

Artistic Beginnings

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FTLOA Officers:

FTLOA officers were elected on October 29. They are:

- President – Barbara Lancaster.
- Vice President(s) – Jeanette Mahoney and Vicki Carstens.
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.

Calendar - Upcoming Events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19 - FTLOA Meeting, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	November 20	November 21
November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26 - Thanksgiving Day	November 27	November 28 - Art Entry for Santa's Art Shop at Totally Crazy, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
November 29 - Santa's Art Shop show at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	November 30 - Santa's Art Shop show at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5
December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12
		December 15 - FTLOA Meeting, Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio, 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Meeting is to be accompanied by a potluck Christmas dinner. FTLOA members are encouraged to come accompanied by their spouses, or other ADULT partners.				
December 13	December 14		December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19
December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24 - Christmas Eve	December 25 - Christmas Eve	December 26
December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31 - New Year's Eve, a time for drunkenness and revelry.		

Additional information concerning the Nov. 29th and 30th show titled "Santa's Art Shop":

- The times will be 8am to 5pm Sunday & Monday, with a reception at 2pm Sunday.
- Club members will need to sign up to work 2 or 3 hour shifts.
- Club members that can are asked to show up for the reception. Those who do not show up will be given demerits, the number to be determined by the quality of their excuse for not being there.
- Each participating artist will have a space to display his or her work, either table or wall.
- Artwork for display must arrive at Totally Crazy on Saturday Nov.28th after 5pm and no later than 7pm. At that time, participants will be assigned an area, and it is up to them to arrange their display. Each item must be priced, dry, and ready for sale.

- All works of art have to be priced at \$35 or less ... no exceptions.
- All works must be picked up after the show or arrangements made with Linda, Janice or Barbara for something else. Otherwise, they will be consigned to the most convenient dumpster available. [Just kidding!]
- There will be an entry fee for this show, to cover the costs of printing, refreshments, and Totally Crazyed's fee. What the fee will be depends on how many sign up for the show ... if we get 15 or more then the fee will be \$10 per person, any less and it will be \$15 each. Those not paying up will be referred to FTLOA collection agent Totally Crazyed Timothy, shown below.



Recent Events:

The inaugural FTLOA show; on the evening of Thursday, November 5, 2009; at Totally Crazyed Ceramic Studio, went nicely. Pictures of the event are on the FTLOA web site at www.ftloa.org. Curiously enough, you'll find them under "EVENTS up coming". Kudos to all those involved in putting on this show.

FTLOA President's Message:

Members

I am honored that you the members believe in me enough to lead our club. I promise to take this appointment seriously and with passion and with the highest standards I try to live by.

I am so proud of how far our club has come in its short existence. This didn't happen by accident- this happened because of hard working people wanting something done about a void for them concerning their art. As we grow we will acquire the knowledge to fine tune our club so that it may withstand the times and pressures of our community. As with any new organization it will face bumps in the road but I have faith in the determination of our members to handle any bump that dare cross their path.

As president I want every member to feel free to contact, challenge and question me. I will be open to any suggestions on how you want our club to run. Thanks to Sam, Cindy and Katie (and her daughter) we have a suggestion box for the members to use. You don't even have to sign your name.

We have a busy year ahead of us and I understand that some members can't participate in every event we plan and that's okay. It just means you will be more prepared for the next event.

My advice to all members would be taking every opportunity you can to create what's in your heart and mind because that opportunity might not come around again.

Barbara Lancaster, President

Committees:

Membership:

By my most recent count, FTLOA has 25 members.

The Exhibit Committee:

Members are Linda Corder, Janice Taitano, Angela Ankenman, and Mandy Rockwood. They're doing good work.

FTLOA Web Site:

If you haven't checked it out yet, do so. It's at www.ftloa.org.

To date, only 10 of the 25 FTLOA members have their art displayed on the web site. We'd like to see everyone have at least some of their art on display. Please send pictures to Randy Lancaster. If you don't know how to create digital pictures of your artwork, contact Barbara or Randy for help.

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