued

Jeanne Beck judged our Mall show in November. She works in abstract mixed media and likes to incorporate text in her pieces. Please bring 2 paintings that you would like critiqued by Jeanne. They can be from the show or any paintings of your choice.

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.

**Posted below are the duties of the Program Committee:
Program Chair Duties**

- This position should be for 2 people as one needs to cover when other can't attend meetings or share in deciding the program for the upcoming year. Programs run from January to November with a picnic in June and Christmas Party in December.
- Compile a list of artists to do demos. A file currently exists with names and contact information. Additional artists can be listed by visiting art shows and talking with artists whose work you like or find interesting. Check area art groups web site for their program listing.
- In the fall the Greece Town Office gives dates for meetings in the coming year. Currently Ed Howe is their contact.
- Start to contact artists giving them options of dates. Try for a mix of subjects (landscape, portraits, still life etc.) and mediums used (oil, watercolor, pastel etc.). Keep in mind restrictions such as open flame and messy mediums. Try to have some SRAG members demo or give a slide show or talk. Program times run from 7PM to 8:45PM. We must be out of the Town Hall by 9PM.
- While there is no set budget, it has cost between \$900 and \$1000 per year.
- When contacted artists agree to a date and that the honorarium is \$50 for SRAG Member and \$100 for others. Send an email to confirm.
- About 2 months in advance contact artist and ask for a short bio or artist statement for the newsletter. Forward this info about 1 month in advance to newsletter editor.
- One Month: Ask if artist needs any special equipment. We do have an overhead mirror stored at Anne McCune's. It is quite heavy and takes time to assemble so don't volunteer that there is one but if they ask for it make arrangements to get it to the Town Hall. Terry Brooks has a computer with a projector for power point. The artist needs to have their own flash drive or CD.

- Two Weeks: Check to see if artist needs directions. Agree on time (usually 6 to 6:30 PM) and be at Town Hall to meet them and assist them. If they arrive before 6:30 they can start to set up but if the meeting has started there will be a break at about 7PM.
- Contact treasurer with artist name and amount of check.
- There is a file with past programs listed and comments and fee paid. This also contains suggestions like ask again for a different presentation.

Presently the 4th Wednesday of the month is for the Board meeting and a work night. Members can work on their projects or do something from the previous meeting demo.

Members:

Would you like to share an art demo, video, or make presentation on what you do and find interesting? Have you met an artist who you would like to see do a demo? Please contact Nina Rupp at 424-4327 or nmrupp@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Brockport Arts Fest to be held August 12-13, 2017. We need to let the members know that if applications for our exhibiting tents are received by March 15, we get a \$25 discount per tent, so the sooner they let me know that they want to exhibit, the better. The number of paintings each member can exhibit will depend on how many people sign up and the size of their paintings. We need to determine how many members would be interested in participating. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Dates: August 12 - 13, 2017

Price: \$175 (one 10x10 tent); \$300 (two 10x10 tents); a standard discount of \$25 if the application and fees are received on or before March 14, 2017.

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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

Jan. 11 Critique by Jeanne Beck: Bring 2 paintings from the Mall show or any painting you would like critiqued .

Jan. 25 Board Meeting and work night: Bring a work you would like to get finished

Feb. 15 Video on Art

Feb. NO Board Meeting

Mar. 15 Cindy Arnold and I are working on a program. Details to follow

Mar. NO Board Meeting

Apr. 12 Business Meeting and

Apr. 26 Board Meeting and work night:

May 10

May 25 Board Meeting and work night

June 15 Picnic at Pat & Terry Brooks House

June 22 Board Meeting. Paint out or paint in. Details to be announced later.

July 11

July 26 Board and work night

Aug. 9

Aug. 23 Board Meeting and work night

Sept. 13

Sept. 28 Board Meeting and work night

Oct. 11

Oct. 25 Board and work night

Nov. 15

Dec.? Christmas Party