



Visual Artists of Welland

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Visual Artists of Welland: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Dear VAW Members!

This Newsletter is *chock full of information!* Please read thoroughly. Any questions, please contact Deedee or Pam.



**Natalie Omay
Gary Inkster**
we now have

66
members!

**Here are several things
for your consideration:**

Huzzah!



1. Niagara This Week: Diamond Award Winner!!!

- VAW won for the second year in a row for Best Gallery!!!
- an aside—Pam Duncan won again for Best Artist!!!
- Congrats...and...

Huzzah!

2. Carmela Rinaldis: sadly, a long-time member of the Visual Artists of Welland, Carmela, died on Friday, July 28 from cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very sorrowful time. On behalf of the VAW membership, a \$50 donation to Hospice Niagara was made as well as a sympathy card was sent to the family.

3. Port Colborne High School: FYI former Port students

From: **Michelle Mason** <Michelle.Mason@portcolborne.ca>

Hi Deedee and Pam,

My name is Michelle Mason and I'm helping Roselawn Art Centre organize a Juried Art show that will open on Sept.23.

This show is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Port Colborne High School. The submissions are open to former and current students of PCHS and we are accepting submissions till Sept 6. It's open to all medium and has to be ready to display. The photos of the art can be sent to museum@portcolborne.ca to be accepted. I'm reaching out to you to see if you could help us spread the word, maybe you have members that went to PC High, or you would have space in your August newsletter.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

4. Art on the Wall—Welland Civic Centre

- Andrea MacGregor—an organizer of the Art on the Wall, is looking for two volunteers to help with having a different artist displaying each month
- if this sparks your interest, please contact her at:
j.andreamac@gmail.com

5. Welland Historical Museum: Monday, August 28

- that is the final day for the VAW exhibit
- please take down your art between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- otherwise, you can take down a couple days earlier—
please phone the Museum to clarify the opening/closing hours

6. Fundraising Ideas for Bursaries:

- at the Graduation ceremonies in June, the VAW presents a \$100 bursary to each of the five secondary schools in Welland
- after Remembrance Day, we will once again set up the Christmas Tree and decorate it with the \$5 ornaments
- the VAW Board is wondering if there are other ideas to consider in order to bolster the Bursary Fund
- please let Deedee or Pam know
- we looked into having calendars created, but the costs were prohibitive

7. The VAW Website:

- especially if you are working at the Gallery Shop—if someone asks for anything specific that is not in the

Gallery Shop, please **always** direct them to the VAW website by giving them our business cards

8. 3rd Annual Sleigh Bells Art Show and Sale!

- plans are starting to firm up!
- set-up: Thursday, Nov. 16—time tba
- Show: Friday, Nov. 17-Sunday, Nov. 19—Mall hours
- Hart Court at the Seaway Mall—near the Gallery Shop
- usual grids will be used; cost tba
- stay tuned for more info at the Sept. General Meeting

9. Next General Meeting—Sunday, September 10

- *at 2 p.m. at the Chippawa Park Community Centre! Please arrive a few minutes early!*



Please bring

\$5.00 for 50/50 draw

There will be four main things that will take place at the General Meeting!

a) **Food!** This meeting, in part, will be a Welcome Back meeting! Party time! We're not sure what food we'll have but you can plan on it being uber delish!

b) **Annual Membership Renewal!** It costs \$35.00 to renew your membership. The membership card will be given to you once payment is made.

NB: \$10 extra to have 10 images on the website; renewable each year

c) **Annual General Meeting--AGM!** The VAW Board members will make brief but concise reports re: the past year's activity for their position.

d) **VAW Elections!** Once you hear the Board Reports, you will be stirred and moved to take on a position! Being on the VAW Board is both simple and rewarding. Any questions about the positions, please ask Deedee or Pam.



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- Wallack’s Art Supplies and Framing (Ottawa)—10% discount
 - Great Signs and Graphics (Welland)—10% off orders over \$75
 - The European Pantry (Welland)—10% on art supplies

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Event Planner: vacant

Marketing: vacant

Member at Large: Liz Bird

Stay safe, sane, healthy, and happy!

Deedee and Pam

Huzzah!