

Paletteers Membership Meeting, Show Reception and Program April 13, 2016

Over 20 Paletteers attended the potluck – meeting – and speaker.

Membership meeting notes:

Treasurer's report: Bob updated the membership on the income and expenses for 1/1/2016 – 4/13/2016 which resulted in an overall total of \$184.82.

Secretary's report: Melinde read the minutes from the most recent board meeting which detailed upcoming projects that may include involvement in Heritage week, plein-air paint-outs this summer, putting together a notecard collection by our artists to fundraise for the scholarship fund, and including miniatures in future show(s).

New Business:

Dee discussed the Mathewson School need for art helpers for their playground chalk-work activities on Heritage Day. The school will be erecting plywood art spaces as well as some play squares that will encourage children and parents to use the space for artwork over the summer. Chalk will be available at the library. This project will also incorporate other aspects such as bicycle safety, scavenger hunts and CPR workshops.

More information was forthcoming from Amanda Gustin, (the outreach coordinator at the Vermont Historical Society) who has expressed interest in having Paletteers involved in Saturday workshops. They are also exploring the possibility of have an evening "wine and painting" time at the museum.

Program:

Dee introduced our speaker for the evening, Corinna Thurston. Corinna described her personal story of discovering colored pencil painting while recuperating from an extended illness. She is now an accomplished colored pencil artist creating representational animal pieces, a number of which she brought with her to show our group. The Paletteers were noticeably moved by these extremely detailed and lifelike pieces. Corinna described her process of beginning with a simple line drawing, focusing on the details in the eyes first and then beginning the at times laborious process of building up between 10 and 30 layers of colored pencil work to complete the artwork. For those interested in more information about her work, be sure and check out her website: corrinathurston.com or email her at CorrinaThurston@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted, Melinde Kantor, Secretary