LETHBRIDGE ARTISTS CLUB NEWSLETTER- JULY 2019

Welcome to summer! Maybe? Rain or shine, we hope this finds you with a little time to draw or paint. This is the last newsletter until September. Watch for it; it will contain lots of important news about a busy fall. This starts with our Membership Mingle, then Art Walk, and in early October, our Artist's Retreat. Later October brings the General Meeting and Potluck, then in November look forward to Christmas at Casa. Throughout the fall our classes are also running at Casa.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Sitting on the LAC Board is a chance to be involved with an evolving, diverse group of artists. We need volunteers to make things happen... and good things happen when many hands/creative thinkers work together.

The LAC Board meets 4-7 times a year. We take the summer off and come back in September prepared for what is always a busy and fun fall season. There are 2 opportunities on the board. We encourage members to contact Sue, swilkie02@shaw.ca for more information about these if interested. We welcome all new board members and mentor new recruits with an associate board member.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR. This is a chance to contribute your creative talents. The newsletter is very important to our club as it carries all pertinent news to the members, incl. entry forms and calls for submissions. You must be comfortable with email, Microsoft office documents. Your term would start September 2019 and run for 2 years. This is a voluntary position.

PROMOTIONS. We want someone to expand our opportunities to exhibit in small venues in/around Lethbridge. It is simply a matter of dropping in and asking the manager if they would like to exhibit the club's art. The business benefits by a display of our beautiful art, and there is an opportunity for artists to sell their work We believe there are many unexplored venues waiting to be discovered. Your term would start September 2019 and run for 2 years. This is a voluntary position.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY ~ "Southern Alberta" at Coaldale Public Library

Iris Andronowich reports an opportunity for LAC members to exhibit at the Coaldale Public Library for the month of September 2019. The Theme is "Southern Alberta". Please advise Iris BY MIDNIGHT AUGUST 15 of your intention to exhibit to: <u>iandro@shaw.ca</u> or call 403.328.6747. Gallery Space will be limited, register soon!

Dropoff/setup - Thurs. AUG 29, 10 AM to noon / Takedown - Mon SEPT 30, 1 to 3 PM

The REGISTRATION FORM is available for download off the club website. (On Home Page click on "What's Up") Please fill out 2 copies and bring with you to the event.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

SEPT. 21 ~ **Membership Mix and Mingle** Event, Casa Sm. Meeting Room. 1-3 PM. Annual Membership renewals \$30 due by OCT-31. Membership FORM available on club website.

Friday September 27 and Saturday September 28 ~ Art Walk 2019:

Business

Membership - A trial membership fee of \$10 was approved for NEW Members wishing to join the club after the AGM in February, until the fall membership drive in September.

Members are encouraged to read the policy guidelines "Sales/Exhibitions" on our website to learn about exhibition policies. Proper wiring of paintings for exhibition is required. See LAC Wiring Policy, also on the site.

Anyone interested in purchasing clear plastic bags for greeting card enclosures Marilyn Gillies is (403-327-5978) going to put in an order. Google Clear Plastic Bags Canada Inc for info on sizes etc.

IDEAS WANTED!

At the LAC General Meeting and Potluck in October! We encourage members to attend and share their ideas about where you wish the club to go over the next couple of years?

Discussion: How can the Lethbridge Artists Club serve its members better?

- Are weekly? monthly? events important to you? What kind of events? More special events/speakers?
- How should our club attract new members?
- What types of classes/workshops interest you most? Has cost/time been a factor?

12th ANNUAL RETREAT ~ Check In: FRIDAY Oct. 4 ~Check out: MONDAY Oct. 7 (or stay for just 1 or 2 nights) at Rocky Ridge Country Lodge, Mountain View, :45 min. drive from Lethbridge! It's a B & B...breakfast is included in price!

- The Lodge provides ample space to paint, eat meals together and gather for critiques. The area provides many opportunities to paint prairie, foothills, mountains...
- Share your work each evening in 'kind and constructive' critiques.
- Bring your own lunches. Kitchen access all day. Potluck meals for supper.
- Visit the Rocky Ridge website for maps, breakfast menu, location, and rooms /prices (Off-season rates.) Josh will require credit card # to hold room. He has a very generous cancellation policy. There are a limited number of rooms, some singles, some doubles so reserve soon!! Rooms with 2 beds offer economy.

Please advise Sue if you want to find a roommate. Carpooling may be available. We welcome "Day Trippers" to join us, weather permitting, for plein air painting at a prearranged destination! (sent by text message)

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND* VISIT: https://www.rockyridgecountrylodge.com/ to view rooms available. RESERVE YOUR ROOM - email Josh at: <u>rockyridge2008@gmail.com</u> or phone 403.653.3053 toll free 1.888.717.7770 ADVISE SUE YOU'RE ATTENDING: by email <u>swilkie02@shaw.ca</u>, call 403.328.1373