

Paletteers Annual Meeting and Christmas Party    noon Dec. 4, 2016    Steak House Restaurant, Berlin

20 + Paletteers attended the event: a great buffet, meeting and gift exchange took place.

**Treasurer's Report:** Although more money was given out than taken in this past year, we are "solvent!" and will be through 2017. Our total funds include \$5,101.99; \$2900 of this is Scholarship Fund and \$2,000+ is General Fund.

**A motion was made and seconded to increase 2017 dues to \$20/year.** The treasurer suggested this increase as a way to save to buy more display panels, as our "collector's corner" panels, although they function, do not look as nice as our newer display panels. There was some discussion of this raise as not all members agreed to it initially. Bob explained that many of the fees we incur come about during the Summer Show as follows: \$100/ads; \$200/ribbons (which we may start reusing); \$90/refreshments; \$100 + judging fees at \$50/per judge; \$100 Peoples' Choice award. Speakers' fees also incur an expense as we compensate our monthly speakers at \$50/program. **When the motion to raise the annual dues to \$20 was put to a vote it was passed by the group.**

**The Paletteers also passed the resolution to donate \$600 to the Aldrich Library for the year.**

**Upcoming themes: "Pictures at an Exhibition":** Bob explained more in detail what the board had discussed previously as ways to interpret this show theme. The musical piece by that name is by Moussorgsky (1839-1891) and references the Hermitage. Paletteers could do a piece of art related to Russian music and/or Russian art. Dee has explored purchasing nesting doll blanks and canvassed interest in artists decorating them as part of the show. Members agreed that we need time to develop art work for this more nuanced theme, in fact 6 months was suggested as lead time for this.

**Showing art at CVH was also discussed.** Perhaps we will have a Milne Room show on the theme before signing up for doing the "Pictures at an Exhibition" show or other at CVH. CVH likes to know exactly what pieces of art are going to be exhibited when one signs up for the CVH space, so it makes more sense to develop the theme, finish pieces and then exhibit there.

**A workshop on enameling** with Bev Shevis: Bev has very generously responded to a request to share some of her knowledge and techniques on enameling with the Paletteers with a workshop in 2017. We do not have details on this yet. Probably she will be providing her portable kiln and materials that participants will pay a fee to use in the workshop, possibly on a Saturday am.

**Other themes** brought up again as interesting to the members at the annual meeting included Self-Portraits and Still-Lives. We have had a very good response to the Friday workshops that Bob arranged this fall. 9 people attended last week's Friday afternoon painting in the Milne Rm. Another opportunity for artists is Friday December 9 painting from 1-4 pm in the Milne Rm.

**Extending the show dates for the Summer Show:** Many have given feedback that the show is too short! The board will be looking into the availability of the wall space in the Milne Rm for after the 4-5 days of Heritage Week when we generally have our summer show with extra panels. Those panels would be coming down after the Heritage Week but maybe our art work could stay up longer. That is the goal.

Other ideas that popped up this time were having a "Most Unique Ribbon" for a themed show (Linda K.), and having a bake sale to raise funds.

Respectfully Submitted, M.Kantor, Sec.