*Creative Arts Guild*

*of Mid-MI*

**Regular Meeting -January 14, 2014 - 6:30 p.m. – Alma Public Library**

 6:30 p.m. Officers’ Welcome to the 17 members present. (No visitors were present and the

meeting was scheduled to go on in spite of inclement weather.)

 6:45 p.m. **Program:** Creative Arts Guild Member, **Cindy Judge**, from Shepherd demonstrated

and taught her technique of the simplicity of Spring and Summer flower painting. (We were to bring our own paints/pastelles and canvass/paper for the educational process and participation.) Cindy demonstrated her expertise in painting roses, irises and lilacs in oils throughout the session. She painted with ease and made it look so easy! It was fun as we experimented with our choice of media and mixing of colors on our pallettes. -­‐-­‐-­‐Roses seemed to be the most challenging for a lot of us.

Check out Cindy’s wonderful florals, and other works on the [www.miartguild.org](http://www.miartguild.org) website under ‘Artists’: *She is an artist well known for her acrylic, oil, pastelle and watercolor paintings of landscapes, still life, flowers, portraits and murals. Cindy is the wife of a Dairy Farmer and began painting after raising their three children. She has enjoyed taking art classes and also teaching classes in both oils and pastelles. Cindy has mentored both children and adult art students. She does the majority of her work by commission. (Info taken from Art Guild Website)*

*A member of the Guild since 1995, Cindy helped develop and establish the Guild’s Mentoring Program and has served the Guild as a Guild Past President and as Treasurer. She is also a member ofArt Reach of Mt. Pleasant. (Info taken from Website)*

 7:55 p.m. Sharing of our Art Work and time for refreshments

Dan Perry: brought a small fiberglass resin sculpture of a figure to share and is working on three or four more sculptures.

Jody Schnetzler took a Batik Class and will have prints of some of her work for the Annual Art Show. She also took classes in: Pastelles from Dottie, a Plein Air Painting Class this Summer, taught for the Art Center in December and will teach an Art class at the Elks in January.

Dottie Wassenaar brought a pastelle print of a cat to share.

Lyle Vore shared a painting of a snowman with a child.

 8:20 p.m. Business Meeting –

I Co-­‐Presidents’ Report – The weather. FIA Requirements, New Business under IX.

 II Vice President Absent – No report

 III Secretary’s Report – A single sheet, an updated 2013-­‐14 Membership Mailing and

Contact List was distributed to everyone in attendance; a few updates were given by members at the meeting and the adjustments will be made before a final updated copy of the list is emailed as an attachment to this month’s meeting minutes. The final copy will be two sheets, the second sheet containing an Additional Mailing and Contact List of Active Area Artists, presently Non-Members.

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IV Treasurer’s Report – Previous Balance: $1,708.21 plus dues of 210.00 received = Current Balance: $1,918.21.

V Programs Report – Still need a program chair, or do we? Discussion. It was men­tioned that if each Guild member would give a program in one of their mediums, maybe we would not need a Program Chairperson.

January – Cindy Judge, Oils

February – Dale Linton, his hand carved trains

- Banners; bring ideas to the meeting! (No theme as yet for the banners.) Graphic banners are needed, with color and black lines, etc. Designs due by March 1st. Some satellite centers may be necessary for banner-making. North Elementary School in Ithaca will be included in the banner project.

March – Post cards for Spring Show and prep for Annual Spring Art Show

April - ???

VI Publicity Report – None

VII Exhibitions Report - Miscellaneous: In the Art Reach Gallery of Mt. Pleasant, we had four sales out of our group. ---In February, there will be no exhibit at Alma College during the Alma Symphony; the new Board did not plan on one. ---We still have pieces of Artwork on exhibit at Firstbank, Alma.

March/April: Flint Institute of Arts Gallery Exhibit for CAG juried Artwork

April 9-13: Annual Spring Art Show at Youth for Christ.

Diane reminded us about the ‘Special Interest Area’ of the Show and to be working on two different mediums of the same picture (same subject) for display and for sale. More details for the Spring Show will be available next month from Diane.

FYI: Diane will be teaching ‘Brushes and Brew’ again on January 27th. Contact the ACAC at 463-8366 for details and sign up.

VIII Old Business

IX New Business:

Discussion on a date in January to meet on the FIA Gallery Exhibit. Most likely, Tuesday, January 28th at ACAC, across from Firstbank, Alma at 5:00 p.m. ---Hopefully, those who have been juried for the Flint Show will know by then if they have been accepted.

Discussion on change of date for the April CAG Meeting to Tuesday, April 1st The Library is available on that date at 6:30 p.m. Date has been secured for us.

Discussion on change of time for opening the Show on Saturday, April 12th.

There is a Mom 2 Mom Sale scheduled at YFC in the gymnasium that will have its heaviest attendance from 9-12:00, closing at 1 p.m. We will open our Show in the Common Room at YFC earlier that day at 10 a.m. instead of 11. **Critique time TBA.**

Art Show Critique: We are asking Jay Puffpaff this year in order to give Jody a break. Jay teaches Art in the High School at St. Louis Public Schools.

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Updated List for Matting and Framing:

Michael’s in Midland, often have coupon savings specials

Joann’s in Lansing, often have coupon savings specials

Craig Frames in Ithaca, but one must order through the internet

Arnie’s Arts & Crafts, Houghton Lake, MI

Frames Unlimited in Mt. Pleasant

Main Frame Gallery in Mt. Pleasant

*It seemed well received by the group to consider Steve Hawkes at ACAC to do mats for a donation to help support the Center. The Art Center’s primary focus in cutting mats would be to size to standard size frames, providing the backing board, etc. Choices would be limited to whites, off-­‐whites and blacks, then possibly some framing on down the line. The mats alone would help us all out quite a bit. Other possibilities......Docents, Kathy Keys and Fran Groves are also interested in making frames.*

Updated List for Copy Centers:

Kopy Korner, Mt. Pleasant (some have experienced issues with this one)

Staples, Mt. Pleasant

Saginaw Valley Shopper, Breckenridge (Scott Guthrie)

A motion was made by Helen Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Jody Schnetzler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Stringer,
Guild Secretary

Reminder:

On Refreshment Schedule Sign-up for February’s Guild Meeting: Sara Shock and Bona Beckley.

Website: [www.miartguild.org](http://www.miartguild.org) *Be sure to check out the improvements and changes!!* Email: www.creativeartsguildmidmichigan@gmail.com

2014 Upcoming Meetings – Regular Guild Meetings are the second Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise announced or published, from September through May of the Guild Season.

February 11th

March 11th

April 1st, NOTICE CHANGE!

May 13th, final meeting of the 2013-14 Season