

Colorado Watercolor Society
January 19, 2016, Board of Directors Meeting

Members present: Diane Fechenbach, Greg Chapleski, Marcio Correa, Terrey Harrod, Sharon Wink, Zona Janssen, Tim Brenner and Gary Nichols. Excused and absent: Mary Jo Ramsdale, Vicki Tucker, Kathy Cranmer, Art Beck and Marsha Ambraziunas.

1. Greg called the meeting to order. Minutes from September meeting need 2 corrections and then approved. October minutes were approved.
2. CWS November meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm. President Greg Chapleski was informed that the First Plymouth Church will be closed, in the event of a storm, when the Cherry Creek School District is closed.
3. Meiningers and Guiry's have paid for their ad in the directory. In the next directory their ads will be placed on the inside covers. This will enable us to put the mailing info on the back cover so they can be mailed to members without the added expense of the envelopes.
4. The remaining payment for CWS of \$2500 is ready to be paid to the Arvada Center for WFWS.
5. President Greg contacted Greg Moody from Channel 4 TV. He has agreed to provide coverage for the WFWS and CWS State Exhibit. Sonya Ellingboe will also promote our exhibits in the local newspapers.
6. Promotion brochures were discussed for the summer shows. A sample brochure from Oregon was passed around. Marcio will ask Chuck Danford about pricing and set-up.
7. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Program has 6000 entries from Denver Public Schools for the student exhibition. We sponsor 5 -\$100 prizes for this event. It will be held at the Denver Art Museum. Sharon Wink and Tim Brenner volunteered to be jurors. The show will be February 8-11. The awards will be presented on March 5.

Treasurer: Greg relayed that Foothills is requesting \$250 for prize money for WFWS.

Programs: There is a social night planned for the general meeting this evening. February will be a panel discussion led by Chuck Danford, Gene Youngmann and Susan Montague. A critique will be held in March.

Exhibitions: Gary sent 3 New Trends CD's of artwork to Mary, at Healing Arts. Mary will review in the next week and choose art for the hospitals. There were 130 paintings submitted by 56 artists. All paintings need to be at the respective hospitals the week of March 1. The winners will all be located at Porter Hospital. The receptions for the entire New Trends exhibit will be at Porter Hospital on March.

Gene Youngmann WFWS Project Manager: Gene gave us an update on the WFWS exhibit. He is checking on the legal writing of the entry to be in agreement with Arvada Center. The two exhibitions are at the same venue, but the funds/cash awards are separate. The Arvada Center will take 50% commission on sold works, but CWS is not paying for gallery space. We are contributing to catering the reception.

Marcio is seeking merchandise requests for the WFWS and Gary for CWS. We will look into entry through Wild Apricot for next year.

Carla Rouse is collecting exhibits from all 12 societies. There are 797 entries thus far with 5 societies still outstanding.

Sterling Edwards, the WFWS juror, is ready to send his painting to Colorado for the show. He will jury the exhibit online due to timing problems.

There will be 4 CWS members teaching workshops at the summer event. Signage for the events will be done by Jefferson County students. We need 62 volunteers for summer events at the Arvada Center.

Terrey on Workshops: Randy Hale, April 19-21. Gale Webb, June 2-4. (Her juror fee for CWS, transportation, hotel has been allotted). Sterling Edwards has two workshops. The first June 6-9, and the second June 13-16. Tom Lynch workshop on Sept 13-15.

Marcio WFWS41 delegate: There are 210 entries by 91 artists. He will send the images to Carla Rouse by January 22. Entry check deposits are \$3,245. There was a discussion of putting it online next year.

Membership: Kathy Cranmer. Greg said she is considering a supplement for our directory since there are many inaccuracies and new members since the cut-off date back in July of 2015 so Directory could be printed.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo is working on getting 51-62 volunteers.

Diane: No courtesy cards requested. We will recognize Terrey Harrod next month.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon received 8 returned membership directories. Terrey will try to find correct addresses.

The Gunnison Arts Center sent a letter and asked if they could have a CWS chapter in Gunnison, CO. We are looking into it. Greg will contact New Mexico for information since they have chapters in their Society. Sharon will reply to Gunnison and tell them what we have learned by March.

President-Elect Tim: Nothing for now.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 2016

President Greg welcomed everyone. We did not have a meeting in November due to a snowstorm. CWS did send out a news blast. The procedure going forth is if the Cherry Creek Schools are closed then the First Plymouth Church will be closed also.

Greg mentioned the north and south critique group and gave locations for people to attend.

Any person is welcome to contribute to the Collage if they find an interesting article to share.

The State Show deadline is March 4. It will be at the Arvada Center at the same time as the Western Federation Watercolor Exhibit. The prospectus will be online in about a week. The legal issues are being reviewed at present.

Exhibitions: Gary reported the online show had hundreds of hits. We are going to leave it up and running for a bit longer.

New Trends is in the hands of jurors. There were 130 entries. The art will be displayed at various hospitals starting March 1. The opening reception is March 9 at Porter Hospital. If you are accepted into the show enclose 2-3 sentences about your painting for the public to read.

The prospectus for CWS State Show is being mailed. The entry deadline is March 4.

Marcio WFWS Delegate: We have 210 entries by 91 artists. Marcio will forward the images and information to Carla Rouse. We will receive acceptances by February 26.

Gene Youngmann, WFWS Project Manager: Sterling Edwards, juror, is ready to receive entries. There are 797 entries so far, with 5 Societies still outstanding. June 9 is the Opening for WFWS at the Arvada Center. There will be a banquet and awards presented there, with both jurors attending. Sterling Edwards is going to give a talk and walk through the gallery to discuss paintings and art on June 10.

We will need volunteers led by Mary Jo. Come to the Opening. It is wonderful to see the hosting State have enthusiastic members.

Greg has contacted Sonya Ellingboe and Greg Moody from local news to promote our shows this summer.

Workshops: Terrey announced several workshops: Randy Hale on April 19-21; Gale Webb, June 2-4, and Sterling Edwards will have two. The first June 6-9 and, the second June 13-16. Tom Lynch workshop will be on September 13-15.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo will be asking for volunteers for WFWS and CWS.

Vicki Tucker: Greg announced that there will be a panel discussion at the February meeting led by Gene Youngmann, Chuck Danford, and Susan Montague. In March we will have a critique from Kevin Weckbach and one other (TBD). In April there will be a demo.

Members brought paintings for the meeting tonight. They were placed around the room with the artist nearby. Everyone could ask questions, visit and enjoy the art and refreshments.

Zona Janssen, Recording Secretary