

Paletteers of Vermont Membership Meeting Notes

1-26-16

This was a membership meeting held on the reception evening of the Winter Art Show 2016. Fifteen members attended the dinner and discussion during the reception.

This show was a showcase for our new hanging system which makes hanging in the Milne Room so much easier to accomplish without fish line! Thanks to Bob Murphy for that.

Treasury Report: Our accounts now total \$5,357.00 with just under \$3,000 in the Scholarship Fund act.

Words from the President:

Norman MacLean says: "Art does not come easy." This is certainly true for many of Dee's high school art students who lack motivation and have Senioritis! She has been having them choose from 11 artists they should know from art history. The students choose for example, The Potatoe Eaters by Van Gogh, and attempt to copy the work. She tells them a story about Theo. They talk about inspiration. They learn to take a "sojourn" in the time and life of the artist.

Program:

This lead in was followed by the Paletteers taking turns describing what the inspiration was for their pieces in the winter show. This was a fruitful discussion and quite interesting, to hear the words of the maker of the piece as to where their inspiration came from.

A new member named Melody was introduced to the group.

Venues for future shows: A number of venues were briefly discussed including the Pavilion, Supreme Court, Governor's Office, CVH, The Gardens in Williamstown. The NVAA show at the T. W. Wood Gallery, Flecher Library and Gifford Hospital.

The Paletteers Spring Art Show: registration will be on April 8 and 9. There will not be a theme. The show will be up until May 28th.

Future Program Ideas:

- (1) A Paint-Out possibly at the bird sanctuary on Route 12 or the Missisquoi refuge (next August?).
- (2) Photography as a workshop topic: Take a picture on a theme and then have someone like Stephan Hart give feedback on the photos. We listed photographers we knew including our own Madonna, John Belding, Fred Swann, Brian Pfeifer, Jeb Brodeur. Special topics such as composition and lighting may be of interest to our photographers and artists.
- (3) If you have ideas about future programs and activities, please contact board members to get your ideas heard!
- (4) Melinde suggested "miniatures" might be a future theme.