



ARA Holiday Party at Lilly Kazilly's a Huge Success!

During an evening of fun, good food and good fellowship, the ARA members attended our December meeting at Lilly Kazilly's on November 20th. Much thanks to Barb Mahoney for her excellent planning not to mention the delicious cake we enjoyed for dessert. Susan Washington took portrait shots of the attendees in preparation for the upcoming ARA directory in 2008. If you were not there, please send a portrait shot of yourself to susanduxter@cogeco.ca in preparation for the gallery on the website and the new directory.



George Alles directed the annual gift game where artists won and stole prizes from one another amidst lots of laughter and good spirits. The restaurant provided roast beef, salmon or chicken and there were raves all around for the plentiful and delectable food. Your new executive was instated. Much thanks to Sue Marentette (our past president) for her outstanding work over the past year. She will continue to serve on the new executive.



Our new president is Leona MacIntyre. The rest of the new executive includes Elaine Woods (secretary), Susan Duxter (newsletter), Doreen Wyatt (membership), and Francis Lucier (treasurer), Barb Mahoney (workshops) and Lupita Amaya (shows). 2008 promises to be a great year for our association.

Welcome New Members

Janice Kersey is our newest member. She is a professional watercolour artist. Her address is 984 Glidden, Windsor, ON N8S 2N7 (519) 948-2578 and her email is jkersey@cogeco.ca CHECK OUT THE MEMBERSHIP PAGE ON THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

MINIATURE SHOW WINNERS!

The Miniature Competition was a huge success! Michael Labiak won first prize, Kevin Alles was awarded second prize, and Francis Lucier, Leona MacIntyre and Susan Duxter tied for third place. Numerous paintings were sold on the spot!



FIRST -Michale Labiak

SECOND -Kevin Alles

SPECIAL ON ARTIST QUALITY WATERCOLOUR PAINTS

An email was sent out earlier this week outlining a special price list for ARA members only. The deadline for your order is January 23rd and all participants must place an order for 10 or more tubes of 7 ml or 14 ml size tubes of watercolour paints. A donation is requested to be added to your order to help Barb Mahoney in her art charity work with the Bosnia orphanage so if you are inclined, please add \$5.00 or more to your final order total. Contact susanduxter@cogeco.ca to place your order by email or for further information.



THIRD -Leona MacIntyre, Susan Duxter, & Francis Lucier

Mackenzie Hall Holiday Art Show & Sale in Review:

Many thanks to Lupita Amaya for her tireless efforts in making the 2007 art show a huge success.



Thank you to the show set up committee and to Susan Washington for the excellent photographs taken at the opening.

CLASSES BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Check out the website under the "classes" tab to see what is happening in January. Sue Marentette teaches at Art Galia, Dennis Smith has ongoing classes in his studio in LaSalle and Colleen Castonguay teaches at Michael's Arts and Crafts. Please contact me if you have classes you would like to advertise on the web site or in the ARA newsletter. Classes are also held at Windsor Art Supply and private lessons through Julia Conlon and Constance Noyle.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Lupita lost her beloved father during the holidays in Mexico. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family as she faces this sad time. Lupita's photograph titled "Wings On The Detroit River" won first prize at a recent photography conference. We know her father has moved beyond this earth on wings of love.



MEETING NOTICE

Meetings in 2008 beginning January 22nd will be held at the Zehrs Store on Walker Road at 7:00 p.m. There is lots of parking and easy access. There is a great demo on framing planned so don't miss it!

The February meeting will be a potluck membership drive. You are welcome to bring family and friends to this meeting. Did you know that you don't have to be an artist to join the ARA? Supporters are welcome.

2008 meetings on Walker Road at:

zehrs

ARA News for January 2008

JOKE OF THE MONTH



SOME EXAMPLES OF ARA MEMBER'S ART-GETTING BETTER EVERY DAY



These cropped shots capture the essence of our various member's works without showing the entire piece. The website gallery will be designed in this way to allow for consistency and a more professional look. Can you recognize your own art here? Guess who painted each work? **PLEASE GO TO THE GALLERY PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE**, LOOK AT THE PAINTINGS ATTRIBUTED TO YOU AND PROVIDE SUSAN DUXTER WITH TITLES FOR YOUR ART, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS SO THE WEBSITE CAN BE CORRECTED ASAP.

DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE? WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HAVE A PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET?

The ARA website is almost finished. Check it out at www.artwindsor.com or www.arawindsor.com. Either address (url) will take you to our new web presence. If and when you get your own art website, please let me know so that I can link your name to the site for easy access. There is a free art community at <http://impnow.com> where you can join, log in, upload your art photos and be seen by other members of the art world. Once the ARA site is completely finished, members will be invited to have their own one page presence designed and linked for a nominal fee. Now is a good time to check out the gallery to see what other photos of your art you would like to submit. All art must be cropped to create a uniform look to the site.

YOUTUBE HAS AMAZING ART PRESENTATIONS TO DELIGHT AND EXCITE YOU!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri4cftAMLpg>

Go to the url above to see the amazing art of Suzie Q. Step by step directions to paint a laughing parrot.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJtKxdRQzY>

Dan Dunn paints to music and creates an astonishing finished work in minutes! Prepare to be amazed!

MINIATURE ART SALES RAISED CASH FOR THE ARA! THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.



A very special thank you to **Susan Washington** for the excellent photographs she provided for the new website and directory.



The Association of Representational Artists

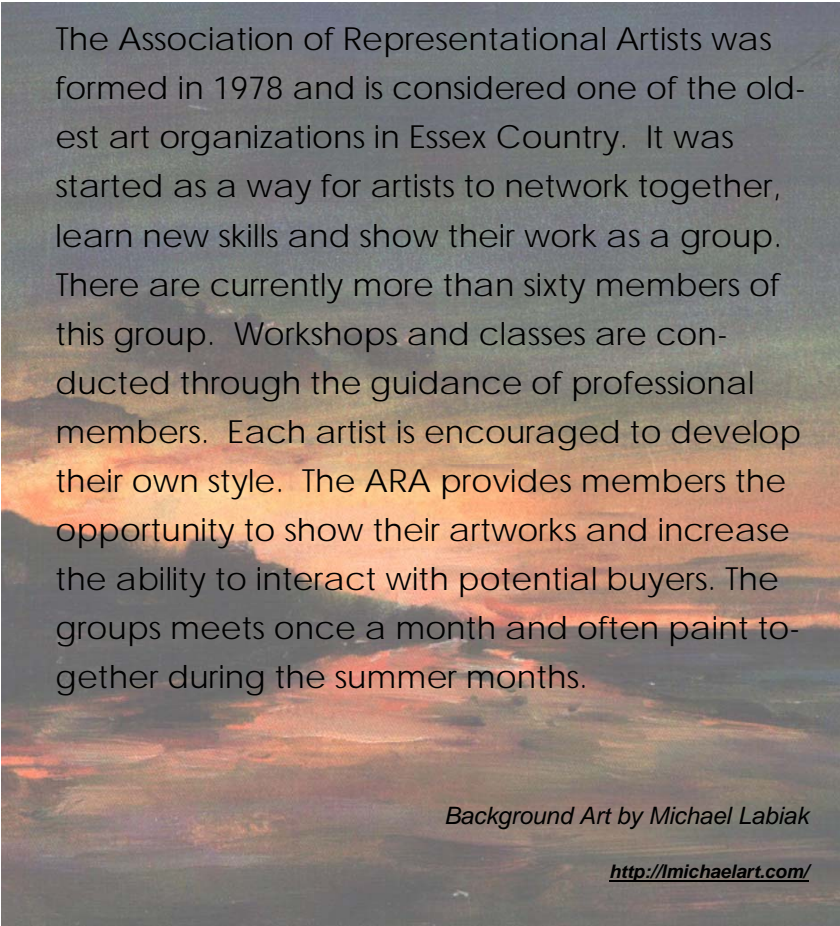
WE'RE ON THE WEB

<http://www.artwindsor.com/> or <http://www.arawindsor.com>

What ACEO is all about

Did you know that many artists make copies of their work which they then number and sign to sell to ACEO collectors?

ACEO stands for "Art Cards, Editions and Originals". These cards have one main rule - they are 3.5 inches by 2.5 inches - the size of a trading card. The reason for this is, of course, that Art Cards are made to be traded! But while artists were happily trading cards, the general public was left out in the cold, having no Art Cards to trade. A group of artists realized this, and quickly made their cards available for sale at remarkably low prices so that everyone could join in the fun!



Background Art by Michael Labiak

<http://michaelart.com/>

DIRECTORY

The ARA executive agreed to print and provide members with an updated telephone/ email directory in January which will also include each member artist's medium. Please contact Elaine at emwoods5@cogeco.ca to provide the medium you use for your art plus any other changes in contact information! In addition, if you did not attend the Xmas part and have a portrait shot taken, please plan to submit one at the January meeting or email to susanduxter@cogeco.ca

OUR GOAL IS TO PUBLISH THE NEW ARA DIRECTORY BY APRIL OF 2008 FOR ALL MEMBERS

ARTS COUNCIL www.acwr.net

ARTCITE has invited all Windsor artists to participate in displaying their works in the Artist Café at Casino Windsor. The proposal being developed would see artists' works showcased for one month at the casino with receptions held to unveil the works, and scheduled artist meet and greet sessions. Jurying for this project will be done by representatives of both ACWR and Casino Windsor and all sales will be handled by ACWR. A virtual gallery will be developed in order for patrons to peruse the entire exhibition and drive further sales. Artists wishing to express interest in this high profile Endeavour should contact ACWR as soon as possible. This is a good time to consider becoming a member of the Arts Council, Windsor & Region. Fees start at \$20.00. Visit Artspeak Gallery at 1942 Wyandotte E. or phone 519 252-6855 for more information.

INTRODUCING THE 2008 ARA EXECUTIVE



Your new 2008 executive is committed to promoting artistic excellence and helping its members through workshops, demonstrations, a professional website, and planning art shows throughout the year. Our goal is to promote honesty and professionalism, to protect the integrity of the art community and to keeping our members informed.

From left to right, Elaine Woods, Lupita Amaya, Barb Mahoney, Francis Lucier, Leona MacIntyre, Susan Duxter, Sue Marentette and Doreen Wyatt.

The February meeting is our membership drive so bring a guest or two and please provide membership applications to people you know who might be interested in joining our art association. New members are the lifeblood of any group and help our association to improve its service to our members. It is the responsibility of every member to promote the ARA in every way that you can.