



The Gaston County Art Guild serves the area's working artist, Art students, hobbyists, and art patrons

February 2009

PO BOX 452 Gastonia, NC 28053

February 2009 Meeting:

TUESDAY Feb. 10th 7:00 p.m. at: Unity Place

FYI: Meetings usually are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Guild Meeting Room on the 1st floor of Unity Place located at 201 W. Franklin Blvd in Downtown Gastonia.

Gaston County Art Guild ARTS UPDATE

Greetings Artist and Art Lovers; This months meeting will be held at our office at Unity Place on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM and will feature Lori Lytle, it will be a hands on Demo so everyone can participate, so wear some paint cloths. We will be making Valentine mono prints, supplies will be provided. If you have any questions please call Lori Lytle at 704-460-0014 or email at llytle@carolina.rr.com. Hope to see you there.

A note from Dennis....

Jan. 28, 2009

I asked my wife what she wanted for her birthday and she said, "something that goes 0 - 150 in six seconds". I bought her bathroom scales. Then the fight started.

"Sometimes tradition is just folly perpetuated".

Can it really be 2009. Changes make old men grumpy. Cell phones, i-pods, Blackberries, i-phones now. None the less, change is constant and even grumpy old men must come to accept it. The challenge becomes teaching the unwilling about traditions and being open to new ways that might become tradition. Some of we "art minded" friends have been talking about the decline of our once "great" art guild and words such as "back in the day", "I remember when..", "what happened to..", "we need to..." are heard. I personally remember when our membership was somewhere around 120 - 140. I remember when judges and city officials and county commissioners were among the attendees at our receptions. We who held positions and we who reaped the benefits are also responsible for the upkeep of that which we held in esteem. So how can we ensure that our traditions carry on and that which we hold in esteem does not fall by the wayside (under discarded monologue TV's)? Why do guild members become inactive? Why do we not have leaders willing to take the reins so that the burden is shared? What is the price of something valuable?

How many of you have a friend who has not been to a guild meeting in a long time? Can you make a phone call and see if they want to ride with you to our next meeting? How many of you have new neighbors who have moved into your community. Have you mentioned to them that the Guild is there for non-artists as well as artists. Who will take responsibility for running our "baby" in the future. New artists, of course. Help us figure out ways to incorporate these new artists into our membership so that we might train them about the business end of art. We will equally profit.

We have some new opportunities to excel, to be discussed in the next meeting. Two of those are:

- 1. Teaching a summer activity to school children at the Gaston County Library In July.
2. Expanding our gallery crawl by recruiting businessmen to participate by hanging our member art works in their buildings and extending their business hours, for one day, in order to greet visitors. We have talked about rotating our gallery crawl to Mt. Holly and Belmont.

See you at the next meeting. Dennis

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Up and Coming Events.....

Upcoming Natural View Exhibit

All members should have received a prospectus for the show in the mail. If you did not get one, this year you can print or view one online at www.gastoncountyartguild.com

Please read the prospectus carefully so that you understand all the rules. Understand the Theme of the show: Nature – eg: Plants, Animals, or Landscapes. You will improve your chances for acceptance if you do not include evidences of man – e.g.: furniture, vase/flower pot, a barn or building even small ones. The juror has to make choices of what gets into the show from a lot of good art so plan to enter a work that best represents the Theme of the Exhibit. Any question call Scott Boyle 704-860-3803

Location: Schiele Museum of Natural History – 1500 E Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, NC

Take Up at the Schiele Museum will be

Sat Feb 28 from 10AM – 2PM

Sun Mar 1 from 2PM – 5PM

Picked Up Declined Works will be

Tues Mar 3 from 12PM – 6PM

Opening Reception and Awards

Thurs Mar 5 from 6PM – 8PM

We also need volunteers for help with food at the show. If you can bring a dish or refreshments please call Scott Boyle at 704-860-3803

Guild News

Community Outreach Program....

In order to receive Arts Funding this year Guild members need to do more Community outreach. If any member knows of an organization that you think would benefit from a program that we as an Artist Organization could provide please call Dennis Shook at 704-678-3810 or Lori Lytle at 704-460-0014

Request for Email Addresses

In order to save resources and ease delivery of the Newsletter we would like to start emailing the Newsletter to members who would prefer it . We believe this would save both time and money for the guild. If you would like to give it a try please send your email address to Lori Lytle at llytle@carolina.rr.com

Silent Auction Fund Raiser...

Rodis is having a Silent Auction fund raiser in March for a special needs Children's Cheerleading Team “ Galaxy Super Novas “ . The team will need funds for transportation and expenses. If you would like to donate a piece of artwork for the Auction please Contact Angie Hall at 704-864-0961.

Studio Space.....

The Frame Gallery on 2nd Ave. in Gastonia has several great Studio Spaces available for rent at fair prices. Please call Nancy Albright at 704-865-8856

Run For The Money \$\$\$\$

We need a chair for our annual fund raiser “Run for the Money”, this Spring . This is our largest annual funding project, the money raised is vital for the guilds survival. If your interested please call or email Dennis Shook (dwshook@live.com 704-678-3810) or Scott Boyle (sboyle1@carolina.rr.com 704-860-3803).

Visit our Website at www.gastoncountyartguild.com for more guild information and a gallery of fellow guild member's work.