

## CWS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2009

First Plymouth Congregational Church, Denver

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Randy Hale called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. He thanked those who brought the night's refreshments and welcomed new members and one guest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next CWS meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the First Plymouth Congregational Church. Helen Brainerd passed away and a donation to the Members' Scholarship Fund has been made in her name; condolences have been sent to her family. American Artist Magazine is sponsoring a Weekend with the Masters in Colorado Springs to be held September 10-13, 2009. An E-Blast will be sent to the CWS membership regarding this event.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** President-Elect Sydney Eitel announced that the slate of new Board of officers will be printed in the May Collage and members should bring their ballots to the May meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Carla Rouse announced that CWS now has 446 members. She encouraged members who have not done so to renew their memberships by June 1 by sending her the \$35 dues along with their renewal forms and volunteer interests. The forms are available in the Collage or online at the CWS website. She still has rosters and pins available for new members and requested information on any address changes.

**WORKSHOPS:** Randy Hale announced that the Mark Mahaffey 3-day workshop to be held April 24-26, 2009 is full, with one member on the wait list. The cost is \$225. The Ted Nuttall 5-day workshop to be held October 19-23 is full, but so much interest was generated from ads placed in American Artist and Watercolor Magazine that Ted has requested an additional session be added a week prior to this. Members should contact Elaine Campbell if they are interested in signing up for the new workshop. The cost is \$375. He will concentrate on portrait painting and give a demonstration at the October 20 meeting.

**EXHIBITIONS:** Valli McDougale, co-chairperson for the CWS 2009 State Watermedia Exhibit, stated that accepted members should deliver their paintings to the Colorado History Museum between 8-10 AM, Thursday, April 23. Carolyn Tegeder has the sitting schedule for the show. The reception will be held April 24 from 5-8 PM. Over 2000 invitations to this event have been sent to patrons and hotels. Sixteen prizes, the most ever given for a CWS show, will be awarded.

The New Trends Show will be held at the Co-Art Gallery from September 14-27, 2009, with the reception scheduled for September 18 from 5-8 PM. The chairpersons for this event are Marjorie McMonagle and Gwen Marie Ehrlich and the juror is Nancy Condit. Entries are due by June 16; fees are \$20 for one entry, \$25 for two and \$30 for three. Only digital images will be accepted and should be sent to Sydney Eitel.

Pat Foster announced that the Members' Show will be held at The Old Firehouse Gallery in Longmont from November 13 to December 19. The chairpersons are Nancy Sullo and Martha Williams, and Richard Schilling will jury this event for awards only. Each member may enter up to three paintings for \$5 each. The outside dimensions of the art must measure one foot or less, including frame. Entry forms will be available in June and will be due in October. Artists may deliver their paintings to the CWS meeting that month and pick them up at the January meeting in 2010. The works will be sold on a cash-and-carry basis.

LIBRARY: Sue Williams explained that to borrow a book or CD, each member should give her a \$20 check to be refunded with the return of the items. The list of books and CDs available is provided on the CWS website and artists should notify her before a meeting if they would like to take out something. With monies provided by CWS, she has bought several used books and CDs. She requested a volunteer to take over the library duties for next year.

PROGRAMS: Pat Dall outlined the programs scheduled for the coming business meetings. May will feature a tag-team critique: two volunteers will choose two paintings to critique, followed by the artists of those two works giving their analysis of two more paintings, etc. There will be a group of designated members who will critique if some do not want to speak in front of the club.

June's meeting will include recognition awards as well as a presentation of sketchbooks by Richard Schilling, a world-traveled dentist and author of *Watercolor Journeys*.

Tonight's speaker, Mark Brasuell, an abstract painter and owner of Edge Gallery, will present ideas to encourage creativity and to give CWS members inspiration for the coming New Trends Show.

Randy Hale thanked Pat Dall for organizing tonight's program and adjourned the business meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary