

Newsletter

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

October 2009

The First Monthly (Assuming I Have Time to Do It) FTLOA Newsletter

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October 2009 Calendar:

Please note that the **ELECTION OF OFFICERS is on October 29. BE THERE!** If YOU miss this meeting, YOU MAY find yourself elected to a position you do NOT want to have. For a long time, too. Officers serve for one fiscal year -- October 1 through September 30.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 - FTLOA Meeting | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 - Columbus Day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 - FTLOA Meeting ELECTION OF OFFICERS DUES ARE DUE | 30 | 31 - Halloween |

Please note, also, that FTLOA dues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are due on October 29. Those not paying their dues by October 29 will be banished from the FTLOA.

FTLOA President's Message:

Members,

Being an artist is sometimes a daunting task, and the road you take may seem unfulfilling, endless, and full of blind spots; but deep down there is a drive in some small part of your brain

that tells you to keep moving forward. Always, always listen to that small part of your brain. That part of your brain is your ART.

Being an artist means you open yourself up to all who can see, who have the power to praise or criticize or to judge, who can encourage or discourage, who can make or break you, the artist. Your job is to take all of it in -- the good, the bad, and the somewhat weird -- and use it to grow to be the best artist you can be. No matter what is said, your art is who you are. Be proud and believe in yourself. Once you conquer that task all else will fall in to place.

Being an artist means you automatically become a mentor. Some time in your life you will influence someone with your art.

I am humble to be a part of this club, to meet and learn from you, the members. To watch us grow and become a fulfilling organization that reaches out with open arms, to all who come in contact with us.

President (stand-in),
Barbara Lancaster

Upcoming Events:

Halloween! It's coming up at the end of October, whether we want it to or not. What fun! The time of year for trick-or-treating, and costume parties. But, when planning your Halloween debauchery, take it easy, so you don't end up like the chap in the picture below. Halloween has come and gone, and he isn't feeling too good. What's his problem? It's hard to say. It could be too much candy, or it could be too much booze.



FTLOA show on the evening of November 6, 2009 at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio, 708 Triangle Center, Longview, WA 98632, Phone 360-423-6560, tcrazed@gwestoffice.net.

FTLOA members will learn more about the show at the October 8, 2009 meeting. The show will be open to the general public. In fact, making the general public aware of the FTLOA is a big reason for having the show. Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio has a very nice web site at www.totallycrazed.com.

FTLOA hopes to arrange for a show at Longview Public Library in January or February of 2010.

Perhaps the FTLOA should but on a Halloween pumpkin carving contest! Are there any members, with nothing better that they need to be doing, who wants to organize one? ... or, maybe, a Halloween mask contest?

FTLOA Officers:

We don't have any FTLOA officers. Not yet, anyway, not officially. We'll elect them on October 29. When we have officers, their names and contact information will be listed in each newsletter.

Committees:

Reports on what committees are doing will be included beginning with the November newsletter. Also, contact information for committee people.

October Artist of the Month:

None selected. Artist of the Month selections scheduled to begin with November.

FTLOA Web Site:

If you haven't checked it out yet, do so. It's at www.ftloa.org. Randy Lancaster has put a slide show on the site on how to re-size photos of your artwork so they'll be appropriate for display on the web site.

Getting Your Announcements into the FTLOA Newsletter:

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What I'm thinking is that I'll get the newsletter for each month (following this month) e-mailed out a bit before the beginning of the month. Our monthly meetings being the last Thursday of the month makes the timing a little tricky.

- Do people want to get their newsletters prior to the monthly meeting, to update them on issues to argue about at the meeting?
- Or, do people want to get their newsletters following the monthly meeting, including discussion of what happened at the meeting?

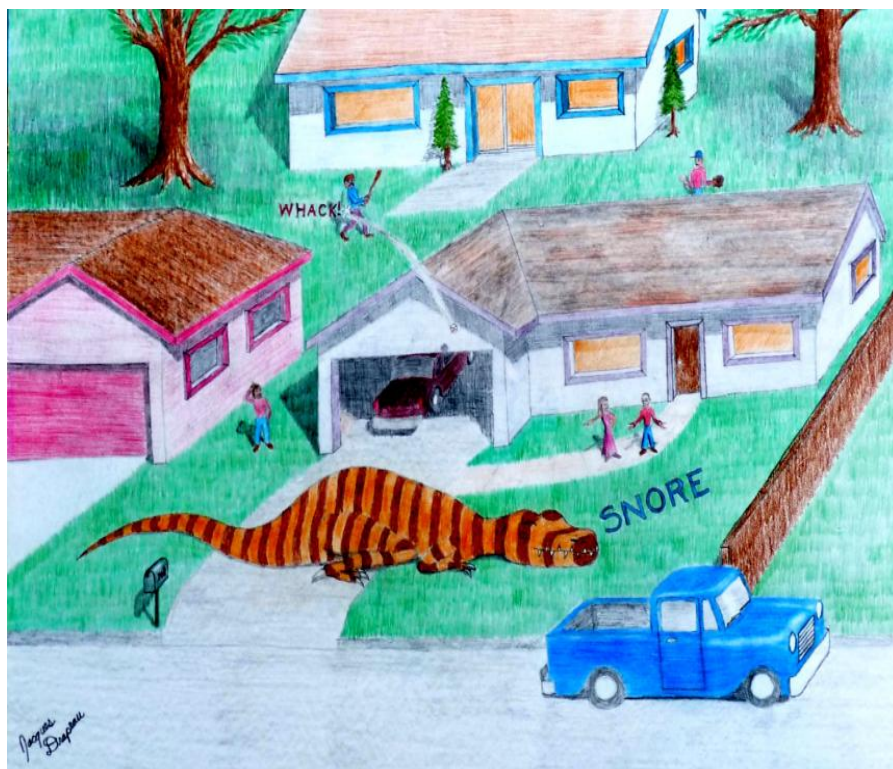
Let me know what you think.

If the last Thursday of the month turns out to be the last day of the month, the newsletter isn't likely to reach readers between the monthly meeting and the end of the month.

How was the above explanation? Clear as mud?

For now, please try to get announcements you'd like to have in the newsletter to me by the 20th of the month. We'll see how that works. If I get something later, I'll try to get it in.

Editor's Parting shot:



Lady: Make that dragon move out of our driveway! I'm already late leaving for my **For The Love Of Art** meeting!

Man: What am I to do to make it move? If you're in a hurry, take my truck.