

December, 2003 Newsletter

Art Association in Roxbury



Date: Thursday, December 4, 2003 Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Senior Center, 72 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, NJ

Executive Board Meeting 6:30

FROM THE PRESIDENT

" Do it! Move it! Make it happen! No one ever sat their way to success."

That's exactly what we did as a team effort. Our AAR Auction was an outstanding success! The fund raising proceeds exceeded last year's auction total. Scholarship goals have been met thanks to the hard work of Joyce Sciacca, our Fund Raise Coordinator. Many thanks to the following: Joyce's family; our auctioneer, Clark Sheppard; Carolyn Monday who did a terrific job as Publicity Chair; AAR members; friends; all the members who helped to set up the dozens of items; the many people who donated and bought; and last but not least, everyone who pitched in to help rearrange the tables and chairs. That's what it took to make this annual event possible. ***With teamwork like ours, we can only go up from here!***

Another item to mention is our Bus Trip Coordinator Elaine Moscola who is working very hard to "**Make it happen**". Take advantage of the great bus trips ahead. The December 6 holiday trip to the Big Apple is one not to miss. The information about the El Greco Exhibit was provided by Jean Davidson. With a little brainstorming this bus trip was put on our agenda. Joint efforts create positive effects. **Get involved!**

One more important thing, everyone please have a " Happy Turkey Day"

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THIS MEETING

THIS IS OUR GALA HOLIDAY CELEBRATION DINNER, which is prepared by you, our members. Let's make it special this year. In an effort not to have too many desserts, I'm asking that only the top nine positions on the board bring desserts (president, vp's, both secretaries, treasurer, membership, programs, spring show and Eisenhower craft fair.) EVERYONE ELSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING A NICE BUFFET TYPE FOOD. Some examples would be: meatballs, sausage, chicken, shrimp, pizza, pasta salad and fruit. Try to be creative and bring things other than chips and dip and cheese and crackers. Portions should be bite size or easily served. If needed, bring a serving utensil. Wine and beverages will be provided by AAR. Please bring your food, preheated if necessary, and ready to serve at 7:00 PM. A short business meeting will start at 7:45 Call Wendy S. with any questions.

Program: A study of Cameras and Lenses by Simon Lipelis

Mr. Lipelis studied the Art and Craft of Photography in the seventies at Moscow University of Art. While in the Ukraine, he taught college level professional photography classes for seven years. He also worked in photo studios and in the Union of Artists as a photographer for several years. He is a longstanding member of the Chernovsty Photo Club where many of his photographs received awards. His photos are published in newspapers, magazines and books. He is a lifetime member of the International Freelance Photographers Organization and is a member of the Art Association in Roxbury.

Auction Night 2003

The evening was a glowing success. The amount collected was well over \$2,100.

Thanks to all participants.

Thanks to those who arrived early to set up. Your efforts facilitated a more organized evening for all.

Thanks for all donations. Quality items are what make sales possible as evidenced by the avid bidding.

Thanks to our auctioneer for an entertaining evening.

Thanks to our harried cashiers. Kudos, with a promise of more help next year.

Thanks to our Publicity Chair. Your efforts paid dividends.

Thanks to all attending members and guests. Enjoy your purchases.

And a final thank you from, as yet unknown scholarship recipients of this auction's success.

Joyce S. O'Connell

Roxbury Library Exhibit

The exhibitor for the month of December is Elaine Moscola who will be showing mostly watercolors. Anyone interested in exhibiting in the future should contact Donna K. at 973-770-4869

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The new membership list is enclosed in this newsletter. Please check your listing to make sure that it is correct. Notify Clark if there is a mistake, so that his computer records can be corrected.

Late dues may be sent to the Membership Chair. Be sure to include your \$5 late fee. Help boost our membership by promoting AAR at classes that you take and at any art events that you attend.

New membership cards are in the back of your nametag. **At the end of the meeting, please return your tags.**

Use Our Website

Don't forget to check our website www.artassociationinroxbury.org for up-to-date information on AAR activities. If you would like to post any information on our site, contact Annette 973-398-6304 or at webmaster@artassociationinroxbury.org

Don't forget that you can also read the newsletter on our website. It now appears as a **PDF** file and can be downloaded and read by **Acrobat Reader**. It maintains its entire format. Most computers of a few years age have **Acrobat Reader** already installed. For those of you who do not, it can be downloaded free. It takes about 21 minutes on a phone line. Annette has set up an image to click on the site to do just that. If you have a Mac computer, you can get Acrobat Reader for it too. If you need more information about this option call: Annette L. or Jean D.

Met and N.Y.C. Bus Trip

Bus trip on Saturday, December 6, to the Metropolitan museum to see the fabulous **El Greco** exhibit of 70 paintings. There are many other great things to see. Following are only some of the special exhibits on display: ***Crossing the Channel*** (British and French Painting in the Age of Romanticism); **The Dawn of Photography 1839-1855**; **American Indian Art** (200 pieces); **Landscapes of Sandford R. Gifford (Hudson River School Artist** (70 paintings); **Amish Quilts**; and the famous **Annual Christmas Tree and Neopolitan Baroque Crèche**. Departure from the Met at about 3:00 with a drive along 5th Avenue to see the holiday lights and window displays. A stop will be made at the famous Zabars International Deli and Gourmet Emporium for imported cheeses, breads, fresh pasta, cooked meats, cookware, etc., etc. The last stop will be at Rockefeller Center for a view of the tree, skaters and Saint Patrick's Cathedral. **Expected arrival home is 6:30. Bus departs from Rockaway Townsquare Mall near Sizzler Steak House, section 33 of park and ride lot at 9:30 AM. Cost is \$25. Refunds will be made only if the bus company cancels due to inclement weather. Make checks payable to Art Association in Roxbury and send to Elaine Moscola, 29 Franklin Road**

Denville, NJ 07834. PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 28. Go on line (www.metmuseum.org) and get lots more info about the exhibits or call **Elaine 973-627-2881.**

AAR INFORMATION TABLES

The Executive Board has set up a centralized area for all organization business and information. This area is dedicated to such items as Membership, including nametags and brochures; Video Tapes, where you can reserve a video; Sign Up Sheets for hospitality, bus trips, workshops, and library exhibits; and AAR Information. We hope this arrangement will be an improvement that members will appreciate.

The Association receives a lot of mail and literature that is useful to members. To make it easier to look over this information, it has been organized into three binders: **1. General Information and Art Related Services, 2. Information on Workshops, Shows and Exhibits, and 3. Newsletters from AAR and other Arts Organizations.** We sometimes receive extra copies of information. Feel free to take home any copy that does not have a red star stamped on it. **Items with a red star are our last copy.** If you have anything to contribute to the tables contact Annette.

Weather Cancellations

If weather is bad on a meeting date, check www.cancellations.com to see if the meeting is cancelled. For those who do not have access to the Internet, a message will be available on Nadine's answering machine after 3:00 PM (**973-989-8928**). If possible a message will also be posted on our website www.artassociationinroxbury.org

Last Call For New AAR Logo

Your last chance for submitting a potential AAR logo design is at the December meeting. Although we are encouraging everyone to be creative, please remember that the logo needs to be versatile. It needs to look good on stationary, the newsletter, website, signs, brochures and banners. It may be displayed in black or white depending on where it is used. It should be scaleable. Please give your designs to Annette at the meeting. If you have questions, call (973-398-6304)

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

ART ENCOUNTERS

Don Andrews, AWS--4/14 to 4/17, 2004

Jean Grastorf, AWS--11/3 to 11/6, 2004

Call Nina (973-584-3373)

ICON CLASS

An ongoing weekly class to paint icons with Christina DeBarry at her studio in Florham Park is being formed. A minimum of 5 people is needed. Call Nadine at 973-989-8928

Books Donated in Memorandum

Two books were purchased by AAR for the Roxbury Library in memory of honorary member, Florence Gates, and long time member and many times president, Helen Danzi. Helen was a dedicated and very talented oil painter who specialized in portraits. Before she moved to Florida, she painted a number of portraits of the presidents for which the Roxbury schools are named. Those portraits were donated to the respective schools. The book purchased in her memory is **Portraits in Oil the Van Wyk Way** by Helen Van Wyk.

Florence Gates was a founding member of the temple in Succasunna and offered AAR a meeting space, which we used for many years. She was a supporter of the arts as is her husband. The book donated in her memory is **Understanding Paintings** by Sturgis and Clayson. It covers the last 800 years of Western Art and explores popular themes and subjects that have absorbed artists over the centuries (550 color illustrations). It features in

depth chapters on paintings of myth, allegory, history, portraiture, landscape, still life, abstracts and other topics.

Miscellaneous Info for Artists

Bright Idea Consulting specializes in web hosting and web design for artists. Web hosting packages start at only \$7 per month and have many features other companies' only offer in their more expensive packages. Visit us at www.brightideaconsulting.com. (From Dolores B.) **Incorrectly listed in last newsletter.**

Magazines Subscriptions at up to 64% off—Receive 12 issues of The Artist Magazine for \$15 and/or 4 issues of Watercolor Magic for \$12.96. If you would like to participate in either offer, sign up at the December meeting and **make checks payable to the individual magazine**. The offer is good for new subscriptions and renewals or extensions. Subscriptions make good holiday gifts. Sign up at the Information Table and give the check to Annette. Questions? (973-398-6304)

FROM THE EDITOR: Please contact the editor with information on exhibits of interest to members; shows to enter; interesting classes; achievements or awards that you have received or any other art information that you think should be published. **The deadline for the publication of the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to the meeting. Please adhere to this deadline as it takes time to format and compose the newsletter and then get it off to be printed and mailed**