



Visual Artists of Welland

Inspiring Local Artists

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Visual Artists of Welland: Friday, October 6, 2023

Dear VAW Members!

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



Lesley Avey

Kathleen Gander

Brenda Koch

Tina LaSelva

Jack McDowell

Valerie Parry

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

Huzzah!



Next General Meeting!

Sunday, October

15:--at 2 p.m. at

the Chippawa

Park Community

Centre! Please

arrive a few minutes early!



General Meeting



Please bring

\$5.00 for 50/50 draw

Huzzah!

1. Renewal of Membership Fees!

- please pay your dues: by October 31
- after which, your page on the website will be turned off
- \$35--basic membership; +\$10=add 10 photos to the website

2. 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.

**application, payment, and final list of art for sale
(no additions): due: Monday, October 30**

3. Christmas Ornament: Dani Robbins--great opportunity

- for \$1.50, Dani will create an ornament with your digital image of painting, business card, etc.
- this offer is **JUST** for donated items for the Christmas/Bursary tree--
- see poster on next page--please contact Dani directly

<https://forms.gle/79EaXehK4APBZXoW7>



VAW Christmas Tree Ornaments

**Put your paintings directly onto an ornament
(a clear digital photo of your painting will be needed)**

Two shapes to choose from - Double sided



ROUND: 3" x 3.5" (w x h)



RECTANGLE: 3.9" x 2.8" (w x h)

Being offered for the VAW tree at \$1.50 each*

Available options:

1. put your painting on both sides
2. painting and artist info
3. painting and pick from a selection of available christmas greetings

Order by: October 15

Send to Dani - dcrcustomcreations@gmail.com

*price different for personalized gifts not intended for the VAW tree

4. **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
- 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!

5. **Rose Festival Art Show and Sale--2024**

- the VAW was approached to organize and co-ordinate and sponsor the Rose Festival Art Show and Sale
- the Board agreed to endorse this involvement / event



--this is what we know:

- the Rose Festival will be in June
- there will be no competition for first/second/third place
- there will be an Opening Reception
- it will take place at Centre Court in the Seaway Mall
- the VAW grids will be used
- the VAW will receive the application fees
- outside members will be allowed at an additional cost
- there will be a rep from Rose Fest at the Gen mtg to make a presentation

--more details will be forthcoming

**6. Call out for
Instructors for
2024!**



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- 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

7. 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**

7. General Meetings: Proper Procedure to Raise Concerns/Ideas/Suggestions

- there's a difference between an Agenda item and a non-Agenda item
- **Agenda items:** this would be something that affects the normal course of events--policy and procedure, or a more complex nature.

i.e.: Decide if tigers should be allowed to join the VAW; do we sponsor the Welland Rose Festival
--the item goes to the Board for reflection and deliberation and decision

--contact any member of the VAW Board to raise your item(s) at the Board meeting

- **non-Agenda items:** these are no less significant points but usually can be addressed and answered in short order; it could be tabled for the next Board meeting
- talk to Deedee and Pam to decide if whether your concern is an Agenda/non-Agenda item

On a sidenote: the VAW prides itself on being transparent and approachable and unified--meaning, no cliques nor divisiveness. If you have an idea/concern/suggestion, then please talk to Deedee, Pam, or another Board member. Thank you.

Visual Artists of Welland 2023-2024 Executive Board:

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Deedee Alexandre and Pam Duncan

Treasurer: Marilyn Nevills

Secretary: Bev Messina

Chairs:

Website Manager: Danielle Robbins

Membership: Tracy Greening

Volunteers: Tom Messina

Event Planner: vacant

Marketing: vacant

Member at Large: Liz Bird and Deb LaFontaine



- 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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Stay safe, sane, healthy, and happy!

Deedee and Pam

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