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Newsletter

Message from the President—Laurianne Macdonald

I would like to thank the participants in this year's Festival of the Arts tent. Everything went smoothly and once again the Coral Springs Artist Guild had the friendliest tent. We did a lot of talking and even more schmoozing to bring in new members. One of the benefits of our commitment to community involvement is a say in how and where the arts might go in the future. I am proud to say that we have been invited to participate in the Visionary Summit where we will help city officials shape and direct funds for the arts in our city. The meeting will be later this month so get your suggestions in now. Please email me with your ideas at lauriannemacdonald@yahoo.com.

Once again, your board has been diligent in generating participation by all five area high schools in our Annual Scholar Awards program. The judging of student portfolios has

commenced. Award packages will be distributed to each school and the winning student presented with their checks and certificates of achievement on Senior Night. You should all be honored to be a member of an organization that facilitates such a program. I am proud to tell you that our participation and collaboration with the Coral Springs Festival of Arts has developed into a Scholar Awards partnership. Next year the winners we choose from each school will be able to compete for Best Young Artist of the Year award, worth a whopping \$1,500!

Welcome to all our new members and I hope to see everyone on Tuesday April 10th. The reception for our 38th Annual Spring Event, "Pen, Paint & Pixel", will be in the Lobby Gallery at the museum, from 6 - 8 PM. Awards will be presented shortly after 7pm. At the same time in the upper gallery will be the

awards ceremony for the train art exhibit coordinated by John Childrey. So you will be able to see a few twice as many fabulous works of art that night. Also April 20th is the night of the museum's annual fundraiser. This year's theme is the Black & White Gala. Again all our participating artists works will be on display during this community event.

Lastly, I am so happy to tell you that the Coral Springs Artist Guild will survive. Thanks to a number of concerned members, letters were written and phone calls made that has resulted in a full ballot. Please make your selections, sign, and mail the enclosed ballot or as soon as possible. We will be scheduling an art demonstration along with the installation of officers at our annual general membership meeting in late May or early June. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

CSAG Calendar of Events

What: Meeting of current board members and prospective new board members

Where: Laurianne Macdonald's house
11944 NW 30th Ct., Coral Springs

When: Tuesday, May 1st, 7pm

Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to bring something, call Laurianne.

What: Annual CSAG Spring Open Juried Exhibit

Where: Coral Springs Museum of Art
Lobby Gallery

When: April 4-April 29, 2012
Reception date April 10th, 6-8pm
Pickup—April 30th, 10am—noon

Coral Springs Museum of Art



February 11 ~ April 21, 2012

**All Aboard
Artistic History
of the Railroad**
Guest Curator:
John Childrey

February 24 ~ April 21, 2012

Candy Childrey

Photography

Cesar Barroso

Photography

Nester Guzman

Sculpture



CS Museum of Art's Black & White Gala Celebrating 15 Years of Artistic Achievement in Coral Springs

The 13th Annual Great Art Affair fundraiser for the Coral Springs Museum of Art will be Friday, April 20th at 6pm. Bob Brudzinski, former Miami Dolphin linebacker and co-owner of Bru's Room sportsbars will be the evening's celebrity guest as well as local resident and Olympic swimmer, Dara Torres.

Come hungry because area caterers and restaurants, including Gold Coast Grill, Catering by Stacey, Mythos Greek Taverna, Kilwin's of Coral Springs, Crocante Gourmet Bakery & Café, The Fresh Market, Pepperoni Grill and Yada Chef will be at the event with delicious specialties to sample all night long. A wine bar and open bar will be on hand along with music provided by Les Blachut.

You can try your luck at a Chinese auction featuring certificates for goods and services including dining and personal services, admissions to area attractions, gift baskets and other exciting items such as art, ceramics and jewelry. The Silent Auctions are for 3 day/2 night trips to Abacos and Exumas including airfare. Another interested auction item is Firefighter for a Day for up to 4 individuals, 12 years old and up.

Tickets for the Gala are \$75 and you can reserve your ticket today by calling the museum at 954-340-5000. Don't miss out on the fun-filled evening which supports CSMART. Remember our Spring Exhibit "Paint, Pen & Pixels" will be on display during this well-attended community event.



CSAG 2012 Annual Scholar Award

The judging has begun for the 2012 CSAG Annual Scholar Award. This scholar award is for the best senior artist from each local high school. The student artists prepare a portfolio of their work to be judged by 2 CSAG members. The winning artist's identity is kept secret until their Senior Awards Night ceremony where they receive a certificate, a check for \$250 and a year's honorary membership in CSAG.

So far Candy Childrey and Lester Wolfe have judged at Coral Glades High School. This week Loretta Herman and Lester Wolfe will be judging at Coral Springs High School. We still need one more judge for Taravella on April 25th and one more for Coral Springs Charter between April 30th and May 4th. Stoneman Douglas' judging is this Friday, April 13th and we need 2 judges for that.

Lester Wolfe is arranging for the judges. Call him if you are available for an unfilled position at 954-344-4799.

Townhomes Designed for Artists

Lake Worth broke ground on March 9th for a dozen townhomes that are expected to create live-an-work space for artists on 2 sites, Lucerne Avenue and F Street. The Urban Arts Lofts project is being paid in part from a federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant.

The artist townhomes will be 2 bedroom, 2 bath units with living quarters upstairs and studio space downstairs. They are expected to sell for \$100,000-\$120,000. Two of the buildings will be "post modern" in style, a third is considered modern and a 4th will be a contemporary Florida style.

Robert Elliott, president of the Tropical Ridge Neighborhood Association, said the townhomes will be welcome additions to the neighborhood. "It takes an empty lot and becomes something we can be proud of. And it will end up increasing the tax base for the city."

Doesn't this sound like a great idea for the City of Coral Springs with its Visionary Summit commitment to the arts?

Prospective 2012-2013 CSAG Board

In response to the last newsletter where the board planned to suspend operations of the Coral Springs Artist Guild due to lack of member support and no nominees to serve on the 2012-2013 board, several people have stepped forward to place their names on the ballot.

Ezi Algazi has requested nomination as President. His email response is printed on Page 4. Bob Grauer is willing to remain as Vice President. Rosario Gia and Loretta Herman have offered to assist him with the exhibits. Lester Wolfe will continue as Treasurer. Natalee Jones who served as secretary until her job took her to North Carolina is back in town and has graciously accepted her old job back with us. Stan Slutsky who has done an outstanding job with public relations for us wants to continue getting the word out there about our organization. Isabel Perez will serve as Events Coordinator, helping collect donations, set up and clean up at exhibit reception/award ceremonies. Terry Molina will print programs for our exhibits. Janet Little will remain as newsletter editor and membership chairperson. Laurianne Macdonald will become committee chairperson for the Annual Scholar Award.

Current board members are thrilled to finally pass the torch to others and to have members set up and fill ancillary positions. Despite all these new volunteers, there are still many small jobs that need done every month, for every exhibit or just once a year. Call Laurianne at 954-255-8325 or email her at lauriannemacdonald@yahoo.com to find out how you can serve the guild.

Some board members are retired, some work full-time jobs, some are going back to school, some have families to care for, some are dealing with health issues, some are active in several organizations. The important thing is, that despite all these excuses, they have found it in their hearts and schedules to volunteer their services to the Guild. We appreciate all current and prospective board members' commitment to keep the Guild alive!



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THE CHATTERBOX



CSAG members Candy Childrey and Isabel Perez were selected in the 3rd Annual Nature and Wildlife Art competition for the St. Augustine Art Association. The exhibit will run from April 24 to May 27.

Isabel also won the Best of Show at the Art Florida 2012 juried competition. The exhibit is at Art Serve in Ft. Lauderdale and runs from March 26 to April 13.

Full Sail in Ft. Lauderdale invited artists to submit proposals for an art in public places event. At this event, 100 fiberglass/resin sculpted sailboats will be featured starting in October 2012. This temporary public art exhibit in and around downtown Ft. Lauderdale will run for 6 months in parks, public right-of-ways and in private landscapes. At the end of the exhibit, the Ft. Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Dept. will auction the sailboat art. CSAG members Isabel Perez and Ezi Algazi have been selected for this project.

Martha Buhman informed CSAG that her mother, Lillian, a long time member, passed away last year. We will miss her and her artwork at our exhibits.

Thank goodness, Bob Richter is back on his feet again following his illness and surgery because now his wife, Eleanor, has been in the hospital. She should be home now and recovering. We wish her all the best and hope to see her soon.

Dear CSAG Members,

We can NOT afford to Suspend the Coral Springs Artist Guild, We have an amazing organization that we can not lose.

I would like to be nominated for President of the Artist guild only with the support and help from Laurianne Macdonald and from the Board members. Just over a year ago we moved from PA to Florida. I am a member of Artist of Yardley a very successful group. AOY is only 6 years old and they have well over 100 members. They managed to get the use of a free building from the township, they have juried art shows and they have some of their members teach all kind of art classes. We could borrow many of their ideas to keep the Artist Guild running. We should try to recruit new members and beside targeting new painters, sculptures, photographers etc. we should include jewelry makers, pottery, poets and even just art lovers. Maybe we can offer a discount (as an incentive) to members that bring in new members and a discount for the 1st year to new members.

I would also like to take over the website and improve on it. As a retired computer programmer with the experience of creating and maintaining the Pennsbury Instrumental Music for the entire Lower Makefield School district, I was updating the website twice a day. By the time I left we had over 100 pages which included online forms and 4000 pictures. I also started the Artist of Yardley website before I left Pennsylvania last year.

Some of the things that I would like to do with the Coral Springs Artist Guild website is to add a lot of pictures of the members art work (all they will have to do is email me the pictures and some info about them I will do the rest), I will link the members website and if you do not have a website I can add a page for the artist that wants one (I will do most of the work). I will update the website twice a week and will include all the art events that are happening in South Florida even if they are not held by Coral Springs Artist Guild. I have many more ideas and will be very happy to take suggestions for the website from our members.

Even though Art is a spectator's sport we are the players and cannot forfeit the game.

We can NOT loose Coral Springs Artist Guild. Thank you for letting me vent and hope we can all do our part.

Ezi Algazi