



BrushStrokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group July 2020

A Plein-air Paint-out At Hilton Village Park

August 12th 6:00pm

Plein Air Painting might be the easiest activity to do, while maintaining a social distance!

If you are comfortable, bring your art supplies to the Hilton Village Park, Yonkers Lane, Hilton. Head west on West Ave (rte 18) in Hilton, go past Quest Elementary School, and you will immediately see Yonkers Lane. Turn left and follow sign, keeping right until you wind down to a lodge and parking lot. There is a stream, a bridge, lovely trees etc.

Hope a few people will take advantage of this. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

SRAG business

A board meeting was held on July 8, 2020 at the home of Cheri Riley,

Al Bergerson distributed his proposed update to the SRAG by laws for perusal by the Board. This is an attempt to simplify the legal type language and make the document more relevant and easier to understand.

Eleanor Milborrow is now the Chairperson of the Board. Other board members present were Al Bergerson, Juanita Link, Betsy Ogles, Debbie Cooper, Terry Brooks, and Cheri Riley. The main topic for the meeting was to discuss ideas for attracting and keeping new members to SRAG. **Some of the ideas proposed were:**

1. **That the name of the group be changed** to include the word "Greece" or "Greece Area" in its title, to indicate the locale from which it draws its membership. It was thought that the present title was conceived when there were no other art groups in the

area. It was pointed out that now each town has its own art club with the name of that town prominent in the title. (Chili, Irondequoit, Pittsford, and Penfield) for example, and that a person living in the Greece area would more likely join a club with Greece in its title.

2. **Open the group to include all forms of fine art:** including photography, digital art, print making, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, and others. This would bring us in line with other groups in the area.
3. **Contact other groups** to discover why they are more successful than we are.
4. **Exploit our "Facebook" page,** with more content. Pictures and other content can be sent to Debbie Cooper.
5. Old records show that SRAG used to give a \$100 scholarship to an art student to create interest in the group and bring in younger people. Should this be considered again?
6. We are hoping to resume meetings in September. This is dependent on whether the Town of Greece meeting rooms will be open by then.
7. Suggestion for group to participate in Artist's Row at the Public Market in 2021: it's too late to try for this year.

Items 1. And 2 would, of course, be a topic of discussion for the whole membership. The other items will be followed up by the board members and others who are interested in getting them resolved.

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The Oxford Gallery is now open with a theme exhibit entitled "Coming Home". This exhibit involves interpretations of the theme by over 50 artists. The exhibit is now on view through Saturday, September 12.

Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday from noon-5 p.m.
267 Oxford Street, Rochester, NY. 585-271-5885

Visitors are asked to observe social distancing, wear masks covering mouth and nose.

My Sisters Gallery

Over a year ago we were offered a time slot to have a group show at My Sisters Gallery.

The time slot is August 24th-Oct 4th.

Although they have had to cancel several shows due to COVID 19, they are now able to start hanging again. There is limited traffic through the Episcopal Home, but some visitors are now permitted, and hopefully this will only improve.

There would be no Opening Reception unfortunately, but I would work with Diane Cotton, the gallery liaison, to do a virtual tour of our art work. For this we would need a jpeg from each of you.

You would not be able to deliver your own work to the gallery; we would make arrangements to pick up your work from you, or you could drop your work off at my house. Only one person would be allowed in to hang the entire show, with the help of Diane.

There are 24 hanging rods, although 2 paintings could be hung on a few of the rods. There is also a glass display case where small pieces or note cards etc could be placed.

The likelihood would be 1 or 2 pieces per member, although this would be dependent on how many people participate.

Last year Terry sent out an email to see how many people were interested, and we had a very good response. As we are all painfully aware, COVID 19 has changed everything this year, and if you responded positively last year, you are in no way obligated to enter the show now. It is whatever you are comfortable with, bearing in mind you will not have to deliver your own work, or hang it, or pick it up.

If you are willing to commit to the show, please email me at anne.b.mccune@gmail.com by the end of the month of July. Sooner rather than later. I will send out more info on receipt of your commitment.

Please reply to the survey for My Sisters Gallery to Anne McCune
If you are willing to commit to the show, please email anne.b.mccune@gmail.com by July 20th. More information will be sent out on receipt of your commitment.

Fall Show 2020

The dates of November 20, 21, 22 have been requested to hold the SRAG fall show and sale at the Mall at Greece Ridge. More details available after conformation by the Mall management.

Judy Soprano is the Visiting Guest Artist for July at Pittsford Fine Art gallery at 4 North Main Street, Pittsford, in the heart of the village by the Village Clock at the corner of 96 and 31.
