

For the Love of Art Meeting March 25, 2010

Meeting opened with welcome, introduction of new members, and chair reports.

Planning Committee : Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays at noon. Location is Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio. All members are welcome to attend. Some decisions are made there that are not made at the regular meetings also you have opportunity to hear exciting events first hand.

Mt St Helens exhibit is May 18-31. The Silver Lake Visitors Center has decided to waive the special use permit fee. This is wonderful news. We will be paying them a percentage 10% of our projected sales. We have projected them to be \$500.00 so we will pay \$50.00. If we sale more than that the extra 10% will go as a donation. There will be a fee for artists to participate it will be inexpensive I don't believe an exact fee has been established yet.

Doris Barrick provided some details of the center last year. On the anniversary last year 711 people went to the visitors center on average it was 200 people per day. If you think about the opportunity this year it should be even better being the 30th anniversary.

There will be a sign up sheet for participation as well as one for work shifts we will be staffing this exhibit from 9-5 for the entire time. We were thinking 4 hour intervals and two members at a time. Demos are welcome also if we have people willing to do this they will be a third person. If you are not exhibiting we would still welcome any volunteer time working shifts. Our name tags will get us in with out having to pay a fee while working the exhibit. We will also welcome any and all help setting up this exhibit.

Also art work does not have to be all Mt St Helens related. Some needs to be but it can also be nature and plant life. Or something different but the over all theme or part of the exhibit area will all be Mt St Helens.

We are looking into being able to take credit cards. In case this doesn't work out we need to be cash only unless your willing to take checks. Everything will be handled separate for each artist and well documented.

Linda Corder has information about the Kalama Art event going on September 11, 2010. It is open to all artists currently they have workshops including: Yard and Recycled items, fused glass, hand built clay tiles, decorative wire wrapping, painted wood art, kids art. This is a one day event. It has been suggested FTLOA might like to co sponsor the event. More information to come.

First Thursday came and went we had artists at several locations in down town Longview. We have opportunity to participate in this event in the future months. It is a great opportunity to talk with the public about your art and get your work seen at the very

least. That is why we do it. If you'd like to participate in future events regarding first Thursday there is a sign up sheet. You can also talk to Jeanette Mahoney who has done a wonderful job getting this going!

Re/max Newrock homes is allowing our club to hang art and photography in their office. With the number of painters and photographers we have now this will be an every other month rotation. The idea is perspective home buyers may need some art work for their new homes. Here is another opportunity to have your work up and out there for people to view and appreciate.

Randy Lancaster updated our email address book is an excel doc format. If any member needs assistance with e mailing other members or sending photos to Randy to be added on the website, the tutorial is on the ftloa web site. Members emails are their full name followed by @ftloa.org. I can be first to tell you the turn around is very quick your work is posted up there and a bio if you include one.

For the Love of Art has a Facebook page so if you have one too become a friend/fan of the club. Networking at its finest. Thank you Catherine for setting up the facebook page and also for your hard work as our Public Relations person.

Our meeting always follow up with voting on an artist of the month. This month it was Linda Corder. Congratulations Linda! Barbara Lancaster is in Japan until April 6, 2010 we look forward to her return and hearing how her trip went.

Thank you for your patience regarding the minutes I am working through a new computer with connectivity issues to the net and intended on having the minutes out sooner. Also First Thursday put me back a little sorry for the delay. Thank you for understanding. Angela Ankenman keep busy going your passion!