

As I sit down to write my president's message, I'm not even going to attempt to make it short and sweet. There's so much going on with this group. It's so exciting and I just have to share it ALL with you SO YOU PLAN TO NOT MISS ANYTHING!!!!

First, we had a wonderful turnout for October's meeting, and I think we ALL will agree that the demo was phenomenal! Thanks to SUSAN FINK, November's Meeting (DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!!!!) is gonna be a fun meeting also!!!! We will get to make some greeting cards for our Sunshine Person (LYNN KING) to send out. OAG WILL PROVIDE THE BLANK GREETING CARDS; YOU JUST HAVE TO BRING MATERIALS (like markers, paints, etc.) to produce some wonderful and creative artwork. And please be sure to thank Lynn King for any birthday cards you receive.

She is a very thoughtful person and has also thought up our Monthly Featured Artist Raffle to have Members art SPOTLIGHTED on our WEBSITE as well as on a dedicated wall space in Chelsea Art Center. CHECK THE WEBSITE TO SEE FEATURED MEMBER'S ART.

Also, during the November meeting our Artist Book Club will have a special surprise for attendees to celebrate the Book Club's second anniversary. Check the Website for upcoming date of the FIRST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB MEETING DATE and Book for discussing...COME even if you haven't read the book to see what a BOOK CLUB FOR ARTISTS is all about. It will be a fun and exciting meeting at Chelsea and then we usually go to lunch together...HINT: Mrs. Van Gogh!

To shorten this message, I will simply add other items we will be sharing with you at the November meeting. They include an ART-venture to visit and discuss the Villages ART show "Inspired by the Masters" and then lunch at a nearby restaurant. This Annual Exhibit was created by our very own Member Catherine Sullivan.... over 10 years ago!!!! Check WEBSITE for details and RSVP to Lee Asta for inclusion in LUNCH RESERVATIONS.

Also, in the works is another ART-venture on November 26 to the Appleton Museum to view the film and discuss the artist Vermeer. It should prove to be very interesting and stimulating....and I DO BELIEVE——our own Patron/Member Peggy Dates developed this feature at the Appleton. Check Website for details.

NOT TO MINIMIZE THE FOLLOWING IN ANYWAY: We will also be learning more about future exciting events for OAG which include: a POP UP SHOW AT THE OCALA CIVIC THEATER in conjunction with the PLAY "Orient Express", as well as the GRAND 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ART SHOW AT CHELSEA IN FEBRUARY. CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS COMING SOON. WE NEED YOUR ART FOR BOTH OF THESE PLEASE!!!!

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL!! DONT FORGET TO GET INTO OUR LOCAL CIRCUIT of EXHIBITS with your art. SIGN UP IS DONE AT A MEETING. The sales have been ROBUST and we are delighted with the results, but participation ALSO REQUIRES YOUR PHYSICAL AS WELL AS ARTISTIC SUPPORT TO HANG in THESE SHOWS, etc.

CHECK WEBSITE FORF DETAILS!

MY ADVICE WHEN YOU ATTEND A MEETING: BRING A NOTEBOOK AND CALENDAR, so YOU CAN RECORD ALL THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED in DOING!!!! WE ARE A REALLY FUN GROUP AND WE KEEP THINKING UP MORE THINGS TO DO TOGETHER!!!!

ENJOY YOUR HALLOWEEN and see you soon!!!! Sincerely, President Leona (Lee) Asta.

P.S. Watch for a HIGH TEA -adventure coming in JANUARY—TBA!!!!