



Visual Artists of Welland

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Visual Artists of Welland: Saturday, June 27, 2020

Dear VAW Members,

This e-blast is a little lengthy—please read to the end.



On **Tuesday, June 23**, the Executive Board had a face-to-face meeting.

Here's a synopsis of what was discussed and decided on:

1. Sadly, **Tracy Greening**, has resigned from her position as Webmaster and Facebook Guru. I know you are joining me in **thanking Tracy** for her unwavering dedication to the position. She will, however, continue on the Board as a Member-at-Large.



Thank You!

WELCOME!

2. **Website Manager:** will now be **Tina Clancy**—A member and Deedee’s sister who lives in Milton. She will essentially take over from Tracy the website portion of the VAW. I know you are all joining me in **welcoming Tina** to the Board.

3. **Elections:** because of the pandemic, it was decided to ask the people currently on the Board whether they would like to keep their position for another year. The 2021 Executive Board will be:

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Deedee Alexandre and Pam Duncan

Treasurer: Marilyn Nevills

Secretary: Patricia Haftar

Chairs:

Website Manager: Tina Clancy

Membership/Volunteers: Claudia Aubertin

Event Planner: vacant

Marketing: vacant

Member at Large: Tracy Greening



If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact Deedee or Pam by July 20. Good times!

3. **Membership:** primarily because of Covid 19, the



Board has decided to forgo the \$35.00 payment from its members for the 2020-2021 year. Returning membership will be **free**, but a new card will need to be issued to each member by September. **New members** will still pay \$35.00.

Still worth it!

4. **Spring Fling—2020:** is **cancelled for this year.** Many of you, however, paid for a board or two. That money can either be refunded to you via e-transfer or just carried over to Spring Fling 2021 (knock on wood!). Your choice. New applications and information will be necessary for the 2021 show.

Can you please contact Marilyn Nevills, our treasurer, at: mnevills9@gmail.com by July 20 as to what your intention with the money is.

5. **Silver Linings Art Show and Sale:** is still being planned, and we have a venue under consideration; hopefully, we can have it before December!

We would like to donate the funds raised from the sale of the paintings to go to a **local charity:** a shelter, a food bank, or to mental health.

Can you please let Deedee or Pam know which of the three you would like the VAW to consider—if you can

please specify the exact organization, that would be great. We'll go with what the majority would like.

6. The Welland Museum is entered into the Great Canadian Giving Challenge, which if they win, will give them \$20,000 to use in expanding their programs. Since they have been so good to the VAW, may we suggest you consider supporting them in this by a small donation- minimum of \$3. Each \$1 gives them an entry into the Challenge (\$20 equal 20 entries). This is entirely voluntary, but if you are interested in supporting them you can do so at givingchallenge.ca or canadahelps.org The deadline is June 30th.

7. The November show "Sleigh Bells" at the Seaway Mall is still uncertain as we have to be in Phase 4 for events like this to take place. Stay tuned as we get through this pandemic together.

Stay safe! Stay healthy!

Deedee and Pam