



Newsletter

HOUSATONIC VALLEY ART LEAGUE

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HVAL ON THE RADIO

On Tuesday, November 29, Fran Heaney and Tina Chandler will be talking with WAMC Roundtable host, Joe Donahue about our upcoming Holiday Show, live on WMAC at 10:35am. Tune in and listen! A big thank you to HVAL member Roselle Chartock for helping to put HVAL on the calendar at the WAMC Roundtable. What a boost for our Holiday Show & Sale.

WORKSHOPS

Look for HVAL workshops announcements in the mail. Full page mailers will be sent out 2 to 3 months in advance and will also be posted on our website. Announcements will include a description of the workshop and the instructor.

HOLIDAY SHOW

This year, HVAL's holiday show and sale will be held at Dewey Hall in December. The reception will be held on Friday, December 2, 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Co-Chairs Hans Heuberger and Joe Baker have set the drop off date for Thursday, December 1, from 3 to 5pm. Volunteers who can assist with the receiving and hanging of the work, please call Hans at 413/528-1612.

You may enter one or two paintings. All paintings must be 20 by 20 inches or less. The show will be on view every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December from 10am-5pm. The pick up date is December 26.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendar for Monday night, December 5th from 6-9pm for our annual potluck Holiday Party. This year, it will be held in Sheffield at the Bushnell Sage Library. The League will provide a nice big ham, but we need you to bring a side dish or a dessert and bring your own plate and silverware. Please RSVP to Ellen Murtagh by November 28th at (413) 528-3205 or e-mail her at bille12@verizon.net

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HVAL has made contributions to art in the schools and has given scholarships for many years. The League has now decided to make grants to art programs in two schools each year in lieu of scholarships. This past year grants went to art teachers for supplies in Lee High School and Lenox High School. This year we will donate to Pittsfield High School and the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Connecticut.

Scholarship Chair, Barbara Fletcher

asks if you would like to join us in this endeavor. Restrictions in school funding mean that any additional help received will be welcomed by teachers and students. HVAL has nonprofit status so your donation is tax



HVAL Officers, Members and Committee Chairs met to plan the Holiday Show and Sale and the Holiday Party. Seated: President Wayne Jenkins and Barbara Fletcher. Standing: Fran Heaney, Patricia Ryan, Hans Heuberger, Treasurer Alice Gage and Teresa Belizzi.

deductible. Please send your contributions to HVAL, PO Box 296, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're on the air! Be sure to listen on Tuesday, November 29th to WAMC At 10:30am. Thanks to Roselle Chartok's for her help in getting us on the schedule. It's wonderful publicity for HVAL.

Many thanks to our Board members and all the volunteers for their hard work over the past year in orchestrating the shows. It is your consistent effort that makes the League run smoothly.

Don't forget, our Holiday Art Show & Sale is coming up soon at Dewey Memorial Hall. And I hope to see you at our Christmas Party on the 5th at the Sheffield library.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Keep on painting!

Wayne

MEMBER NEWS

MARY MONNIER and LOIS VAN CLEEF are participating in the Canaan Art Guild Show at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, CT. The show opened on Friday, November 4 and continues through December 12.

TINA CHANDLER's pastels will be shown at the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon, CT (on the Green in Sharon) from December 1 through January 31 with an opening reception on Sunday, December 4th, 4-6pm. For more information call 860-364-5041.

PAT RYAN, PEGGY BRAUN, BEVERLY BOURASSA, MARK GARDNER and ELSA KARR are in a group show at Art on Main. The gallery is in the Barnbrook Realty office opposite Carr Hardware in Great Barrington. The show runs from November 26 to December 30, 10am to 5pm weekdays. On weekends, call (413)528-4423 to be sure the office is open.

The Great Barrington Holiday Stroll takes place on Saturday, December 10 from 3 to 5pm. Artists will be present to welcome visitors and offer refreshments.

Our congratulations to BEVERLY BOURASSA. She has been accepted into the elected artists of the Kent Art Association.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

ELEANOR LORD organizes one-month member shows at the TD Bank in Great Barrington. In November, NANCY GOLD-BERGER's pastels were on display and PEGGY BRAUN's art will be shown in December.

Exhibit Space: Trinity Church in Lime Rock has made its parish hall and adjacent room available for artists wishing to exhibit their work. The parish has sponsored an Invitational Art Show in August for over 20 years. Church members want to increase the opportunity for the larger community to see the work of local artists. For more information or to view the exhibition space, call Mary Anne Carley at (860)977-0997 or macarley@sbcglobal.net.

SHOW RESULTS

A total of 55 works were sold during the two summer shows, 22 from the walls and 33 from bins. Total gross sales of \$10,340 didn't quite cover expenses. There was a loss of \$730. As for paintings sold from the wall, the highest price was \$1,800 with the median price of \$250. The median price for paintings from the bins was \$75. Over 1300 people attended the shows.

The Small Works Show in October to was a big success. On display in the Lenox Library's Welles Gallery were 132 works by 68 artists. A total of 13 pieces were sold, including three water-colors by Beverly Bourassa, a scratchboard etchings by Lois Ryder and an intaglio etching by Nina Ritson, a thread painting by Elsa Karr, collages by Ruth Drysdale and Anne Pasko, a pastel by Thea Baker, and oil paintings by Joan Diamant, Fran Heaney, Wayne Jenkins and Violet Wilcox. It was a beautiful show and thank you to everyone who participated.

JANUARY ISSUE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter is December 29th. Please email your copy to Fran Heaney by that date. fheaney@fairpoint.net

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