



Newsletter of the Truro Art Society

March/April 2010

### **TAS ANNUAL GROUP SHOW**

**APRIL 8 to May 28, 2010**

**McCarthy Gallery, 36 Arthur Street, Truro**

**TAKE IN: APRIL 6, 9:00 to 12:00**

**OPENING: APRIL 8, 7:00 pm**

**PICK UP: MAY 28, 2:00 to 4:00**

**The annual group show is open to all members in good standing with the Truro Art Society. If you haven't paid your 2010 dues yet, you may pay them the morning of the take in for the artwork!**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Insurance if desired is the sole responsibility of the individual artist. Neither the Truro Art Society nor the McCarthy Hall will be held liable for loss or damage to artwork submitted to this exhibition.
2. Gallery framing standards must be observed. Work **MUST** be equipped with D-rings or screw eyes and wire. No exceptions. Unframed canvases must be stapled on the back and have edges painted.
3. Each member may submit up to 5 small pieces, 3 if over 18 by 24", and 4 if combined. This is due to space considerations.
4. Truro Art Society receives a **25%** commission on all sales during the Exhibition. The show treasurer will forward payment form sales (minus 25%) to the artist following the close of the show. Purchasers **MAY** choose to remove the work at time of purchase or at the close of the show.
5. Artists will fill out a receipt when bringing work in. Please collect your work at the designated times as the TAS and the McCarthy Hall cannot accept responsibility for unclaimed artwork.
6. Show coordinator is Susan Sweet, 261-2036 or [animalart@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:animalart@ns.sympatico.ca)

### **Janice Guinan joins Jo-Ann Shaw As Co-President of Art Society**

To the Membership,

Effective immediately, TAS has a new co-president to take the place of Susan Sweet who stepped down in August. Please welcome Janice Guinan as co-president of the Truro Art Society. Janice is the hand behind the current exhibition at the McCarthy Gallery and the author of the demonstrations that have been occurring there.

As the other half of the presidency, I look forward to working with Janice to take TAS to a new level. We have plans for further demonstrations, workshops and talks by guests at our meetings. There are exciting things happening with our society and I hope that the membership will give their input and support. On behalf of Janice and myself, I invite the members to come to the meetings and voice their concerns and hopes for the Truro Art Society.

Jo-Ann Shaw  
Co-President of the Truro Art Society

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**What a lovely batch of members we have again this year in TAS! In case you didn't get a chance to forward your renewal along to me, I'm including a membership form in the newsletter of everyone who hasn't renewed for the 2010 year. I look forward to hearing from you. Katherine.**

### **LOST AND FOUND**

A pair of ladies leather gloves were found after the last meeting at the TAAC. Jo-Ann Shaw has them. You can contact her at 384-3151.

## Presidents' Message

By Jo-Ann Shaw and Janice Guinan, Co-Presidents TAS

By now, most people have been aware of our latest show, FanTAStic which will be ending at the end of March. With that show, we have increased our numbers considerably and demonstrated that we are more than just about painting. The **demonstrations and workshops** that have been occurring at the McCarthy Gallery have been extremely successful and the Truro Art Society will be continuing in that vein after the show ends. We have been fortunate enough to secure space at the **TAAC grounds** on Golf Street in Truro to have our meetings. The plan is to continue offering workshops, demonstrations and artists' talks in this space, though these are still in the works. I, as co-president, am very open to members approaching with ideas on contributing to these types of events.

These are exciting times within the TAS. The overwhelming response has been very positive with these developments. Our liaisons to the McCarthy have been very pleased with the demos and have expressed interest in continuing and enhancing our agreement with them. We will keep you up to date as things develop.

### Marigold Proposal

Another development in the works is a relationship with the **Marigold**. We were approached by Marigold representatives to be part of their new vision for their space. Although everything is still very preliminary, their desire is to promote the fact that it is a commercial gallery. Therefore, their wish is to have juried work being shown and sold there. This is in no way to take away what we have been doing at the McCarthy; it is simply to augment our presence at the McCarthy and group exhibitions will continue in the library.

### Harvest Moon Festival

**The Town of Truro** is very interested in having TAS be a part of upcoming events, including a new **Harvest Moon Festival** which will occur on September 17-19. At this time, we have not come up with anything definitive and we welcome suggestions and ideas from the membership as to what we can do to participate. Ideas can be submitted to either me or Janice Guinan via phone or email.

We are also looking for **volunteers** for various committees. As we do not have an Exhibitions Coordinator, we are now looking for people to form an Exhibitions Committee for planning and booking exhibitions. Also, we are looking for people to serve on the Social, Grants and Funding as well as Workshop Committees. Come contribute to your Society!

A few last notes:

We, the Executive, have been considering **revisions to the Constitution**. Copies of it will be made available at the Annual General Meeting (details below) and we will be discussing it at a future meeting.

There are a few spots left in **Jon Hutt's workshop** on "The Artist as Self Promoter" being held May 5, 2010. If interested, please contact Katherine Burris at 985-7362 or burris@ns.sympatico.ca. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

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## ***Presidents' Message (cont.)***

Here are a couple of reminders to the membership:

The 41<sup>st</sup> **Annual Members Show runs from April 8 to May 28, 2010.** The Take-In day is on April 6, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Artists working in any medium are welcome to apply. This includes sculpture, fibre, metal or other in addition to flat work. The reception is on April 8, at 7:00 pm. If you are not a member and wish to become one, you can bring your membership information and fee at the time of take-in. For this one time, the 25% commission that would normally go to TAS will be donated to the Haiti relief fund.

The **Annual General Meeting will be held May 12** at the Nova Scotia Community College at 7:00 pm this one time to accommodate artist Peter LaBelle. Not only is he a talented painter, he is also our liaison with the NSCC McCarthy Gallery. He will be putting on a demo and talk after our meeting.

The **Second Annual Paint the Park event** will occur **July 16-17** in concurrence with National Parks Day. Please see the Paint the Park info for more details. Volunteers needed!

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## **Gerald Gloade Exciting Speaker**

We would like to thank Gerald Gloade for being our guest speaker at our March members meeting. He is one of two local artists whose artwork was featured at the Aboriginal Pavilion at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and he shared pictures of the artists and artwork there that few here have had the opportunity to see.

An expert on heritage and archeology, working for the Confederacy of Mainland Mikmaq on the aboriginal archaeology project in Debert, Gerald was able to give us a greater appreciation for Mi'kmaq art, culture, tradition and heritage. The Debert site is home to the oldest archaeological site in Canada, and one of the most significant sites in North America. The artifacts collected there date back more than 13,000 years.

Examples of some artifacts, some of his artwork and carvings, books from the Olympics, along with his slide show presentation was so interesting and informative that it left us all wanting to know more! It was gold medal worthy!

He is an extremely talented woodcarver and artist, a truly gifted and fascinating individual and now a new member of the Truro Art Society. Welcome Gerald! You can view some of his artwork and get to know more about him by going to our website, <http://www.truroartsociety.ca/>,

## **Gallery 215 to Open in June**

Gallery 215 opens for the 2010 season in mid June. Gallery 215 is located in Selma, near the village of Maitland. There are several TAS members who are currently represented by Gallery 215. If any TAS members are interested in being placed on the waiting list for Gallery 215, please contact Susan Sweet, 261-2036 or [animallart@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:animallart@ns.sympatico.ca)

## **Web Site Seeks Input**

[www.truroartsociety.ca](http://www.truroartsociety.ca) still needs input from any member who wishes to have events and info posted on the site. Thanks to all the members who have worked so hard on this website (Richard, Neil, Judy, Karen G and Janice G especially), thanks to all who submit things and to all who are using it. We think it is coming along!

## **Great Publicity**

The publicity we received for our recent show and demos was fantastic. The publicity committee must be very pleased, and TAS thanks them for a great job. We also want to thank the *Chronicle Herald* and the *Truro Daily News* for their coverage. The increase in attendance owes much to these papers.

## fanTAStic Show and Demos Great Success!

As coordinator of the fanTAStic Visual Art Show, I would like to thank everyone who contributed in making it such a successful event: the Executive and Board Members who exhibited their unique and beautiful creations, Deanna Boucher for directing the hanging, Ardythe Davis for providing us with such professional, classy looking title cards, Anne and Brian Hume for faithfully helping with the hanging, Karen Gaudet for the fantastic invitation design, Neil Fisher, Katherine Burris and Pat Hincks for keeping us connected with newsletters and mail outs, Judy Arsenault, Susan Sweet and Richard Wenzel for keeping our website current, Lyndia Baird Wellwood my partner in publicity, Pam Swainson and Susan Sweet for providing the food and refreshments for the opening night reception and Charmaine Borden and the staff at the NSCC for their continued support and encouragement. There was at one time apparently 160 people in the room on opening night.. Let's keep the enthusiasm going and growing! We have so much to celebrate together, so let's keep getting the word out! Invite, invite, invite!

Thanks to all who participated in the Artist Talks and Demos and made each Friday a truly fanTAStic experience!. Special Thanks to all the artists who freely gave of their time, talent and resources : Jo-Anne Shaw, Joy Laking, Karen Olsson. Nancy Crowe Samson, Neil Fisher, Audrey Hanrahan, Pamela Swainson, Jacqueline Steudler, Bruce Wood, Margaret Boyle, Katherine Burris, Judy Arsenault, Susan Sweet, Richard Wenzel, Kathleen Sadlier , the Attic Painters (Doris Crowe ;Sarah Warringer; Linda MacQuarrie; Ida Legere; Dorothy Tay; Joan Lockhart; Kerry Geddes; Dorothe Raymer; Karen Olsson; Nancy Crowe Samson; and Betty Rector) and Myrna Hambleton. Our community is richer because of you!

Many, many thanks!

Sincerely, Janice Guinan

## Paint the Park Needs Volunteers

Hi! Folks,

Believe or not it won't be long and it will be July! The town of Truro were quite impressed with TAS Paint the Park and they would like us to do it again only this time have it coincide with the celebration of National Park's Day -- July 17th.

First we need to form a **committee of 4 to 6 people** to organize the event. That would include planning of the event, applying for funding, sending out notice for registration (deadline probably early June), arranging for advertising, setting up media involvement, ordering bags, ordering food, ordering/arranging stuff for bags, organizing refreshments for the gallery, arranging for a guest speaker for Friday, putting up posters and signs, soliciting volunteers for the two day event Friday, July 16 -- set up and registration, and Saturday, July 17 -- actual paint the park day. Then we need **volunteers for the two days**: setting up, registration, taking in framed paintings, handling the wet paintings, organizing the silent auction of the wet paintings, runners, getting the lunches, "manning" the gallery, cleaning up.

So I am asking each of you to let me know what you would be willing to do, to invite your friends and/or other TAS members to join you. I think we can make it an even bigger success than last year and have a lot of fun in the process. The overall comment was that TAS members felt that they had a chance to get to know one another and had a lot of fun. Plus there others who were not TAS members who helped and had fun too.

So check your calendar and let me know. If lots sign up to help no one person will have a lot to do. And if you sign up to help you can still participate in the painting.

Join in on the fun!

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# Talks & Demos on fanTAStic Fridays

