



# THREE RIVERS ARTIST GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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### CALENDAR

#### WE NEED:

**Vice President  
Immediate Past-  
President  
Webmaster  
Volunteer Chair  
Scholarship Chair  
Historian**

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#### Future Member Meetings:

March 12  
April 9  
May 14

#### Future Board Meetings:

March 28  
April 25  
May 30



Member Meeting March 12 7 pm Pioneer Center

### Important Meeting

We have several business items to discuss and vote on. We have lost some officer and Board positions, and have a By-Law change to decide on.

We also have a very interesting speaker: **Diana Milia** is an Art Therapist, and Licensed Professional Counselor practicing in Oregon City. Art Therapy is a powerful accompaniment to traditional "talk therapy." Diana works with children and families, offering art therapy along with counseling to help clients express themselves.

#### Message from the President:

Hello again.

It has been a long cold and somewhat dismal winter, but spring is just around the corner, and with spring comes hope. Hope for growth and new sprouts and buds, but all this newness stands a better chance if it is nourished and taken care of.

I feel we are at a new beginning, or at the very least a point to make a new beginning. We started this year off a little rocky and we need to pull ourselves back from a precipice that can swallow up TRAG. Maybe it is time to reassess what we, the members, want from membership. As with any endeavor, whether a garden or an orchard, or a guild, the more that carry the load the lighter the load is. We must each ask ourselves, how much am I willing to put into getting what I want out of TRAG, in the way of time and effort, participation. We can continue to make TRAG a wonderful group of artists if that is what we want to do. I would like to see this happen, and I am willing to make every effort I can to promote this goal.

We need members to step forward and take on some responsibility for the task at hand that will keep TRAG moving

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## Officers and Board of Directors

### Elected

President **Russ Eversole**  
Immediate Past President unfilled  
Vice President unfilled  
Secretary **Stephanie Gillette**  
Treasurer **Bill Oyen**

### Appointed

Historian unfilled  
Membership **Robert Grondin**  
Newsletter **Elisabeth Miles**  
Volunteer Coordinator unfilled  
Webmaster unfilled

### Committee Chairs

Art in Windows **Bunny Lewis**  
Gallery **Linda Merry Gross**  
Holiday Show **Carol Bresky/Terry Rocheleau**  
Installations Art **Pam Nichols/Susan Schenk**  
Insurance Advisor **Glenda Richards**  
Scholarships unfilled

## Announcements

Open Studios of Beaver Creek announces a call to local artists for participation in our 2012 studio tours. This is a juried show. We hold two tours a year; the first is in June, the second in October. If you are a local artist living in the Oregon City, Beaver Creek area and are interested in being part of this wonderful show, please visit <http://openstudiosofbeavercreek.blogspot.com> for more information and an application.



**Grapevine Gallery** in The Singer Hill Café, corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & John Adams, OC  
**January:** Gallery 114 Members Exhibition (A co-op gallery from Portland's Pearl District)

ahead. Maybe we need to pull back to the basic core of our Mission Statement: The mission of the TRAG, Inc. is to ***“promote an exchange of knowledge and information about all types of art and to provide mutual support, encouragement, and education for all members.”***

No matter what we as a membership decide to do, in what direction we choose to take our TRAG, we must do it by all working together, each doing their own little part. Maybe we have lost sight of the fun this is supposed to be; the joy a gathering of artists should be.

Our newly formed Suggestion Committee will be announcing a format for all TRAG members to make suggestions, for solving problems, to improve communication, for getting involved in community, for making TRAG better. I encourage each member that wishes to help move TRAG forward consider running for an elected position or volunteer for a leadership position.

Speaking of leadership, we have to elect a new Vice-President/President Elect, and we have Board and Committee positions to fill. The Historian, Volunteer Coordinator and the Web Site Master are both open at the moment.

This is an important meeting as it is the new beginning in many senses, and we have by-law changes to vote on, and Diana Milia will be giving a presentation on Art Therapy.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Russ

### Proposed By-Law Change:

Subsection 3 of Article XI - Board of Directors shall be altered to read as follows:

#### Proposed:

Quorum: A simple majority of the filled TRAG Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the quorum present may choose a chairman for that meeting. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a later date as agreed upon at the meeting wherein discussed.

#### Old:

Quorum: Seven (7) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the quorum present may choose a chairman for that meeting. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a later date as agreed upon at the meeting wherein discussed.

**February - March:** "Forged by Flame" an Encaustic and Metal Art Exhibition

**April:** Oregon City High School Art Club Exhibition

**May:** Columbia Fiber Arts Guild



**Estacada Summer Celebration Art Fair**

July 28th 10 am - 7 pm  
Downtown Estacada

The goals of the Art Fair are to promote local and regional artists, educate the public about art processes and techniques through artist's demonstrations, and offer visitors an attractive mix of well-crafted, high quality, and original artwork. For more information about the Art Fair this year or to participate, please contact Cherie Lingelbach, Art Fair Coordinator at (503) 720-3051. **Submission Deadline: April 14, 2012**



**Bi-Weekly Artist Meeting  
1st & 3rd Sundays: 3-5pm**

Do you need a group to help you stay inspired? Need creative input to keep you working? Could use another perspective on a particular piece? Simply want to get out of the house? Come join this small group of TRAGers! We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 3-5pm. Email [tarachoate@q.com](mailto:tarachoate@q.com) to see whose house we're visiting this week.



**Needed:** people to review our current (but now out of date) **TRAG brochure** and submit ideas for a new brochure. It needs to include is our Mission Statement, and be dateless for the long run.

**Three Rivers Artist Guild General Meeting – February 13, 2012**

Greeting: (7:07 pm) President Russ Eversole - Introductions of everyone. Social time so people in the same medium could talk with each other.

Secretary Report: (Stephanie Gillette) Motion by Bob Paulson and seconded. January minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: (Bill Oyen)

1. Presented the current account balance. Report is attached.

President Elect: Frank Lawrence

1. ABC committee reports
  - Art in Windows: 3 month rotation coinciding with TRAG Gallery. Art in two places on Main Street and a new medical clinic. Email Bunny if you are interested in adding your art to this venue.
  - 221 Gallery: Art is in two locations (Planning Department and Citizen's Bank) with art rotation every six months. (The art is transferred by the committee so it shows in each location for 3 months.)
  - TRAG Gallery: This juried show rotates every three months. Let Linda Merry know if you are interested.
  - Holiday Show: This juried show will be the first weekend in December at the Pioneer Center.
  - Next ABC committee December 29<sup>th</sup> at Teresa's house at 5:30pm before the Board meeting at 6:45.
  - TRAG will not be involved with the Our Town Oregon City Grant now. The grant committee decided to go in a different direction which doesn't include TRAG.
2. We need to decide what TRAG wants to be and which direction we want to go. How do we want to connect to the community? Do we want to be involved with downtown and schools?
3. Upcoming Presentations
  - Diana Milia, a nationally known art therapist, will give a presentation at our March meeting.
  - Kohl Haver, who specializes in copyright law, will give a presentation in April.
4. TRAG has been holding their general meetings at different people's studios in the summer months of June, July, and August. If you are willing to host our meeting at your studio next summer, please contact Frank.

### **New Business:**

- The Board recommended a **by-law revision** to change the definition of a quorum for the Board. Wording will be presented in the next newsletter for a vote in our general meeting in April.
- TRAG brochure revision. We want to make it “dateless” so it is pertinent for longer. Please review and send revision ideas to Teresa.
- We will begin to work on our not-for-profit status this year. It will open a lot of doors and allow us to do more activities.
- Seeking people to provide refreshments for next meeting – please see Frank.

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- We NEED a Volunteer Coordinator! If you are interested, please contact Frank.
- We NEED a Website Coordinator! If you are interested, please contact Frank.

Adjourned at 8:12 pm. Next Meeting: March 12, 2012.

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW SUGGESTION COMMITTEE**

As an organization we realize our strength and growth only happens with your support and ideas.

We are pleased to announce the new suggestion committee. The rules are quite simple: email [tragsuggestions@aol.com](mailto:tragsuggestions@aol.com) with ideas, suggestions, complaints, constructive criticism.

ALL information will remain anonymous, unless you specifically request otherwise.

Prior to each Board meeting all suggestions will be compiled and sent to the Board for review and recommendations.

If you have a complaint we would also welcome a solution.

We realize some members do not have time to join committees or attend all the meetings; however, you can help in other ways with great ideas. Help us move forward and grow with us.

Thank you,  
TRAG Suggestion Committee

By Diana Milia  
our March speaker



Elegy 11 x 14"

I'm exhibiting a collection of 17 small collage/drawings at the Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center Gallery at 1500 Division Street in Oregon City. Hope you can stop by!

**February 9 - May 10, 2012**

This exhibition is curated and sponsored by the Clackamas County Arts Alliance.

Diana Milia, LPC, LCAT, ATR-BC, ACS

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Editor's Corner  
Elisabeth Miles

--Send articles, announcements, etc, to [trag\\_newsletter2012@yahoo.com](mailto:trag_newsletter2012@yahoo.com) by the end of the 2nd day of the month.  
--If you can, please use black Times New Roman, 12 pitch, in MSWord, with single spaces after periods. I will try to catch obvious typos, but be sure your numbers, dates, addresses, etc. are correct. I won't know to change them if they are wrong.  
--If you have pertinent pictures, I'd like them in 150 - 300 dpi, .jpeg or .tif files.  
Thanks!

### Useful Links

[www.clackamasartsalliance.org/](http://www.clackamasartsalliance.org/)

<http://openstudiosofbeavercreek.blogspot.com>

[www.marylhurst.edu/theartgym/](http://www.marylhurst.edu/theartgym/)

[www.lakewood-center.org/](http://www.lakewood-center.org/)

[www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org/](http://www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org/)

[web4.co.clackamas.or.us/network.htm](http://web4.co.clackamas.or.us/network.htm)

This space is for links to art related websites and happenings in our area. If you see something you think others would like to see, read, react to, send me the link.

I'll print those there is room for.

TRAG Gallery Featured Artist  
by Mike Smith

### Ellen Shefi

Artist of the Month for March 2012

TRAG Gallery artist of the month for March is photographer, Ellen Shefi, a full time acupuncturist who explores the media of photography in her leisure hours.

In 1985 Ellen moved to the Portland area from Israel, where she studied acupuncture. She now lives near the Clackamas River in rural Oregon City.

Ellen has enjoyed various art forms since she was a child. At about grade six she was placed in a track that didn't let her take art classes. She came back to the arts as an adult. Ellen has always taken pictures and looked at nature in an artistic way. A few years ago Ellen talked to Glenda Richards at a local art event. Glenda told her about The Three Rivers Artist Guild and encouraged Ellen to pursue her love of photography.

Ellen joined TRAG and since 2000 has traveled extensively taking photographs everywhere she goes. About five years ago she started selling her work. She likes to capture things that will give you a spark of connection and make you curious. She hopes it will invite you into the work.

Ellen explores a variety of photographic techniques. Photograph and "giclee prints" on canvas with embellishments creates a striking image. Prints on metal plate, which is a sublimation process, makes the color pop. They can be hung without frames and can be used as dry erase boards. Prints using a sublimation process embed the photograph on the back of cutting boards, creating useable art.

You can view Ellen's work at the Three Rivers Guild Gallery through the end of March. She also is showing her work at the "Geezer Gallery" in Multnomah Village and at Neveh Shalom Synagogue in South West Portland.