

The Art Guild of Scarborough



Art Matters-August 2021

We are looking forward to a new season of the Art Guild of Scarborough and on behalf of the Executive, I would like to welcome our new members. Like the past year, this year is going to be challenging but the Executive and you the members have had the motivation and perseverance to stay engaged and keep smiling under changing circumstances.

Survey Monkey/Fall Program

The responses from the survey, coupled with the protocols of the Community centre and Public Health continue to guide our decisions. Although 85% of our respondents said they are ready to return to in-person Thursday night meetings, that does come with some reservations. 66% said they were comfortable following Public Health protocols of distancing and mask wearing but 31% stated they would likely continue with those practices even if not recommended by Public Health protocols. We need to respect the views of the 6% who are too cautious at this time to commit to returning and the 28% who have enjoyed ZOOM and would like to continue with that format.

At this point, the AGS is viewing a hybrid approach for the Fall with bi-monthly ZOOM demonstrations interspersed with in-person 'Sketch/Painting Nights' or other small group activities at the Community Centre as soon as we are able.

Again, decisions are very much in flux as protocols are developed, Ontario battles a 4th wave and vaccination passports remain a debatable topic.

At the writing of this letter the City of Toronto does not know when they will be allowing us into the Cedarbrook Community Centre or the protocols that they are going to impose and what we, as members, are comfortable with. Our main goal will continue to be one where we offer as much as we can for your development as an artist and keep you socially connected with each other'

"The principles of true art is not to portray, but to evoke" – Jerzy Kosinsky

Plein Air Events

We have had a couple of fun Plein Air events at the Guild Inn and will arrange other times and places where we can meet friends, do what we love and get some fresh air.

'Drawing AGS Together'

We start our 2021 program with Zoom demonstrations from artists across Canada and activities by our members that are sure to be entertaining and help us enjoy our talents. Please see separate 'Program of Activities' page for the Fall season.

Sept. 9th 'Welcome Back & Art Trivia Night' which promises to be fun, entertaining and educational

Prizes for winners and participation by partners is allowed

Sept. 16th Oksana Zhelisko - Edmonton Oil - Portrait painting

Sept. 30th Brent Laycock – Calgary Acrylic

If you haven't joined us on Zoom let me know and Zoom managers to help you get connected.

Spring On-Line Art Sale

Based on the success of our Spring On-line Art Sale, we are planning another on-line **Art Show & Sale** in the Fall from November 15th to December 15th, 2021. We are looking forward to showcasing your artwork. More details to come in September.

"I saw an angel in the marble and carved until I set him free" Michelangelo

Art Guild of Scarborough Website

We are in the process of having a new exciting website built for the Art Guild of Scarborough that will attract a new audience and exhibit our members artwork. Ana Jurpik will design the website and we have a very talented team to work with Ana.

Facebook

Thanks to Joy McFadyen who continues to manage the feature '**Artist of the Month**' for our members. Her writings and photos continue to promote the Art Guild of Scarborough to the community and beyond.

Keep on loving and laughing,

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