



JANUARY 2008

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RESOLUTION OR DISSOLUTION

RED FLAG ALERT:

On July 1 of this year, Collage Artists of America will have

NO President
NO Program Chair
NO Exhibit Chair
NO Treasurer
NO Hospitality Chair
NO Publicity Chair

Unless YOU step forward to fill these positions, *CAA will cease to exist* after successful 20 years. Over time you have repeatedly heard us beg and plead with you to volunteer. Except in rare cases, the same people have rotated through the various positions year after year after year. I'm sure you've noticed the tiresomely familiar faces of the officers and board members.

If you haven't volunteered in the past because you are so busy, you need to realize that *everyone is busy*. Somehow we all manage to get done what we want to do. Some board members have been ill, some have traveled a lot, some have had their own businesses, and some can check all of the above. Yet they have managed to keep this wonderful group afloat. Now it is time for others to take the helm—if not, this ship will go down at the end of this fiscal year, June 30.

An organization does not run by itself. CAA normally has two exhibits and only five meetings a year. So you can see, it takes only about half the time that other groups need to keep running.

We must have a slate of officers by our March meeting. Voting for officers is done at the May meeting. Current members of the board are willing to help ease you into your new position and give you any help you need; remember, our positions were new to us at one time as well. You could also consider sharing a position and working together with a friend. We are fiscally sound and our meeting place has been secured for the rest of the year.

Wouldn't you miss CAA if it no longer existed? Ask not what our organization can do for you but what you can do for Collage Artists of America. I have faith you will contact me.

Dorothy Tate
President
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NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY

→→→ JANUARY 25, 2008 ←←←

10:30 A.M.

BERNARD MILKEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS AUDITORIUM
22622 VANOWEN STREET WEST HILLS, CA 91307 (818) 464-3300

DATES OF FUTURE CAA MEETINGS:

3/28/08; 5/23/08; (9/26/08; 12/5/08—BOTH UNCERTAIN)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are up to 170 members. Thirty-two people have joined this fiscal year, so you can see that CAA is a growing, viable organization. If you come to our next meeting on Jan. 25, you can pay either the \$5 guest fee or join as a member of Collage Artists for \$45.

Susie Gesundheit
V.P. Membership
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EXHIBIT REPORT

Our current exhibit, the New Year Show, is open and looking wonderful at the Creative Arts Center in Burbank. This lovely gallery is open Mon.—Thurs. 9-8; Fri. 9-4; Closed most Saturdays and every Sunday. Our juror, Olga Seem, gave each entry a great deal of consideration and thought. In the end she chose a varied show that highlights the diverse styles of our members.

I would like to offer my most enthusiastic thanks to everyone who helped get this show up (in no particular order): Dorothy Tate, Susie Gesundheit, Jeanne Zinniker, Carolann Watterson, Darlene Libby, Shirley Cohen, Helen Merken, Betty Beam, Crystal Michaelson, Michelle Safer, Trish Meyer, and Frances Santisteven (Director of the Creative Arts Center). Loud clapping in your direction. If I have overlooked anyone, know that I am very grateful for your help.

*The time and date of the take-down have changed because of a conflict with our meeting on Jan. 25. The take-down now is on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 3-5 p.m. **The Creative Arts Center cannot store works that are not picked up**, so please arrange to have someone else take your paintings if you cannot be there.*

Congratulations to all our prize winners in our New Year Show:

First place: Shari Beaubien

Second place: Mathilde Lombard

Third place: Judi Birnberg

Ruth Sklar Memorial Award: Loraine Veeck

Merchandise awards: Ben Goldman, Darlene Mellein, Marilyn Landau, Andrea Raft, and Linda Cohen.

Judi Birnberg

Exhibits Chairperson

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JANUARY PROGRAM

On January 25, guest artist Ann Marie Ferreira will present our program. Ann Marie earned her BA and MA in art at California State University Sacramento, where she also earned Life elementary and secondary credentials. Her MFA degree is from CSU Long Beach.

She taught in the Santa Monica schools for 26 years and was director of the Roberts Art Gallery at Santa Monica High School for seven years. She has exhibited widely and has participated in the LACMA Art Rental and Sales Gallery, Corporate Division, since 1986; she also was part of the UCLA Armand Hammer Rental and Sales Registry from 1994 until it closed in 2001.

Ann Marie's work is in many private and corporate collections. Since retiring from teaching, she has more time to concentrate on her artwork and produces large collages, oil paintings and assemblages in her Mar Vista studio. She is married to Tom Ferreira, retired Dean of the College of the Arts at CSULB.

Carolann Watterson

Program Chairperson

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DID YOU KNOW? THE CAA NEWSLETTER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE:

WWW.COLLAGEARTISTS.ORG

OPPORTUNITY REPORT

At the January meeting, we will still have the raffle, but not the Second-Chance Table, as I will be away. Remember to wear your name tag and get an extra ticket to increase your odds of winning some prizes.

Sandy Rooney

Opportunity Chairperson

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LIBRARY REPORT

Have you forgotten to return a book, video or DVD you checked out? Please mark your calendar to bring them back to the meeting on Jan. 25. Let's give everyone a chance to enjoy the materials!

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Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Jan. 3, 2008: \$13,571.92

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Treasurer

WEBSITE INFO

If you have a link from the CAA website, please be a good citizen and create a link from your website to CAA's.

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The fisherman knows that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reasons for staying ashore.

—Vincent van Gogh