



# CANVAS NEWS



Dear April Landerkin,

our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family, during this heartbreaking time of your mother's loss — Margaret Yager.

*"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." - Leo Buscaglia*



## 2010 - A GREAT YEAR FOR THE ARA

So many things happened to contribute to the growth of our association this past year

*Here are the top few!*

1. We have become more professional as a group and have established budgets for future endeavours to help us create better planning of events and shows
2. The executive and show committee have raised the bar for adhering to the quality of framing and presentation of the artworks plus we have come to understand the meaning of "original art" which helps each one of us become better artists
3. The issue of "copyright" has been addressed and notes added to our website for future reference
4. Positively Windsor challenge was embraced wholeheartedly by the majority of our membership and we had 46 artists participate with 89 entries. Hopefully the theme will continue next year plus the existing show may go on display next summer at the Gibson Gallery
5. We aligned with some great publicity people who juried our show and who have all agreed to be on board to participate in future years. These include staff from the Windsor Star, Windsor Life Magazine, Biz X Magazine, CBC radio, CBC television, CKLW radio and the Art Gallery of Windsor
6. A complete publicity database has been established for the ARA so that future show committees can continue to create much needed publicity with continued ease
7. Articles were written about the ARA, the challenge and the artists with full colour photos in Windsor Life Magazine, Biz X Magazine and the Windsor Star featuring the winners and the association
8. A successful plein air group has formed and we have attracted a number of new members through good publicity.
9. The paintings were put on line through the Windsor Star, Holiday Inn, the city of Windsor, and, Cogeco Cable TV

11. The Positively Windsor show went on display at the Holiday Inn Select for two weeks with the marquis advertising our group to traffic as it passed by on Huron Line
12. The hotel provided a cash bar and a first class appetizer reception for members and their families at no cost to ARA plus have indicated an interest in negotiating future displays of our artworks
13. A 7' X 6' collage of the art went into the window display at Mackenzie Hall plus we have advertising on their signage plus a poster was installed in the Sandwich Business Association outdoor frame
14. A Positively Windsor calendar was designed including at least one piece of art from each participating artist, 200 copies were printed and their sales provided a profit to the ARA of more than \$1200.00 plus we were able to give a bonus donation of \$200 in our name to Sparky's kids and Kay's cupboard, a much needed gift this holiday season.
15. 28 artists had new business cards designed as ads for the calendar and are now in a position to reorder at will for a special reduced price for ARA artist members only
16. We have established a relationship with a printer who can help fulfill our needs as artists including brochures, giclee prints, greeting cards, business cards, postcards and calendars – Imaginative Imaging 519 564-7897, ask for Greg Plante
17. The mayor's office had a press conference promoting our Mackenzie Hall event ...resulting in CBC TV news shows at six and eleven, radio interviews and another great story in the Windsor Star featuring Trudy Dempsey with her portrait of the mayor and with photos of Dennis Smith
18. Our annual Mackenzie Hall show has attracted over 208 entries from 55 of our members... this is a huge percentage of participation. 8 paintings sold during the show
19. We have gained recognition and respect from a number of local art groups including the art gallery of Windsor, ACWR, ARTCITE, several local galleries and framing shops and WEA
20. We obtained 12 doors from Lowes at cost to hinge and use as displays for this show and all future events
21. The newsletter and website continue to improve and provide our membership with the information and promotion they need through individual galleries and links to art information
22. Biographies were printed in full colour, matted and placed in plastic sleeves for future promotion of individual member artists at our events resulting in a more professional image to the public. This project will be continued in years to come with your approval
23. We managed several excellent radio interviews: Trudy Dempsey and CBC, Elaine Woods on CKLW, Colleen Castonguay, Dennis Smith and Don Alp with CBC radio and TV news
24. The level of professionalism has grown by leaps and bounds this year thanks to excellent leadership and dynamic participation from so many of our members. We thank you!

25. Many members were honoured with individual shows or awards at numerous art events. These include: Dennis Smith, Elaine Woods, Shirley Preedy, Ann Stefani, Jack Sunderland, Rico Dancel and the Artists of Colour
26. Member artists participated in both the Walkerville Art Walk and the Riverside District Walk plus Art in the Park and Art by the River
27. Two esteemed members have published books this year – Rico Dancel and Elaine Woods
28. Our group has made significant donations to charities including Sparky's Kids, Kay's Cupboard and Hospice
29. We celebrated another delightful Christmas party with fun, food and fellowship with thanks to April Landerkin and her hard working committee
30. Although the executive has experienced "growing pains" this year, we have emerged stronger and with more direction as a result of the new bylaws and more ordered meetings.

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present."

*Eleanor Roosevelt*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS SUCCESS POSSIBLE:**

Congratulations to your show committee! Together we made a plan, step-by-step we moved toward our goal and the result was a successful show for our association.

Without the carefully planned scheduling and hours of telephone calls made by Doreen we could never have had such great participation in this show. Without so many artists the show would not have been nearly as great. She was tireless and became the glue that helped us stay together and on track during the past few months as we prepared for the challenge and the show. Her enthusiasm for this project was contagious!

And, our first class reception was the highlight of the show...another proud evening for our members to remember....the food and presentation, the roses and decor...delightful and all thanks to Janice, who baked that exquisite cake of roses after our challenge at the Knights of Columbus, created the ribbon awards, prepared the certificates and plaque all that made our show event first rate. Janice prepared gift arrangements for the judges, planned all decor, music and food arrangements for the exhibition; all this was so perfect and wonderful!

Trudy's unique concept "Positively Windsor" as the theme that attracted the press plus her amazing painting of Eddie Francis was the catalyst that put the entire event in motion. We admire your generosity of giving the art to the mayor-a gift that I am sure will keep his office on board for future endeavours by the ARA. It was a daunting task but Trudy led the show committee through months of hard work and preparation and in the end we emerged as better artists and friends.

Susan gave her expertise in the area of publicity and the result was much positive promotion for the ARA and the individual artists who participated in both the Holiday Inn pre-show and the Mackenzie Hall annual exhibition. The calendar resulted in over \$1200.00 profit to the ARA and an additional donation of \$200 for our Christmas charities. She has set in motion a number of potential show possibilities for the **ARA in 2011 and made it easier for next year's committee to continue with the momentum.**

The posters, printing and new biographies were a highlight Gulnaz created that made this event more professional than ever before. Her countless creative ideas made all the difference in this year's event. She worked tirelessly, followed through on every job and made us look very professional as artists and as an association. Gulnaz has used her skills with graphics and the computer in every way to assist ARA in being more successful through her newsletter, the printed matter and hours of volunteer time.

THESE SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE PLANNING BUT BESIDE AND BEHIND WERE MANY OTHERS WHO NEED TO BE THANKED including the entire membership and our dedicated executive.

A Special thanks to Susan Washington who took the monumental task of doing the show photography this year which will result in all our members having their works on the website. Elaine Woods picked up a dozen doors at Lowes for us and hinged them all together to make permanent displays for ARA. Dennis took the responsibility for storing the doors and transporting them to and from the hall. Set up day, though stressful was saved by the cheerful volunteers who managed to keep their spirits up as they conquered each task. Our hanging committee headed by Dennis Smith worked tirelessly to place each and every painting to its best advantage. This takes lots of energy, time and strength. We owe a debt of gratitude to George, Don, Jack, Elaine, Jeff and Patrick. There is certain energy before a show but in the end once taken down there was a lot more to do. These same people plus Carol Winters and her husband, Liz Alp, the show committee and many more of our artists made short work of putting the doors in a van, **filling all the holes and cleaning up the hall.....big work** – big applause!

Thanks too to all the members who participated in this 2010 show, who spent time manning the event and who did all the small things like coffee runs, tidying up and being great ambassadors for our club. Painting demos for the public created interest in the artists and in our association. The window display at Mackenzie Hall was a great addition this year.

#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN 2011

*Together we can do that which any one of us could never do alone! What any one person can do, all of us can do....the question is not, "Can we"?*

***but "HOW can we"?***



RESOLUTION: To continue to be: Cohesive, Positive, Professional, Supportive, and Creative as we work together to grow as individual artists and as an art association. Let the memory of our successes in 2010 urge us forward to continue to have: more professionalism, outstanding shows, unparalleled publicity and meaningful friendships within the ARA. Nothing can happen without your contributions as members.

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# CHANGE



Third Annual Art Exhibition  
by  
**Vanessa Lavin**

EXHIBITING FROM  
Friday, December 3rd  
to  
Saturday, December 11th 2010

RECEPTION  
Friday December 3rd, 7-10pm



LOCATION:  
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HOURS:  
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Opening Reception  
Fri. Dec 3 7-10 pm

Artist Tour & Talk  
Wed. Dec 15 1-2 pm

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## ACWR's Annual General Meeting

Arts Council Windsor & Region's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 5:30pm. The ACWR's Board of Directors is elected from the membership and has no less than 12 voting Directors.

As of this year's AGM, there is at least one vacancy on the board. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact us for more information at:

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