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From Your President

Committee members needed. As we move into the second half of the year—yes, already—many tasks lie ahead that require members to begin stepping forward to assume new roles and responsibilities. With the current resignations of two existing board members, Connie Veenker, President-elect and Sharon Nyberg, Past President, it is imperative to fill these positions immediately. Life has taken them into different directions at this point. We would like to thank them both for their many contributions while serving on the board. Connie took the lead in several very successful shows this last year and Sharon's experience with the Bead Society contributed many great ideas such as the "Show and Tell" that has been so well received. It is extremely important that we fill the role of President-elect by our July meeting. We will be opening nominations from the floor at our next meeting in June for both of these positions. If you would like to self nominate before the meeting, please contact me by email or phone. The position of President-elect was created to give the next president a year in training to work with the board in decision making, head special committees or projects, set up programs for meetings and step into the role of president during their absence.

As we move forward with a by-law amendment to expand the board of directors, three positions have already been filled such as the guild historian, Theresa Kuchler and newsletter editor, Paula Lewis and art gallery coordinator(s) Jodi Dann and Glenda Richards. Other positions to be filled will be membership coordinator, volunteer coordinator, advertising coordinator, website coordinator, and librarian. The roles and responsibilities for these positions can be found in the by-law amendments in this newsletter.

Speakers and presenters needed. The board has been very pleased with the response from our last three outside presenters and have been able to line up speakers for July and August. Ann Howden of Howden Art and Framing will be giving a talk in July on framing and matting and in August, Iva Wakeman will be giving a talk on the new product Yupo. More speakers are needed for the future. If you have a new product or technique to share with the Guild or know of an interesting speaker, please contact one of the board members so we can set up a meeting date for them. We know there are other members out there who have something to share so don't be shy. Step up and share your ideas!

We are always seeking articles to include in the newsletter—I can get pretty boring after awhile with all the blah, blah, blah! Have you run across an article on the internet of interest or written a piece for another publication that you would like to share? It would be great to have a "new product" section to include. If you find something, please pass it along.

Show Opportunities. The Guild has the opportunity to co-host a Holiday show in late November or early December at the Pioneer Community Center as well as hosting the HeArt of Oregon in February of 2009. The Pioneer center show would include art and high crafts and be open to TRAG members only whereas the HeArt show is fine art only and invitational. Participating in both of these events will give a greater number of our artists the opportunity to show and sell their art. I will be discussing these in separate articles in the newsletter.

Having said that, I believe this article is finally finished. I hope everyone will have a chance to visit the Open Studios of Beavercreek on June 6, 7 and 8. You can download a map at www.openstudiosofbeavercreek.com. See you at the meeting! Lynda

Minutes of Three Rivers Artist Guild

May 12, 2008. 7:00PM

Community Center

Oregon City, Oregon

Lynda Orzen opened the meeting at 7:15PM with 41 people in attendance.

There were preliminary comments on the *Show and Tell* and Lynda asked everyone to bring items for *Show and Tell* to the next meetings.

Lynda mentioned that the Board of Directors was developing a new set of positions for the Guild so that TRAG would operate better, and the Board is working on these guidelines and they will be presented at the next TRAG meeting.

TRAG is getting some publicity within the *Trail News*, which is a City publication and it has been good to get the word out about the Guild.

Lynda mentioned that the Howden Gallery is having an Open House this Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 and everyone is welcome. The new gallery is located on Washington Street down across from the Health Education Building.

The Beavercreek Open Studios showing which is to be held on June 6TH through the 8TH was mentioned and everyone is invited.

The minutes for the April meeting were discussed and Debbie Ellis made a motion to approve them as published which was seconded by Stephanie Gillette. The motion passed unanimously.

Glenda Richards gave a Treasurer's Report and the report is included in the minutes book.

Jodie reported on the Gallery at Trails End and it will change out on about May 28. There will be more information on the Gallery in the next newsletter.

A change to the By-laws was discussed wherein no one could commit TRAG to any financial expenditure without the Board's approval. This amendment passed with Ellen making a motion to passage and Debbie seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that on June 1ST there will be a wine tasting event at Pilates with Fe, which is located at 7TH and Main Streets. Stephanie Gillette will have some of her work there to be shown and for sale.

Jude Graham, the Speaker for the evening was introduced and her topic for the evening was *Fraud and Art and Copyright your Work*. Congress is looking at changing the law. At this time VERA, which is the law that applies to art, is over 2,000 pages and states that you can copyright your art if you want to jump through an extended number of hoops. The law, as written, has some problems and that is why Congress is looking at a re-write. At this time you cannot:

- Use another's name on your art.
- She gave examples of what you cannot do, one of which is use another's copyrighted name or image.
- You cannot fake articles to give your art more credence.
- All bronzes can be copyrighted.
- Many questions and scenarios were asked and were discussed about what you can and cannot do with your work.

The main issue is you have to have at least 10% of your work on a specific piece different than anyone else on the same subject, or you can have copyright problems. In other words: "Do not copy another's work and sell it as your own. If you do you will have problems.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM. Submitted by: Jim Hall.



TRAG Membership

Reminder: membership dues were due in January, 2008 and run through December 31. You can either wait til the next meeting and pay fees to Glenda Richards, or send them to TRAG, PO Box 2648, Oregon City, 97045.

Dues are \$25/individual, \$35/household. Meetings are held the 2ND Monday of every month at the Pioneer Community Center in the basement meeting room on Washington Street at 6TH in Oregon City.

Agenda for June 9, 2008

- Welcome
- Comments from the President
- Review and Adoption of Minutes for May 12, 2008 meeting
- Vote for approval of minutes
- Treasurer's report and call for audit. Glenda Richards
- Gallery report. Jodi Dann
- HeArt of Oregon. Call for volunteer committee. Lynda
- Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. Call for volunteer committee. Lynda
- Show and Tell
- Nominations for President-elect and Past President. Lynda
- Amendment to the By-laws for Board of Directors Expansion. Discussion
- Announcements
- Adjourn

Meeting Dates

- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

Howden Art and Framing Grand Opening

On Friday, May 16TH Howden Art & Framing was welcomed to Oregon City by 300 guests attending the Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening reception. The building owner, Dan Fowler, his wife Patty; Chuck Nance (business partner, Howden Art & Framing); Annie Howden (owner, Howden Art & Framing); Jessica Gates & Paige (daughter & granddaughter from Rhode Island); Oregon City Mayor, Alice Norris; Oregon City Chamber Director, Sherrie Henson; and Oregon City Chamber Events coordinator, Claire Met helped cut the ribbon to officially open the gallery & design studio. The crowd enjoyed the fine art of 45 Clackamas County artists in the spacious 3250 sq. ft. on Washington Street in Oregon City. The fully catered event, by Alimenté, of Oregon City was enhanced by local cellist, Lori Presthus & singer/songwriter Erin Adkisson.

“I am so pleased with the response and support from the area.” said Annie Howden, owner. “This is long overdue for Oregon City and the wonderful artists we represent.”

One of the featured artists, Truman Freshour, from Estacada, celebrated his birthday along with several friends & family in attendance.



Howden Art & Framing is located at
1512 Washington Street, Oregon City, Oregon
503-607-0217



End of the Trail Gallery News

Thursday, May 29TH was the out take at the End of the Oregon Trail's TRAG gallery. We would like to thank the artists for being a part of the four month show.

Saturday, May 31ST was the intake from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. We want to welcome new artists, Mindy Benfield (concrete leaves), Linda Spillum (mixed media collages), John Miller (watercolors), Joan Wettlaufer (fused glass), Melanie Monge (mixed media masks), Becky Albeke (acrylic decorative items), Doris Beard (photography) and would like to welcome back Connie Veenker

(fiber collages and acrylic painting). Also your co-chairs are showing their work in acrylic and oils. Our new artists and returning artist came prepared with their completed paper work which helped us work efficiently. The entire process of checking in, arranging and hanging the work took 4½ hours.

Remember that the gallery is a wonderful source of gifts for upcoming wedding showers, wedding and birthday presents. It is always far superior to receive a gift which is original and has been touched by creative hands. And, the card rack is brimming with wonderful colorful creative cards just waiting to touch the top of that gift.

Members please make our gallery known to your friends and relatives. Thank you.

Jodi Dann and Glenda Richards Co-Chairs

Three Rivers Artist Guild Gallery at
the End of the Oregon Trail

1726 Washington St, Oregon City, Oregon

Hours: 11AM to 4PM, Tuesday–

Saturday, noon to 4PM, Sunday

For new artists to the Guild, we would like to extend the opportunity to show at the Guild gallery. Criteria for showing at the gallery include the following:

- Must be a paid Guild member in good standing.
- Must be accepted through a selection jury committee process. Artwork will be viewed by photo/slide/CD format only. Artist may submit for jury only when date for submission is announced at a Guild meeting or announced through the newsletter.
- Artwork must be professionally framed and mounted as per gallery requirements. Wrapped canvas must have finished sides, either painted or taped to blend with the artwork.
- Artist must be able to replenish stock as it sells and must label all artworks as per requirements. The gallery committee exercises the right to refuse replacement work if deemed inappropriate.
- Artist must be able to manage the space for a three (3) month commitment. If space is left empty, artist will release space to other on the waiting list.

All medium and styles will be considered but must be created by the artist, with reproductions (cards and prints) of the artist's work only, no student or assisted work. Photographs and artwork used by the artists as source material must be original to that artist. Artwork will be juried by the Three Rivers Artist Guild gallery committee and notification will be sent out by mail with your jury materials.

The Guild gallery is becoming a main stay for many locals who want to give that perfect gift made by community

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Gallery News (continued)

artists. Please visit the gallery if you haven't had a chance. A new card rack was just purchased for the gallery to display all of our artists greeting cards.

Contact for the gallery are:

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Jodi Dann. jodispalette@comcast.net, 503-656-0572



Art Shows & Festivals 2008

- June: June 20–22. Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts
Lakewood Center for the Arts
368 State St, Lake Oswego. 503.636.1060
www.lakewood-center.org
- July: July 12–13. Sandy Mountain Festival.
Meinig Park. 17670 Meinig Ave, Sandy
www.sandymountainfestival.org
July 22–23, 1:00–8:00. Cracked Pots Show
McMenamins Edgefield www.crackedpots.org/events1.cfm
The 2008 Garden Art Show at Edgefield. *The ultimate recyclers of garbage meet the ultimate recyclers of buildings.* The show will feature more than 70 talented artist spread about the beautiful grounds of historic Edgefield.
July 24–27. Estacada Summer Festival. 503.631.3898
Estacada Junior High, 500 NE Main St, Estacada
www.estacadasummercelebration.org
- August: August 16–17, 10AM–6PM. Mary S Young Festival.
Mary S. Young Park, West Linn. 503.703.5767
www.marysyongartsfestival.com
August 30–September 1. Art in the Pearl.
North Park Blocks, Portland
www.artinthepearl.com
- September: September 15–16. Village of Willamette Arts Festival
Willamette Falls Drive, Willamette Historic District
Lis Dymond, 503.655.5851
- October: Open Studios of Beaver Creek
www.openstudiosofbeavercreek.com
- November: South Shore Artists
Lake Oswego United Methodist Church
503.636.8423



Appreciation to our Show & Tell Artists

We would like to thank all of you who have already participated in our new program to share your arts and ideas at the last two meetings. Many thanks to Sharon Nyberg for bringing forward this new program. Many ideas have been shared and some art pieces have even been sold. This has been a great way for our Guild members to get to know one another and discover each others talents. One thing has been missing from the show and

tell up till now—there has been no tell part.

At our next meeting we would like those who participate to talk a little about your pieces, what inspired you, how it was created or how you became interested in this particular art form. This just needs to be a few minutes, we aren't asking you to be the speaker for the evening! If you bring an especially favorite piece, perhaps you can tell us what inspired the creation. Please don't be shy about speaking to Guild members. We are all friends!



Books Needed

One of the goals described in our mission statement is to educate our membership. We would like to begin the process of establishing a lending library that would be available at the beginning of our meetings. Therefore we are looking for donations of educational materials for the library. Do you have any books, DVDs, magazines or pamphlets that you can't throw out but don't have room for at home? Donate them to the library. This project may take a few months to put together and a librarian to become a reality. The goal would be to have the library available for check out before the regularly scheduled Guild meetings. Books on business management, résumés and grant writing would also be good to donate.



Holiday Art Show at the Pioneer Center

The Guild has been approached by the Pioneer Community Center to collaborate on a holiday art show and sale to be held either the end of November or beginning of December. They have offered the use of their main auditorium and the basement room where our meetings are held. No specific plans have been detailed as yet. We need to form a committee to begin working with Center staff and create a plan for the show. Committee members would be required to recruit artists from TRAG members, establish show guidelines, show set-up, entry fee and advertising. This is a great opportunity for committee members to work on event planning and collaboration with other entities such as the Pioneer Center. Due to its location in the McLoughlin historic district, the neighborhood association could also be recruited to participate in some of the advertising.

The Pioneer Center is looking forward to holding a holiday arts event and is excited to be working with the Guild. Now all we need are committee members. This should be a really fun event!



HeArt of Oregon

Helping to Celebrate Oregon City's 150TH Birthday!

2009 will be a major milestone for Oregon City as it makes
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the 150-year mark. The city is planning assorted celebrations throughout the year and is creating a "150 Things to do in Oregon City" list. The Guild can have a major place on the list with the 3RD Annual HeArt of Oregon Show and Sale. The show actually falls very close to the February 14 birthday of Valentine's Day.

TRAG took over the hosting of the show in 2008 and saw an increase of fine artist and visitors. The Guild would like to continue hosting this important event at the Museum of the Oregon Territory. We are currently seeking Guild members to step forward to help with the planning. Fortunately, there is already lots of organizational materials from the 2008 event and artist feedback to work from. We would like to begin planning early for this event so fundraising and advertising can be given a much longer lead time. Although the 2008 event was quite successful, it was put together on a shoestring and very short lead time. More planning time would enable organizers to seek community sponsors, items for the silent auction and more advertising.

As mentioned earlier, committee members have the advantage of using the contacts, entry information and the feedback from artists participating in the last show. We will also have the great advantage of being a part of the 150-year birthday celebration for Oregon City.



Board of Directors

Lynda Orzen, president 2007–2009
 orzep@bctonline.com
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President-elect 2008
 Open Position

Jim Hall,
 secretary 2007–2009
 ochall@comcast.net
 503.655.1716

Past president 2008
 Open Position

Glenda Richards,
 treasurer 2007–2009
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 503.723.4248

TRAG Gallery Contacts.

For information on gallery programming and how to jury for the gallery, please contact:

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Special Membership.

Teresa Kuchler,
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 Guild historian
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Paula Lewis,
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Advertising Application for Newsletter

Please print legibly and be sure to fill our all applicable areas in this form to place advertising in the Three Rivers Artist Guild newsletter.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(other) _____

Email: _____

Web Address: _____

Please indicate ad size: Card size ad @ \$10.00 per issue

3 months run Card size ad @ \$25.00

¼ page size ad @ \$17.50 per issue

3 month run ¼ page size ad @ \$45.00

- Digital ad files: submit ads in .pdf and .jpg format. Other formats require preapproval.
- Ad sizes: Business card or ¼ page only. Please inquire about larger sizes.
- Submit black and white ads only. No color files please.
- Submit digital as files to: paulalewis1@mac.com.
- All files must be submitted no later than 2 weeks before the next meeting date.
- Information for the ad may be sent to paulalewis1@mac.com to set type, and develop an ad for placement.
- Please send completed form with payment only to: TRAG Newsletter, PO Box 2648, Oregon City, Or 97045
- Please submit your file information to paulalewis1@mac.com .

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The following amendments have been suggested by TRAG's Board of Directors. As you can see, all amendments are included within Article X - Officers and pertain mainly to additional officers and the responsibilities for each. All suggested amendments are in italics and are suggested to be included as noted.

Article X - OFFICERS

There shall be Elected and Non-Elected officers for TRAG. Each is discussed below with their duties and responsibilities.

1. Elected Officers: The elected Officers of TRAG shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These four Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of TRAG's paid up Participating Members that are in attendance at the November meeting of TRAG. In addition to the elected officers, there shall be several appointed positions which shall be members of the Board of Directors. Such other positions within TRAG as may be deemed necessary may be appointed by a majority of the officers, but they shall not be members of the Board of Directors.

A. President: The President shall be the principal executive officer of TRAG. The President's duties include:

- (1). Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of TRAG;
- (2). Conduct TRAG meetings;
- (3). Conduct Board meetings, when called; and said meetings can only be called by the President or the President's designee if the President is unavailable for any reason as determined by either the President or a majority of the Board.
- (4). Work with the various sub-committees of TRAG when said committees are established.

B. Vice President: The Vice President is the President elect for the next Presidential term. The Vice President, shall act in the absence of the President and shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions placed upon the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for programs that are to be presented to the members at general meetings and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall take and keep in proper order the minutes of TRAG's meetings, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President.

D. Treasurer: In general, the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer including the and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (1) Collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to TRAG.
- (2) Be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through TRAG.
- (3) Ensuring that all local TRAG members are current, paid-up, Participating Members.
- (4) Preparation and filing of required reports, which shall include a bi-monthly statement of the Club's fiscal status,

2. Non-Elected Officers: The following positions will have the noted duties and responsibilities and shall be appointed by a majority of the Elected Officers and shall also serve on TRAG's Board of Directors.

A. Newsletter Publisher

- (1) Publish a monthly newsletter via e-mail for the members of TRAG.
- (2) Announce deadlines for submission to the newsletter
- (3) Receive and prepare submissions for the newsletter including advertising

B. Membership Coordinator

- (1) Make applications for membership available.
- (2) Collect and submit membership dues to the Treasurer.
- (3) Maintain current membership records/roster.
- (4) Provide new members with in information packets to include several past newsletter, By-Laws, current roster and membership card.

C. Volunteer Coordinator

- (1) Recruit and coordinate volunteers for TRAG events
- (2) Acknowledge volunteer service
- (3) Keep a current list of active volunteers and qualifications

D. Advertising Coordinator

- (1) Accept advertisements for the newsletter and website and submit such to the Newsletter Publisher and Website Coordinator
- (2) Submit TRAG advertising to local, regional, and national publications and all such advertisements for TRAG shall be coordinated through the Advertising Coordinator
- (3) Create advertising for print media, posters, and postcards for TRAG events

E. Website Coordinator

- (1) Help develop, maintain, improve, and update the TRAG website
- (2) Receive and place advertising and links onto with the assistance of the Advertising Coordinator
- (3) Manage the domain name and renewal of subscriptions

F. Art Gallery Coordinator(s)

- (1) Assume leadership of the gallery(s) and appoint member to jury new artists and install shows
- (2) Coordinate with the gallery(s) for artist updates and other business
- (3) Provide information to advertising coordinator for ongoing advertising in the news media
- (4) Provide updates for the TRAG newsletter for gallery changes, "Call to Artists"
- (5) Prepare and submit timely reports to the Bard of Directors and Members

G. Librarian

- (1) Purchase, acquire and maintain a library on the arts and related subjects
- (2) Provide the membership with a list of recent acquisitions to be placed in the newsletter
- (3) Oversee the process of items loaned to members.
- (4) To insure timely return of all loaned items the Librarian shall procure the services of "Guido and his Big Brother"

H. Historian

- (1) Receive all advertising, news articles, postcards, and photos and other items relating to TRAG members
- (2) Create a "Scrap Book" for TRAG including the above items.



Membership Application

To mutually enhance artistic and business skills through presentations, discussion and educational topics, providing networking and information regarding gallery openings, art shows in the community and art event updates.

For new members only! Please mail along with check to PO Box 2648, Oregon City, 97045 or bring to next meeting and give to Treasurer.

Name of artists(s)		
Business Name:		
Mailing address: City: State: Zip:		
Email and Web Address:		
Telephone numbers:		
Day:	Evening:	Cell:

In which media do you work? (check all that apply, and add brief description in the space below)

Drawing	Painting	Printmaking
Book/paper arts	Photography	Film/video
Sculpture	Fiber/fabric	Ceramics
Glass	Jewelry	Woodcraft
Other		

Please give a brief description of your work:

Galleries which currently represent you:

Website(s) on which your work is displayed and/or sold:

Please attach any current curriculum vitae, artist biography or artist statement.

Membership dues are \$25.00 per person and \$35.00 for a household. Dues run from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year. **Please note, membership dues are not prorated.**

Dated: 2008

Your Initials:

Membership Paid on:

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