

The Art Guild of Scarborough



Art Matters - December 2021



This year is coming to a close and it has been another year of smiling faces over Zoom, beautiful sunshine, walks and loving phone calls from friends and family. We have so much to be grateful for and each one of you deserve congratulations for getting through the last two years. Our masks are still on in the stores which hide our frowns from the increased prices and for other reasons, which I don't have to mention.

It has been a year of wonderful demos over Zoom by some of the best artists in Canada and our own artists created paintings and sketches on Thursday nights that were very impressive. I feel our artists have developed their talent and skills because of these evenings. A big thank you to Vanaja Cotroneo and Joanne Binns for managing our demonstration nights and Elvi Pakkanen for coming up with our challenging images to paint or sketch. If you are reading this, then you have survived the last couple of years and the Art Guild is stronger thanks to you, the members.

Welcome to New Members

We are very fortunate to have 20 new members joining The Art Guild of Scarborough. Welcome to Suzanne Farrow, Rose-Marie Fraser, Alison Galley, Vivien Loader, Janice Brown, Kay Hubbard, Ramona Ricken, Alison Kenn, Stuart Kenn, Barbara Cassidy, Gerry Hewson, Gerry Wolkowski, Perry Chow, Kwan Sung Chung, Margie Fraser, Michael Haswell, Sherrill Girard, Arunda Panday, Kay Minter & Al Sacco. We now have 163 members.

Our members and the public are looking forward to seeing your artwork and The Art Guild of Scarborough is richer because you are with us.

"Art is about emotion; if art needs to be explained it is no longer art" - Pierre August Renoir

Fall Art Show 2021

As you read this letter, we are in the midst of our first Fall On-Line Art Show. We have 52 members registered. Showcasing their artwork is a pleasure and serves as an example of the high calibre we have the Guild. My congratulations to everyone who registered for the show and sharing your talent with the world.

New Art Guild of Scarborough web-site

We are developing a new, exciting website for all our members and giving them the opportunity to promote their artwork throughout the year and also to be a Featured Artist. This will be a website we all can be proud of and we are pleased to have the talented Ana Jurpik as our website designer.

Christmas Party

We asked everyone to dress up this year and like true artists we had some real masterpieces. Some were wrapped in Christmas lights, others with antlers, big ears, hats of every variety and Elvi and Katrina changed their outfits and background every minute. There were poems, jokes and riddles which some members are famous or infamous for. We sang Christmas carols and with the delay and echoing, I can assure you that you have never heard carols like these. And no, we will not be streaming on-line the audio for these songs, sorry, you had to be there. Our rendition of Silent Night will have an impact on me for years. The winners for the best outfits were Elvi Pakkanen, Katrina Taylor and Kim Benoit. The evening was festive, hilarious and over forty members were in attendance. Thanks to Vanaja Cotroneo and Joanne Binns for managing the evening and Adam CX for taking some wonderful photos.

2022 Here We Come

Since 1962 The Art Guild of Scarborough has always felt that connecting with our members was a priority whether in good times or bad. We recognized in the early days of Covid that communication with members would be extremely important because we truly do care about the health and welfare of our members. Hopefully we have achieved that with you and we will continue to connect with you in any way we can.

2022 will be the **60th Anniversary** of The Art Guild of Scarborough. During the upcoming year we will be highlighting the contributions of members, photos and memories from the six successful decades of this club. One of those memories is our longest running president, Joy MacFadyen who was the president for 25 years of those 60 years and who still plays a vital communications role for the Art Guild.

Outlook for 2022

Prior to Covid we met every Thursday night for live demonstrations and had three art shows a year. Based on my latest conversations with the City of Toronto managers the maximum capacity for the venues is 50 people which is too small for our group. The hope is that the City of Toronto will raise the capacity limits to 100 or 200. When the facilities open up the executive will assess how comfortable we, the executive, and you, the members, will be in meeting for demonstrations and shows. As soon as it changes you will be notified.

Early in 2022 we have zoom demos planned with Brian Buckrell of Courtenay, B.C.(Acrylic) Rex Beanland, Calgary (Watercolour) Oksana Zhelisko, Edmonton (Oil) and Linda Wilder, Calgary (Acrylic)

"A picture is nothing but a bridge between the soul of the artist and that of the spectator" -Eugene Delacroix

Financial Outlook for 2022

Financially we are in a good position. We just transferred \$5,000 out of our cash account into a another GIC to make some interest. We ended up making money on our Fall Show mainly because the majority of the website costs were absorbed by our Spring Show on which we broke even.

Our goal every year is ensure that our members have the opportunity to develop their skills and talents and provide venues for them to showcase their work. Under the unusual circumstances the last couple of years we've had to operate virtually but here's hoping in the near future we will get back to live demos and shows.

Keep on loving and laughing and my door is always open



Merry Christmas, Season Greetings and Happy Holidays,

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