

Artistic Beginnings

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS is on October 29. BE THERE!

FTLOA dues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are due on October 29. Those not paying their dues by October 29 will be booted from FTLOA.

November 2009 Calendar:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 - FTLOA Show at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio.	6	7
8	9	10	11 - Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 - FTLOA Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 - Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

FTLOA President's Message:

Members,

News of our club is getting out! We have a new member Judy Lee. Welcome, Judy. Please check out her website, www.web.me.com/art.by.judy.

Linda Corder and her Exhibit Committee is doing a wonderful job! Way to go Girls!

I will be sending ballots out October 24th, and along with the ballot I will include the 4 designs for the logo to be voted on. If you have a design you want to enter, please send it to me (bgartist@yahoo.com).

Four FTLOA members are showing at the Rainier Marina Market (www.rainiermarinamarket.com): Sam Ceballos, Dennis Stanley, Jacques Drapeau, and Barbara Lancaster. Please show your support and come out to see them!

A reminder to everyone: bring 1 piece of artwork to the October 29 meeting so that we can vote on Artist of the Month. For those of you not familiar with Artist of the month, I will explain.... each member has the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork at each monthly meeting to be voted on. Then each monthly winner will have the opportunity to display their work at Totally Crazyed that month. Those 12 winners will then be voted on for Artist of the Year. Each artwork will have a number assigned to it, and you will write down the number you want to vote for. All votes will be by secret voting.... no names !!! The PR Committee will submit a brief announcement to the local newspapers. And anyone else who will take the announcement!

Not sure if you all know, but I belong to Kiwanis of Kelso. Our club, and Kiwanis of Longview, are decorating one room for the Child Advocacy Center. After many hours and little sleep, I finished a painting (48"x36", oil) that will hang in the room. The Child Advocacy center is for children that have been abused who are going through the system. My painting is symbolic in nature of that journey. After the unveiling I will share with our group the painting and its meaning. As far as I know, the Open House for the Center is November 4th. The center is located at 205 Allen St. Kelso.

I invite all FTLOA members to let us know when doing a special project!

Our October 29th meeting is going to be busy! I have invited a few guests, who want to show their support!

We have a great club! The reason we do is because every one of you has worked hard to make it great! Keep up the hard work.

Barbara Lancaster.

Upcoming Events:

FTLOA show, the evening of Thursday, November 5, 2009, Totally Crazyed Ceramic Studio, 708 Triangle Center, Longview, WA 98632, tcrazed@qwestoffice.net, 360-423-6560. The show will be open to the general public. Totally Crazyed Ceramic Studio has a web site at www.totallycrazed.com.

On Sunday, October 25, 2009, the Broderick Gallery in Rainier, OR is putting on a solo exhibit of the art of Quin Sweetman. The gallery is at 313 East B Street in Rainier. This is an afternoon event.

Committees:

Membership.

The editor of **Artistic Beginnings** is a member of the membership committee. Hence, he (perhaps) knows something of membership committee doings. FTLOA now has a roster of paid members, and a list of others to receive email from the club.

In addition to Judy Lee, FTLOA has three new members:

Christina Gray of Longview WA. Her birthday is listed as December 23, and she is less than 40 years old. (The **Artistic Beginnings** editor doesn't think it should be legal for anyone to be so young.) Christina creates paintings, makes fiber arts including flower arrangements, and makes afghans. She says jewelry is coming.

Janet Inman of Toledo WA, whose birthday is listed as May 5, the same as the newsletter editor's wife's. Her art consists of felted purses and mood bead bracelets.

Karen Kelsay of Longview WA, whose birthday is listed as January 1, and who is also much younger than the **Artistic Beginnings** editor. She does photography.

FTLOA Web Site:

If you haven't checked it out yet, do so. It's at www.ftloa.org. **We would like to have more of the art of the FTLOA members displayed on the web site. Please send pictures to Randy Lancaster.**

Getting Your Announcements into the FTLOA Newsletter:

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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.