



Visual Artists of Welland

Inspiring Local Artists

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Visual Artists of Welland: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Dear VAW Members!

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



So far, 56 members have renewed their membership!

Here are several things for your consideration:

Huzzah!



Next General Meeting!

Sunday,

November 12:--

*at 2 p.m. at the
Chippawa Park
Community*

*Centre! Please arrive a few
minutes early!*



Please bring

\$5.00 for 50/50 draw

Huzzah!

1. Sleigh Bells Art Show and Sale:

Hart Court, Seaway Mall-- cost: \$25.00 / grid

- Thursday, November 16: 4 p.m. set-up--everyone!
--do **NOT** hang any art until all the grids are assembled and, in their position,
- Friday, November 17: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday, November 18: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, November 19: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; take down at 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

2. Welland Writers Guild: Neil Chopp:

- Neil Chopp made a brief oral report to the Board members on Sunday, Nov. 5--we had a Google Meet meeting
- what the Guild would like to do is partner with Welland artists--specifically the VAW
- one year the writers would write a short story and the artists would paint a picture; the next year, the artists would paint a picture and that would serve as inspiration for the writers to create a short story
- **if you are interested in this partnership:** Neil's phone number is: 289-682-5699
email: nchopp15@gmail.com
- he mentioned he's looking at April-June 2024
- more details when you contact him

3. Magnetic Name Tags: have been ordered and delivered!

- each VAW member will receive their own magnetic name tag
- please put your **business card inside or another appropriate paper with your name**
- while in Gallery Shop--please wear your name tag

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- wearing the name tag at the General Meetings/VAW Art Shows and Sale-- would also be a good idea
 - *please leave your name tag in the storage box provided at each event*

Huzzah!

4. Call out for Instructors for 2024!



- the VAW is planning to continue offering classes in 2024
- on the third and fourth Sundays between 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- at the Gallery Shop
- if you are interested in offering a class--please contact Deedee or Pam--complete the instructor's form at the Gallery Shop--detailed proposal
- Tom Messina will instruct the class on Sunday, January 21

5. Pelham Art Fest: Mother's Day Weekend:

- if you are interested in volunteering for a leadership or otherwise position, please contact:

contact: **Mia at 905-964-3301**

6. Rose Festival:

- at this point, the Board has not heard from the Rose Festival people about anything to do with an art exhibit
- Pam emailed Mike Belcastro, who is the President of the Seaway Mall, regarding the Rose Festival
- perhaps there will be an update in December

7. Christmas! Preparations:

Sunday, Nov. 12: VAW General Meeting--Dani will distribute the ornaments that were ordered through her; you may want to place them back in the boxes--Deedee and Marilyn will bring the boxes of ornaments to the Gallery Shop the next day.



- **You can add your business card to the ornament and sign it--with a thin Sharpie**

Monday, Nov. 13: at 10 a.m., the Christmas tree will be set up in the Gallery Shop and the tree will be decorated; if you want to help, please **join us!**

8. Bev and Tom Messina: have resigned from the Board citing personal reasons

- join the Board members in thanking both of them for their dedication and enthusiasm--applause

9. General Meeting Dates in 2024: 2 p.m. at the Chippawa Park Community Centre:

Jan. 14 / Feb. 11 / Mar 10 / April 21 / May 19 / June 9

Visual Artists of Welland 2023-2024 Executive Board:

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Deedee Alexandre and Pam Duncan

Treasurer: Marilyn Nevills

Secretary:

Chairs:

Website Manager: Danielle Robbins

Membership: Tracy Greening

Volunteers:

Event Planner: vacant

Marketing: vacant

Member at Large: Liz Bird and Deb LaFontaine

The Benefits of Membership



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



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Stay safe, sane, healthy, and happy!

Deedee and Pam

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