

For The Love Of Art Meeting October 27, 2011

The meeting was held at Bubble Tea in Longview. (I know it as Tulleys). President Doris Barrick called the meeting to order. I was asked if there was anything the "secretary" needed to report but nothing had changed from the minutes of the last meeting other than a correction to add Barbara Lancaster's name to a segment where I had just referred to her as the past president. Next time I will bring a copy of the minutes to the meeting. Tony Sujka, treasurer, said we have a balance of \$1543 in the account.

Kris Hansen Sujka will find out what we can put at Hoffstadt Bluff for a lobby display with consideration to size and placement. There are several entrances to the facility so she will also see what and where we can put signs to be effective. We will also need to consider wording to be put on the signs, hopefully so they can be reused.

There is a rumor that the county will be taking over the Mount. St. Helen's Visitor's Center. Doris will check with Tina at the visitor's center or Mike Moss on this and what impact it will have on our club events there.

Kris and Tony talked about the recent Woodcarver's event at the Expo. They reported the attendance to be down from last year but sales, at least for them, were good. They also explained that the woodcarvers help pay exhibit expenses by holding raffles at their events.

Tony and Doris attended a meeting in Castle Rock about an upcoming Highway 504 Art Trails event tentatively scheduled for the fourth weekend in June of 2012. The plan is to have about nineteen places from Castle Rock up Highway 504 (Spirit Lake Highway) set up at studios and places for artists to sell and demonstrate their wares. The Mount. St. Helen's Visitor's Center has extended an invitation for our club to set up there for this event. We, as a club, are scheduled for our annual art show the two weeks prior to this Art Trails event so, those wanting to participate would simply stay for the Highway 504 weekend event. The Exhibit Hall in Castle Rock would be the hub for this Art Trails event. It might be noted that in further data on this event, it probably will have a name other than Highway 504 "ArtTrails" since that name conflicts with the annual Art Trails that centers in the Centralia/Chehalis event. This event planned for Highway 504 is open to all artists. If you know someone who might want to participate, the contact person is Karen at the Castle Rock Exhibit Hall.

Mary Heuls talked about the Mark Morris Bazaar on the 19th of November. Sorry, I didn't hear if there is still space available but if you are interested, Mary probably can get you the contact information. Mary also passed out literature for the "Art Trails 2012" Event calling all artists.....this is the event that centers in the Centralia/Chehalis area. There was a small discussion of the Morgan Art Event. I (Terrie) sent an e-mail several weeks ago to Di Morgan inquiring about space for this juried event but did not get a response. Doris met with Di Morgan to show her several china pieces and other art works. All were rejected except one. Mary was part of this event last year and offered to speak to Di Morgan in our behalf.

There was a small discussion about the local Art Expo coming up on November 12th. Kevlyn told us last month that we might be able to enter the event as a "block" so the credit card machine would be convenient but we would have to commit as soon as possible. She also sent out an e-mail to all members on this. We each would pay \$35

per table but at this time it's not known if there is space available. Doris said she would call Betty Erickson on this and get back to those who might want to participate.

Kevlyn took the floor to tell us what she and Mona had decided on our club's holiday show. The event "FTLOA Winter Artisan Faire" will be at Bubble Tea December 9 and 10. Price is \$35 per table space (6'). Information and rule sheets were passed out. The information has also been sent via e-mail to each club member. Each member using the club visa machine needs to pay an additional \$5.00. Any questions about the event are to be addressed to Kevlyn and Mona.

NOTE: something that came up after the meeting.....where exhibitors will need to park Friday and Saturday. If anyone has input on this please sent it to Kevlyn or Mona or to all of us. Most downtown parking is limited to one or two hours and it is enforced so participants need to know in advance where there is all day parking. No one wants parking tickets!

There was some discussion on changing the name of the club. Mona suggested everyone bring new name ideas to the next club meeting. Terrie reminded members that our name needs to say what we are.....a club of various types of art. Many are against using the words "Art Sale" at events because it suggests we are offering our wares at sale prices and many people take the word "art" to mean paintings or paintings and sculpture. We need wording and/or a club name that is more specific to what we are.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 1st at Bubble Tea instead of the last Thursday in November. (No one wanted to come to a meeting on Thanksgiving!) We probably will have a planning meeting in the near future to discuss the December Artisan Faire further. ALL CLUB MEMBERS are welcome at planning meetings and have a say in what is discussed.

We were pressed for time because Bubble Tea closes at seven p.m. so members who brought articles had to do a quick "show and tell." The meeting was adjourned.

Any corrections or additions should be addressed to me, Terrie Spindle, secretary.

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