

Burlington Fine Arts Association

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President's Message

Who defines Quality?

I was impressed this year with the work that was chosen for the BFAA juried show. A lot of very high quality work was picked by this year's judge, along with very credible comments as to her process of judging. This cannot be said for all judges. I still remember one juried show where the judge actually laughed as he explained why he included a particular piece of art that did not seem even remotely connected to the stated theme of the show. It was as if he thought it was a great inside joke...but I and many others were not amused. In fact we were puzzled, if not astounded, that the piece should be included in the show. Let me be clear that the painting itself was well executed, and I thought it was a nice painting. That being said, the fact that the juror was unable to give a reasonable explanation or justification as to why they thought the piece belonged in the show really undermines the professionalism of the judge and any pretense of objective assessment. When it comes down to it, judges are just as influenced by their own personal opinions as the rest of us. This leads to the obvious question as to why we should pay so much attention to the opinions of "professional" judges.

This year's judge, Dawn White Beatty was quite different. I was not surprised with the piece that won jurors' choice. Many others agreed. When we arrived to submit our paintings to the show, as soon as you walked into the room the painting by Tamara Kwapich, "Autumn Bliss" stood out.

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BFAA Pot Luck Dinner
Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 pm

Kaleidoscope is June 13 & 14

We will be sending out information regarding the entry form for the Lee-Chin Gallery and volunteer positions soon.

In the meantime, please mark the date on your calendar.

Note:

Each member can submit up to 2 paintings for the Lee-Chin Gallery, total combined width (including frames) is 60".

If you have any questions, please contact Jaci Harrison

President's Message, cont'd

Unless you are very biased towards a particular type of art or style, or have been conditioned by too much art theory, the quality of a particular piece of art requires no explanation.

What is "quality"? Can you define it? If you try you will find it is very difficult. But the odd thing is that we all can see it almost immediately. Whether it is a piece of furniture, a piece of clothing, or a piece of art, we don't need to be told by an expert that it has "quality". What an "expert" can do for us is to tell us what aspects are usually present in the pieces that we intuitively pick out as quality pieces all by ourselves. Of course there are those who are incapable of outwardly making a statement of any kind unless it has been approved by someone else. But when we are honest with ourselves, and look with an unconditioned, unbiased mind, most of us can see when the emperor is wearing clothes and when he has none, even if most of the world says different.

Congratulations to Tamara, and also Victoria Pearce for Blue Serenity (Alice Peck Award), Lia Van Pelt-Riddell for Red Winged Black Bird (Honourable Mention), and Helen Griffiths for A Few Good Eggs (Honourable Mention). Congratulations to everyone else in the show and to everyone who participated in this year's event. Thanks to Donna Fratesi for organizing this year's show.

Note that the deadline for the Burlington Urban and Rural show is now closed. We received a total of 100 submissions, both from the BFAA and outside the guild. Those proposals which will be picked for the show will be determined by sometime in July. We will keep you posted.

Ivan Fernandez
BFAA President

"small is beautiful too"

BFAA second small works show

In the Fireside Lounge

November 2015

Open to all BFAA members

Everyone is welcome to submit one painting

The painting must fit into an area 14 inches x 14 inches **not** including the frame.

Note that extra large oversized frames will not be allowed. Please keep the frame to a reasonable size.

The take-in day will be near the end of October and will be announced soon.

BFAA **June** 2015 POT LUCK Dinner

Tuesday June 16th at 6:30 pm
Rotary/Shoreline Room

Please **Bring**:

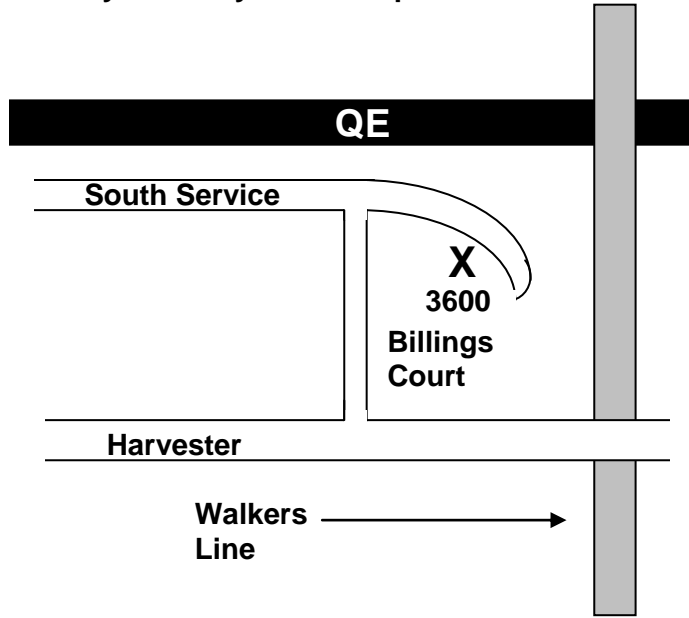
- Your cheque book or some cash for our ***Studio Finds & Bargain Event***
The proceeds will go to BFAA.
 - **Any artwork, art material or art book** you wish to donate.
 - **Friends & family**
(Other guild members are most welcome!)
 - Your **favourite** casserole, salad, dessert or appetizer with appropriate serving utensil.
- *** Please note that the AGB is a nut free facility *to help participants with allergy concerns, please provide a list of ingredients.*
- Your own plate, cutlery and mug.

Dress code: **Colourful**

Hall of Art

Fred Urron

will be featured at the Law Offices of:
Feltmate, Delibato, Heagle
 Suite 200,
 3600 Billings Court,
 Burlington.
Apr 27, 2015 to June 26, 2015
Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm



Note:
 There are openings from January 2016.
 Please contact Deena Errampalli to book.

Models Needed

Portrait Models are required for the **Sketch Group**.

The rate is \$40.00 for a three-hour session.
 Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:00

Contact:
 Jessie Grant
 or
 Chris Mittelstaedt

2015 Schedule Hall of Art

Jan 5 to Feb 27Pat Richardson

Mar 2 to Apr 24Jenny Angold

Apr 27 to June 26Fred Urron

June 29 to Aug 28Rebecca Marsden

Aug 31 to Oct 30Jaci Harrison and
Deena Errampalli

Nov 2 to Dec 22Shelly Prior

Portrait Demo at Kaleidoscope

As part of the Kaleidoscope Show on June 13 / 14 the BFAA will be demonstrating portrait painting with live models on **Sat from 1:00 – 4:00, and on Sunday from 1:30 – 4:30.**

Being a demonstrator counts as part of your volunteer hours required for submitting work for the main gallery show. Last year this was a big success and was enjoyed by everyone. At this point we could use a few more people to come out and paint with us. No experience required.

If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail.

Thanks,

Ivan Fernandez

BURLINGTON FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

FIRESIDE LOUNGE
2015 / 2016 Schedule

Apr	Latow
May	Shelley Prior
June	Latow
July	Cheryl Goldring
Aug	Latow
Sept	Latow
Oct	Latow
Nov	BFAA Small Works Show
Dec	Latow
Jan	Ann Kelly Walsh
Feb	Deena Errampalli
Mar.....	Latow
Apr	Latow
May	Lois Crawford

BFAA Memberships

\$55.00 Individual or
 \$50.00 Senior (65+)
 Payable through the Art Gallery of Burlington
 at the same time as your AGB renewal.

**Silent Auction
 for Kaleidoscope**

Once again we will be putting together boxes of original cards for the silent auction at Kaleidoscope. We are asking our members who make cards that are either original art cards or cards made from prints of original paintings by the artist to please donate cards for the auction. The boxes of cards that we have done in the past have sold very well. Cards can be left in the BFAA mailbox to the attn. of Gail Forbes. Please submit your cards at least one week before the show. Thank you for your continued support.

Note:

Members exhibiting in the Fireside Lounge are asked to contact the media themselves. If you wish to have an opening in the Fireside Lounge, you must contact Angi Goobie to book the room. The fee is \$85.00

If you wish to exhibit, please send me a short Bio of your exhibits. You must have been accepted in at least TWO Juried Exhibitions. You must wait 3 years before exhibiting again in the Fireside Lounge. You must also have been a member of Fine Arts and AGB for at least one year.

When you exhibit in the Fireside you are required to sign a statement that you will pay 20% commission to the BFAA for anything that is sold while it is hanging there, and also for any painting sold afterwards within the month after the show is down, based on the purchaser having seen it at the Fireside Lounge. The BFAA keeps 10% and gives 10% to the Arts Burlington Council. It is up to the artists to be on their honour and pay the 20% commission to our Treasurer.

Vanessa Cress Lokos

Attention New Members

Your fellow BFAA artists would like to get to know you. Send me a short bio and some photos of your work.

If you don't want to do a bio with photos, please just send me your name and phone number so I can put it into our Welcome New Members column.

Also, this is your Fine Arts Newsletter. I welcome information from all of our members. If you have been accepted into a show, or have other fine art related news to share with your fellow members, please let me know.

Bob Wallace
 BFAA Newsletter Editor

Dates to Remember

June, July, Aug 2015

Wednesday, June 3, July 1 or 8, Aug 5

- Life Drawing (Open Studio)..... 9am - noon

Wednesday, June 10, 17, 24

July 8, 15, 22, 29

Aug 12, 19, 26

- Sketch Group 9am -noon

Tuesday, June 16

- BFAA Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm

Monday, Aug 23 2015

- Deadline for Sept Newsletter

Welcome New Members

Newsletter Articles

If you wish to submit articles for the newsletter, please take note of my deadline (shown above), and e-mail them to me in time for my deadline. If you don't notify me in time, the newsletters won't be received until well into the next month. To submit articles for publication in the BFAA Newsletter:

- E-mail your articles and/or pictures to:
wallace.art@sympatico.ca

Attention Members

Please notify Joan Carte, with any

- address,
- telephone, or
- email address changes

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Sketch Group

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