

Paletteers Meeting Notes: Holiday Party, 11 Dec 2013
Hilltop Restaurant, Barre Town

Despite poor driving weather, 19 hardy souls made it safely to the Hilltop for a sumptuous buffet and an evening of fun. The gathering was highlighted by the instrumental offerings of Sandy Weaver and Melinde Kantor, by a drawing for a special door prize, selection of guidelines for our next “painting challenge”, and the traditional gift swap. All those present appeared to have a good time.

The door prize, an artist’s backpack (donated to the Paletteers by Diana Douglas of Plainfield) was won by Dee Miller.

A “painting challenge”, similar to one held a few years back, was issued. All present were encouraged to submit a suggestion for an item (animate or inanimate) which would appear in each entry to that challenge. A drawing was held to select three items: those items were fruit, water and zebra. The challenge (to form part of our Spring Show) is therefore to create an artwork incorporating all three of those items. The challenge extends to photography and other art forms as well. Put on your creative hats and get to work!

A brief business meeting was held, summarized as follows:

1. Treasurer’s Report. Dee Miller provided a summary of Paletteers income and expenses since she took over as Treasurer. It showed a net gain of \$337.70 over that period.
2. Election of Officers. The only existing officers who have indicated an interest in continuing in their present roles were Bob Murphy as President and Dee Miller as Treasurer. They were unanimously elected for another term. A nomination from the floor was made to select Clara Geist for Vice President. It was seconded, and she was elected to that position. Discussion of a Secretary/Publicist took place, but no one has yet stepped forward for that duty, so selection will take place at some future time.
3. Donation to the Aldrich Library. A motion was made to contribute \$600 to the Aldrich, an amount identical to that given last year. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Dee will send a check within the next few days.
4. Other business. Bob announced that an order is being sent to Armstrong Products for art show panels for use at future art shows (Summer shows, in particular). The total cost is just under \$1200. An amount of \$1000 from our treasury was previously approved by the membership, and an additional \$200 has since been donated, specifically for purchase of art show panels, so we are under budget for the purchase. Dee has the order, and will write a check and send it to Armstrong within the next few days.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Murphy, President and Secretary Pro-Tem