

OPAA Newsletter January, 2018

Happy New Year everybody!

Here we are looking at 2018. We each have our own hopes and expectations for the coming year and 2018 can be a good year for all of us. It's a good time to create new artwork....go ahead, get those art supplies off the shelf, dust them off and get your good ideas going. To help us get inspired, George Zein will be giving us a wonderful presentation at our next meeting. See you Thursday, Jan 25th at 9:30,,,,,



Artist Statement:

Art is a form of communication. Although I tend to be a realist, I like a bit of mystery in my paintings. Most everything we see is art, and I find satisfaction using watercolors and paper to record images that are appealing. Lights, and especially shadows are intriguing and add dimension to my efforts. Changes in my style are welcome as I evolve as an artist.

Biographical statement of George Zien

For thirty years, George operated his own Sign and Screen Printing business in Arizona where his artistic talents were useful. He experimented with oil painting but was not able to devote quality time to this until his retirement when he began studying watercolor painting.

A Phoenix resident for many years, George retired to Sequim, WA in 2001. His work has been displayed in galleries in Arizona, Washington and Colorado as well as in private shows in Arizona and California. His originals are included in private and public collections throughout the country. Commissioned portraits of people and animals have

occupied a great deal of his time but he also enjoys painting structures as well as landscapes.

Attending Scottsdale Artists' School and participating in workshops has provided him with fuel for his imagination. He has traveled in Italy and Canada seeking new and unusual subjects for his art. George invites you to visit him at www.sequimarts.org and to share it with friends. Memberships have included Arizona Watercolor Association, Northwest Watercolor Society and Olympic Peninsula Art Association and he facilitates a life drawing group on Tuesdays in his studio. Each summer for a number of years he has taught a 4 day workshop with a fellow artist.

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Dues are due!

\$35.00 for single, 50.00 for couple, plus \$10.00 per person for website.
Anyone who paid for membership in October or later is considered paid for 2018.

...and here are some excerpts from our last board meeting....

Treasurer Report: Everything is being turned over to Antoinette, who has volunteered to be our new Treasurer and Vice President! New signature cards will be done today.

New Business:

The transit venue has been cancelled in favor of church for meetings. Dates and times are being posted on the website.

Community Liaison: Randy has designated this as his role for 2018, He has sent out about 30 invitations to prospective members and groups and has also submitted info to the Sequim Gazette and PDN for the upcoming meeting.

We're set up to do May 2-6 for member show in transit center. The City has offered the Civic Center for our use instead and this is a better location. Pros and cons were discussed and the Civic Center sounds good. The change was so moved, seconded and passed. (Randy met with the City rep after the board meeting and finalized the change. We will have

the space from May 2-6.) The Show will open on the 3rd and at 5 pm the Chamber will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate our 49th Anniversary.

We have received a letter from Jeanie Hill- scholarship, notebook coordinator at PA High. We need someone to be our contact with schools in area to get folios submitted.

Linda S. was looking into the cost of a new sound system and it will run \$100-200. A Portable sound system might be at Randy's in one of the boxes he has that he hasn't looked at yet. If so, he'll bring it to the next meeting. If not we should address this at next board meeting.

New form by Antoinette will follow money as it comes in at meetings. Past boxes of papers will go to Antoinette to go through for 2017 tax info, then to storage. She will get the tax information to our CPA.

First Security bank is in remodel but there are two artists ready to do 3 months each afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Parcell and Joyce Clayton, co-secretaries

STAY WARM!

