

**FEBRUARY NEWS – 2008**  
**THIS IS NOT A NEWSLETTER.**

As most of you already are aware, **Susan Duxter is on vacation** so there will be no regular newsletter. But, I agreed to send out some information to all members so you know what's happening at the ARA.

**If you were not at the January 22 general meeting, here is what you missed.**

We had a great meeting at our **new location:**  
the Zehr's Superstore -- accommodations --- coffee and cookies----  
well met our needs so we are happy to have our meetings there. It is also more or less  
central to the majority of our members.

We welcomed **new members:**

Bev Nantais, Joanne DiMaio, Ann Stephani, and Jack Sunderland

There was a presentation by Susan Duxter  
She gave us an overview of our **new website..**  
Susan asks that those who have not already had their **picture (head shot)**  
taken for the website, may either send in a picture to her, email a picture to her, or  
have your picture taken by Elaine Woods at the February meeting.

Barbara Mahoney discussed her prior and upcoming **trips to Bosnia** and  
the Franciscan fathers orphanage, then a proposal was made, seconded, and passed  
for the **ARA to donate \$100** to the Bosnian orphanage.

A presentation on **framing and matting** was given by Elaine Woods with  
good input and suggestions by various members.

Sue Marentette – showed us how we can easily **store unframed or even  
unfinished paintings** in acid free plastic sleeves.

Chris Dupuis of **Windsor Art Supplies Inc.** gave an overview of her  
newly acquired business and informed the group of various  
supplies, equipment, special orders and lessons available.

Leona distributed fliers regarding a **Valentine Ball** on February 14 which  
will help raise money for the **Amherstburg Food Fellowship.**

George Alles – recommended a recent purchase he made – **DRAMATIC LIGHT** by Patrick Howe. George also complimented Susan Duxter for the quality and attention to detail and organization of her newsletters. He stated that he hasn't seen anything better in any other sites he visits. All present were in agreement.

**February 19 is our next general meeting and is a DINNER AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. – so bring a friend. THE COST IS \$10 PER MEMBER.**

A **survey** is now available and is being sent as an **attachment**. Please complete this survey and return to Elaine Woods so that your executive may plan meaningful activities.

A new **membership package** will also be available at the February meeting and will be emailed to members. You may print the membership form if you know someone who may be interested in joining the ARA.

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE CORNER** is being developed for our newsletter. An art related question will be printed and you may email your response to Susan Duxter. The most accurate response will be published the following month.

The first question is: **What is acid free paper and what is its importance in art?**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat Deliberato as she has recently lost her son.

Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR RENEWAL.**

If you have not already paid please see Doreen Wyatt at the February meeting or mail a cheque payable to the ARA and send to  
Doreen Wyatt, Membership Chair, 1170 Minto Ave, LaSalle, Ontario N9J 3H8

\$35 single per member if using gallery	\$50 family	plus \$15
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