

So sorry that many of you had to miss September's members' meeting, My head is still spinning from all of the exciting things going on for this group. Of course I'm going to recommend you check the website for details, but I'll try to summarize what you missed.

The meeting started off with a moment of silence for beloved Lois Kamp, an Artist whose work and personality we came to love in the short time we knew her. She passed away in July and left this world with a beautiful message for all her friends and family. We will miss you, Lois! She had just joined our group and had intentions of becoming very active, including joining our Book Club.

Summarizing my president's message FROM THIS MEETING; we will be REACHING OUT to members, not only for YOUR ART, but your SUPPORT through volunteering for the various new venues and exhibits we are developing. Watch for details at the next meeting about our 75th ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW GALA IN FEBRUARY at Chelsea Art Center. Get your paintings going for a "WONDERFUL, WHIMSICAL AND WILD" ART GALA!!! Thanks to Ginny Kinsell and Karen McKeon who will be chairing this major event for OAG.... Expect to hear from them for your help.... we need 45 ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE with their art for it to be a FINANCIAL SUCCESS.....SO GET PAINTING!!!!

ONCE AGAIN- Thanks go to Debbie Ceres for working so diligently to help get OAG'S Circuit started with me...and thanks to Cynthia Alicea for stepping up to take Debbie's place as the new COMMUNITY OUTREACH LEADER. The Circuit (and its details) were explained as a way for OAG to not only PLANT OUR ROOTS and IMPRESS the OCALA COMMUNITY but get some free advertising!

Also emphasized were the beautiful experiences members of our group INVOLVED IN OUR CIRCUIT are experiencing. Not only are we impressing the Ocala community with our talented members and their ART, but we are giving back to the local businesses as well as the Blue STAR MOTHERS OF OCALA. The Benefits of supporting the CIRCUIT are numerous and allow all concerned to benefit in some way by participating. We now manage to attract new faces to the establishment by donating our free gallery.

AS YOU READ THIS MESSAGE...We have just obtained and organized our FIFTH Circuit location in the Ocala community at HONDA OF OCALA—a large and busy Car Dealership on HWY 200. ...DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED at the October Members' Meeting. New Member Marilyn Busse has agreed to chair this location and will be looking for additional Artists and a co-chair to help set this location up. You will hear more about this terrific opportunity offered to us by Honda of Ocala!!!!

It was explained that showing our ART is free advertising for our group and a recent sale by Arlene Welles at Milano's earned the Artist not only the sale, but a visit by the buyers to her house to purchase additional art, as well as the promise that these customers will attend the auction and other art EVENTS of OAG!!!! CIRCUIT Sign Up is at MEETINGS ONLY ...and is a commitment of one year at EACH location you sign up for!!!!

Susan Fink (SECOND VEEP) once again not only provided us with a wonderful DEMO on GELLI PRINTING at this meeting BUT PREVIEWED all future ones she has developed to benefit and educate OAG Members. HER PLANS ALREADY INCLUDE A FANTASTIC TRIP IN MARCH.....DETAILS WILL be shared AT THE NEXT MEETING AND ON OUR WEBSITE!

MARCELLE SCHVIMMER, aided by members including Susan Fink, Debbie Ceres and Ellen Hosafros and 19 Artists from OAG, has been working for months to plan a spectacular ART AUCTION once again. Can't wait to hear who sold what!!!!

Lynn King came up with a great idea: we are starting to have A FEATURED ARTIST HIGHLIGHTED AT A DESIGNATED SPECIAL WALL/AREA AT CHELSEA ART CENTER. - VIA A MONTHLY RAFFLE.

PEGGY DATES (an art patron and OAG MEMBER) is helping us start a MOVIE GROUP...to add to our ARTISTS BOOK CLUB AND THEATER GROUP. Her First outing is to the Appleton Museum on Tuesday, November 26th at 2:00. Details and SIGN UP will be shared again at the October Meeting. The movie being seen is: "Close to Vermeer" and of course we will then go out to dinner!!!

I am running out of space so this will be the last item I can cover of our Members' Meeting: Another POP-UP ART-VENTURE is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 9th to go to the Villages to see the ANNUAL ART SHOW developed by our own member Catherine Sullivan: "Inspired by the MASTERS". You will get to see the art of some Villagers who are also OAG Members. Then of course we will go to lunch at a nice restaurant there. Details will be emailed for carpooling, etc. from Chelsea to the Villages.

I am-sorry you had to miss this Meeting, as it was full of lots of exciting information. Hope you can attend the October 14TH Meeting.

REMEMBER: WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN (7) MEETINGS A YEAR- SO PLAN YOUR CALENDAR AROUND THEM--- so you don't MISS ANY MORE!!!!

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CALENDARS TO ANY MEETINGS YOU ATTEND AND DONT FORGET YOUR COOKIES for a light snack!!!

Hope to see you soon...MISSED YOU!!!!-----President, Leona (Lee) Asta