

Paletteers Board Meeting notes
August 27, 2014

In attendance: Bob Murphy, Linda Kiniry, Jan Avery, Claire Geist, Dee Miller, Melinde Kantor

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$1,338.23
Savings Account: \$1,088.23
Scholarship Act.: \$3,077.44

Last year's donation to the Library was \$600 given before Christmas.
We will need to get off a donation this year.

Suggested by Bob: We should send a bereavement note recognizing Doris Kidd.

The 6 new panels we ordered for \$1200 are great.
To order 3 more would be about \$600 with shipping.

Linda suggested another raffle and Claire noted there is a print left to raffle.

Conversation with a former Paletteers member led Dee Miller to suggest that the art of (5) former members be featured in an upcoming show or raffle. We may wish to contact people before the snowbirds leave for the winter. Next June may be a feasible goal for finding artwork. A few names of past members were considered: Doris Perry, Prudy Barnes, Leslie Bell and Louise Morse. Linda wondered if there could be silent bids for the works. Bob noted that at a recent sale to benefit the Hiram (Maine) Historical Society museum 50% went to the artist and 50% went to the society. The total raised was \$3800. So it can be a wonderful way to raise money.

Concerning possible programs for upcoming membership meetings:

Linda has a 30 min. video about the history of Barre Immigrants and a 30 min. video on the Hope Cemetery.

Business:

- (1) We will be altering the length of the show during the Festival next year. If the parade starts at 2:00 then the show will end at 2:00. Everyone is at the parade, not viewing our show!
And we will try to get out of the library by 4pm.
- (2) Judging: we will propose to the membership that the 3 judges will make their selections before the reception so the ribbons are in place at that event. The 3 judges can be members not showing.
- (3) Registration: there will be **no** pre-registration next year.
- (4) Pick up after the show will be 12-1 pm on Monday (when the library is **open**).
- (5) Credit Card processing could be a great asset to our organization to facilitate sales. Bob passed around a copy of a T.A. article on Amazon Mobile Payment Products for board members to read. A point to consider is that after Oct. 31 the fee per swipe will go up. We need to follow up on this soon.
- (6) Possible collaboration with the NVAA via Robert Brunel, who did a presentation for the Paletteers several years ago. Bob will see if he can speak with us again at an upcoming membership meeting. It may need to be in 2015. We could pay his mileage. Also it would be an

opportunity for him to sell books of which he has 8 to 10 published! Possible collaborations with the Northern Vermont Artists' Association on a show would also be something to discuss with Mr. Brunel.

- (7) More ideas about possible **membership meeting programs for Sept 10 or Oct. 28.**
 - (a) A 38 minute video on Quarrying in Vermont, a historical documentary (Title: "Barre Memories: Quarrying the Past").
 - (b) A 120 min. PBS program "Paris The Luminous Years: Towards the Making of the Modern" Dee suggested perhaps due to the length of this program it could be presented in two parts with lunch in-between and roundtable discussion following. Something to consider as a future special event.
- (8) The Paletteers Fall Art Show
The fall art show registration is Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.
The reception is on Nov. 5. The show closes on Friday Dec. 19th.
In discussing ideas about the fall art show, Dee suggested a "Blast from the Past" which could include reinventing new presentations by including the work of former Paletteer members .
Other ideas included a sculpture's talk and collaboration with the quarry museum. Pat Belding was suggested as someone who knows Barre history, as well as her son Russell. Also Paul Heller and Tom Davis were mentioned as possible resources. On the history theme, heritage or heirloom art pieces, floral pieces could be featured. This is a topic that will come up for discussion at the
Membership mtg. on Sept. 10 and be explored as more feasible for a spring show as it requires more planning.
- (9) The December Xmas party will be tentatively on Wed. Dec. 10 at the Hill Top Restaurant. Bob will contact John Riley to arrange the kind of evening we enjoyed last year.
- (10) Bob is interested in getting us involved in plein air paint-outs such as the Great Mad-River Paint-Out.
- (11) Doris Kidd has died. A condolence letter will be sent. Dee will send a check from the Paletteers to the Activities Dept at the Mayo home in her honor.
- (12) Other Discussion: "We deserve a home of our own," remarked Dee Miller. Could the Paletteers have a bldg space of their own? The Senior Center is moving. At one time in the past the Paletteers did have a studio rent free for a year from the Beltramis. The display rotated, and two people at a time volunteered. The problem, as Linda reminisced, was that people joined but did not want to work! In a very large space, paying rent and taxes could be difficult. Meeting at the library is a plus in that sometimes we show our art but do not have to be in attendance.
- (13) Showing our art in the Blanchard Block
There was some concern about this being a difficult place to show because parking is so limited there. Vermont Arts Week might be a good time to have art on display. We will be exploring options in the Blanchard block through Ms. Wallbridge.
Window space is available again in the Fishman's Bldg. 6 Panels are used to show here. We plan to have Linda K. ask for the space for the 3rd and 4th week of Sept.
Tentatively we will have two show times there showing our artists' work.
 - (a) Sept., 15 through Monday Oct. 13
 - (b) Oct. 13 through November 10Bob will notify folks about this opportunity.
Note: Bob will be in Ireland on October 13.
- (14) Amelia Lessor has offered to donate supplies to our organization care of Jan Avery.