

Colorado Watercolor Society
Septmeber 15, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Kathy Cramner, Marcio Correa, Gary Nichols, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Greg Chapleski, Diane Fechenbach, Sharon Wink, Zona Janssen.

Excused absences: Marsha Ambraziunas, Terrey Harrod, Art Beck, Tim Brenner, Vicki Tucker.

1. President Greg Chapleski brought the meeting to order at 5pm. The June Board Meeting minutes were approved. To welcome new members from Sept.1, 2014 to October 2015, the Board approved giving out 24 gift certificates to the new members. It would give \$10 off the entry fee to one of three CWS shows during the upcoming year-a total of \$240.
2. Greg will send prospectus updates to the Board for review. Then they will then be sent to Brian Serff, Collage Editor.
3. The rental of the Church is in place for 2015-2016. Our meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month except June. We will meet the 4th Tuesday in June. The sanctuary is under construction so they will not be hosting any shows until completion. They would like to have CWS participate next fall in the Membership Show. The room we rent was set up for the ice cream social this month.
4. A special recognition for Terrey Herrod will be given in October.
5. Greg asked a framer from Englewood to come to the meeting tonight to talk about framing along with the art vendors. This person declined so Greg brought some mats and will speak of framing on one table.
6. Gene Youngmann will show slides of the last Western Federation Exhibit at the meeting.
7. The Membership Directory will be available in October.

Treasurer: Sharon Wink gave information for Marsha Ambraziunas. Travelers Insurance is due Sept. 28. It covers artwork for our shows. The Post Office Service fee is also due.

Programs: There will be a drawing this evening for a number of gift items sent by Dick Blick Art. The October meeting will be a critique by Paul Valdez and Kevin Weckbach. The November meeting will be a panel discussion with questions and answers.

President Elect: Tim Brenner's report is moved to October.

Membership: Kathy Cramner reported our membership is 478 with 30 not paid. She is correcting the Apricot Website to make membership entry easier.

It was decided to refund the \$10 to the people who had paid for having a physical paper Collage newsletter mailed to them, to be fair since there was an issue with a person not paying.

Workshops: Arleta Pech workshop has been cancelled.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale had no new information.

Exhibition Official: Gary Nichols announced an Online Show in November and December. Jason Hampleman, our website design, will be involved. Pennsylvania's online show was used as an example. A discussion was made on criteria. There will be no restrictions on size, it must have been painted in the past 2 years, it cannot have been an award winner in any juried show and thereafter can be entered in a physical show. Gary will draft a disclaimer and find a juror. The deadline for entering will be Oct. 16. There will be 3 awards and 3 honorable mentions.

New Trends show will be at the Adventist Hospitals in March and April of 2016. The four hospitals are Parker, Castle Rock, Littleton and Porter. There will be 65-75 paintings with a due date of January 15, 2016. Ralph Nagel will jury the shows. He is donating his fee to the Healing Arts Program. The people from Healing Arts will jury in the art. There will be 4 opening receptions with no cost to us. The State Show will have an entry deadline of March 11. Notifications will go out April 8. Art needs to be delivered to the Arvada Center on May 16.

Board Member at Large: Diane Fechenbach has no new information on the Board or courtesy.

Immediate Past President: Marcio Correa reported that the directory is almost complete. Vicki and Sharon are proof-reading it. The look and feel are the same as last year. The cover is new with the yellow color related to the upcoming Western Federation show.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Wink announced several upcoming shows for artists to enter.

The meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY, September 2015

President Greg Chapleski welcomed all to CWS. He stated that our rental of the Church is secured for the next year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for June which will be the 4th Tuesday. He welcomed the new members from September 2014 to October 2015 with a gift certificate for \$10 off a CWS show entry. They were distributed to new members.

The membership is 478 with 30 who have not renewed thus far).

The President expressed the difficulty of finding venues to have our exhibits, but we always searching. Brian Serff is the editor of our Collage; a great source of all that is happening. The deadline for the Collage is the 4th Tuesday of the month. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome, as well as articles to submit.

Carla Rouse volunteers with Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Program. One student, Amy Zhou, was the recipient of our program. She is now in art school and has now been juried into an show and won an award. She will go to Washington DC, LBJ Education Building to receive the award.

CWS has some accepted entries in to the Rocky Mountain National Exhibit at the Foothills Art Center which opens this weekend.

Programs: Vicki Tucker has arranged for the vendors present this evening. They are Meiningers, Guiry's, and FMS Digital Printing.

The October meeting will have Paul Valdez and Kevin Weckbach giving a critique. Anyone may bring art for the critique including the new members.

Workshops: Arleta Pech workshop has been cancelled. Sterling Edwards will have 2 workshops back to back, in conjunction with the State WC Exhibit and the Western Federation Exhibit in 2016.

President Elect: Tim Brenner will have an update in October on buildings for shows, meetings, and framing. Rent is very high so there is great difficulty in securing something.

Exhibition Official: Gary Nichols presented the information on 4 shows from now through next year. November and December will be an online show for CWS members. October 16 will be the entry deadline.

The second is the New Trends show in March and April 2016. It will be in a cooperative effort with Rocky Mountain Healing Arts Program. They advertise and promote the art. The deadline will be mid-January. Ralph Nagel will be the juror with more information to come.

In June, July and August will be the CWS State Exhibit in conjunction with the Western Federation Watercolor Society. It will be held at the Arvada Center.

The fourth show will be at the Plymouth Church where we meet, after the construction is completed next fall.

Immediate Past President: Marcio Correa is the delegate for the Western Fed show. The deadline will be January 8. There will be 140 accepted paintings in the State Watercolor Show, which is more than we usual.

Gene Youngmann is the representative for WFWS. There are 12 Societies in the Western Federation. It will be held at the Arvada Center and we will be in need of many volunteers. There are 36 delegates from the 12 Societies and they like to see members. A banquet will be held in June for members. The price will be announced later. Gene gave a slide presentation of last year's Western Fed paintings.

Sterling Edwards, the Juror for Western Fed, will have a day to walk around the gallery and tell us his thoughts on the art and why he chose them. Any members can attend.

Our vendor guests were introduced. They had new products to show us, and gift bags.

Ice cream and cookies were served following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Zona Janssen, Recording Secretary