



CCAL Gossip

Hello Fellow Artists and Friends,

We missed seeing more of you at the June Membership Meeting and we do hope you'll be able to make the next one (on September 25th). In the meantime, there are a lot of things happening and we'll try to keep you filled in with a bit of "Gossip" from time to time.

First and foremost, a super Annual Art Show is going on now. We know lots of you have entered it, and thank you for doing so. There are 172 paintings in the show and the reception is on Friday, June 29th from 5-7 pm. Whether you have an entry in the show or not, please come on down and bring your friends. This is really worth seeing. If you can't make the reception, the artwork will be on display through July 21st. The staff, board and some wonderful volunteer members have worked very hard to put it on and we think you'll agree their effort was worth it.

Hey, our classroom just got bigger and brighter! Huh??? Yes! Flexing muscles and leaping over tall buildings in several bounds, the "League of Extraordinary Members" (and spouses) went to work. Two walls were demolished, the aging floor tiles were ripped asunder and over a ton of debris was made to disappear. And then magic brushes were wielded, transforming the walls and ceiling to a pleasant off-white color. With our north facing windows, this is now a pretty large and snazzy studio/classroom.

When major changes are made to old buildings, sometimes unexpected things are found. In our case, we found a mystery. An item was removed from a wall in the bathroom where it had been hiding a peephole. Lo and behold, there is another room behind the bathroom. Looking outside, it was obvious that the building extended farther, so no mystery there. But the peephole was small and one could only see that there is some kind of "stuff" in the room. Who knows what might be lurking there from the past?

Okay, enough of that. Back to the future. And planning for the future is exactly what we have been doing. There are some really exciting things in the works.

Next up, on July 21st and 22nd, M.C. Poulsen is teaching a workshop on "Oil Painting Techniques". Go to our website for the details. Many of you may have seen the June 5th, 2017 PBS documentary "Painting the Falls of Yellowstone", where Mike talks about that significant project of his. Those of you who attended any of the past "Learning from the Western Masters" workshops at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West know that he is indeed a great teacher.

We are working with the Buffalo Bill Art Show on presenting a series of workshops featuring artists from that show. The series will be called “Masters of the Buffalo Bill Art Show”. Right now it is envisioned as a quarterly event, starting sometime in October. John Potter is on tap to teach the first class. As more information becomes available, we’ll post it on our website.

But that’s not all. Under serious consideration is a “Plein Air Paint Out” this year right here in Cody. Yep; you guessed it, keep an eye on our website for more about it. .

Have we mentioned our website yet? In the past it didn’t get updated too often. That’s because everything on it required a bunch of coding to get it there. And that meant hiring an expert to write that code, which was expensive. For the cognoscenti, we’re talking about HTML, CSS, PHP, and all that yucky kind of stuff.

Well, we’re moving away from that into something that’s easier to use. If you go to our current website (which we’ve probably already suggested several times), you’ll see that there are several places to click on that lead you to new website pages. It will include images of the kinds of artwork we carry. We believe that once the public has a chance to see the quality and variety of our offerings, this will attract more people to our Gallery and result in more sales.

Last, but definitely not least, the Gallery. In our view, it is an exceptional place to visit in Cody and even more importantly, a place visitors can find unique and beautiful artworks to purchase, thanks to you, our members.

We hope to see you this Friday, June 29th, at the Artist Reception and best wishes for a great summer with friends, family and lots of time to paint and create!

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