



Art Matters-January 2021

This is the start of a new year and it seems like a new beginning for the Art Guild of Scarborough. Last year was the most challenging year for the Art Guild and for all of us personally. I would like to thank each one of you for your support through last year and your optimistic feeling that we will continue our esteemed history with you as members.

My incredible Executive has stepped forward to ensure that the Art Guild fulfills the goals even under these strange circumstances. We are lucky to have such an executive and I, as president, am blessed to have them. Knowing that they and our talented committee members will be there when we get back to normal is a big relief.

'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 all improve as artists.

Feb. 4th David McEown from B.C. giving us a demonstration in watercolour.

Feb. 11th Sketching/Painting landscape by our members.

Feb. 18th Susan Woolgar from Alberta giving us a demonstration in acrylic.

If you haven't joined us on Zoom give any of us a call and we can assist you to join us on Thursday nights. It is a real treat seeing everyone's face, like we used to, without a mask.

Spring On-Line Art Sale

For the first time in our history, we will be having an on-line Art Sale during April and May. We will have a specific website **agsartsale.com** designed solely to proudly display up to five (5) pieces of art by each of our members for <u>two months</u>. The registration fee will be \$25, there is no commission on sales of art and the Art Guild of Scarborough is paying for the 2.65% of

administration fees for each sale. We will be able to use this website for all future shows also. Details and how to register for the show will be forthcoming.

Our launch date is scheduled for April 1, 2021.

The online sale will give our members the greatest exposure online that we have ever had.

Having a Fall Show is still up in the air right now but the decision will depend on public health guidelines, the safety of you, the members, and if we feel we can attract an audience.

Hopefully the number of COVID cases will decrease and the vaccine will allow us to resume our live demonstrations and live art shows. Your executive is constantly discussing how to ensure that we are meeting the needs of you, the members, and when we can safely resume what we all are accustomed to.

"The principles of true art is not to portray, but to evoke"- Jerzy Kosinski

Joy McFadyen continues to be such an asset to this club as she profiles our talented members on a weekly basis in addition to her inspiring emails and Facebook postings that keep us inspired.

<u>Keep Smiling</u>

- My mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by lying in bed all day. But look at me now ma! I'm saving the world.
- After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.
- Day 365 at home and the dog is looking at me like "See? This is why I chew furniture."

Reminder: Membership dues of \$75 will be due on April 30, 2021.

Keep on loving and laughing,

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