



THREE RIVERS ARTIST GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Future Member Meetings:

Held on the 2nd Monday in the lower level of the Pioneer Community Center on 5th & Washington, Oregon City
7:00 pm

August 13

Webmaster Tara Choate will talk about our new website and what it means to YOU

September 10

October 8



Future Board Meetings:

Held on the last Wednesday in the lower level of the Pioneer Community Center on 5th & Washington, Oregon City
5:30 pm

August 29

September 26

October 31

Note from the Acting President

I am very happy to serve as interim TRAG President over the next few months. I am a fairly recent arrival from Providence, Rhode Island and am proud to call Oregon City home. I have BFA in Painting with a minor in Printmaking from Rhode Island College. My experience is varied within the art world but I am always drawn back to the intersection of art and local community. As an Americorp Volunteer, I helped create and conduct an interactive art space in a downtown mall and conducted art workshops in public libraries, homeless shelters and a women's prison. I also helped usher VISTA Volunteers into a major non-profit art venue in Providence called AS220. I have worked in a sculpture studio, mural painting studio and as a gallery assistant. Currently, I juggle being a working artist with being the primary caregiver to my two children ages 7 and 2.

I am most interested in hearing about our members' visions for the Art Guild and our community both great and small. We are at a pivotal time in our organization and I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, share your thoughts and to step up in the ways that best suit you to help keep our momentum. Our meetings are an excellent way to support each other and to share opinions and thoughts. I also hope to continue the tradition of speakers, but also the very useful tool of art critiques which Mike Wonsler had introduced to our Guild. Critiques are an invaluable way to reflect on progress and to open oneself to new shifts in direction. Lastly, but possibly most importantly, I am asking you, the Members of TRAG, to step forward in a volunteer capacity or be willing to volunteer when asked. We need to fill several vital committees and positions. I look forward to collaborating with our wonderful Board Members, Committee Members, and our General Members.

Let's involve ourselves and, most excitingly, let's get others involved!

Thanks so much,
Todd Ingham

**Important
Notice on
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Officers and Board of Directors

Elected

President (Acting) **Todd Ingham**

Immediate Past President **Russ**

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Vice President unfilled

Secretary **Stephanie Gillette**

Treasurer **Bill Oyen**

Appointed

Historian unfilled

Membership unfilled

Newsletter **Elisabeth Miles**

Volunteer Coordinator unfilled

Webmaster **Tara Choate**

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

Suggestions **Linda Merry Gross**

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Announcements

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.



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 to see whose house we're visiting this week.

Housekeeping Updates: by-law changes:

We already announced the following change, but the by-laws say it must appear in the newsletter **in two consecutive newsletters** before we vote, so we are doing that, and the vote will be at the September meeting. We are complying with the rules.

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 positions** 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.

ALSO:

Article VII, Section 3. Fees:

Proposed:

Fees: The annual membership fee shall be an amount determined by the officers needed to sustain the operations of TRAG*. The fees may be altered by a majority vote of the Active Members that are in attendance at any regularly scheduled meeting where such is noticed to be discussed.

Old:

Fees: The annual membership fee shall be an amount determined by the officers needed to sustain the operations of TRAG **and shall be the same for each class of membership excluding Business and Honorary members. The initial annual fee shall be Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for an individual or Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) for two people residing at the same address.** The fees may be altered by a majority vote of the Active Members that are in attendance at any regularly scheduled meeting where such is noticed to be discussed.

Be prepared to vote at the September Meeting

Minutes Three Rivers Artist Guild

Three Rivers Artist Guild General Meeting
– July 9, 2012

Greeting: (7:10 pm) Secretary Stephanie Gillette

Secretary Report: (Stephanie Gillette)
Motion by Linda Merry Gross and seconded.
May minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: (Bill Oyen) Report given.

TRAG Gallery: (Linda Merry Gross) New rotation is doing well. Passed around sign up for 2013. Note that they need a mix of media.

221 Gallery: (Pam Nichols) Next rotation will begin the end of August. This gallery is in two public spaces and uses 2-D work.

Other announcements:

- Beth needs articles and information for her newsletter. Please send them to trag.newsletter@gmail.com.
- First City Celebration is July 28th from 11-7pm. Booths are still available.
- The TRAG suggestion box is still active.
- Tara Choate is now doing our website! She will be using Word Press with links. One link will be "Artists" so people can have their photo, a biography, links, and one or two photos of works. Send to Tara at tarachoate@q.com.

Presenter: Elisabeth Miles gave a presentation on colored pencil.

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 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



Positions Available

Several members have left positions on the TRAG Board for various (usually health related) reasons and we need other members to step up to keep this wonderful organization going. Other positions will need to be filled for next year.

Available now: **Vice President, Membership, Volunteer Coordinator, Historian**, and a chair for the **Scholarships Committee**

All **officer positions** need to be voted on in November; for 2013; nominations will be sought in October, and we need a **Nominating Committee** now.

Also available for next year: **Newsletter Editor**

Job descriptions will be available at the August 13 meeting.

Open Studios of Beavercreek 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, Beavercreek area and are interested in being part of this wonderful show, please visit <http://openstudiosofbeavercreek.blogspot.com> for more information and an application.



On Fridays from 10:30 to 1:30, TRAG's own **Mary McCarty** demonstrates her graphite drawing techniques of her popular botanical drawings in the Grapevine Gallery at Singer Hill Cafe (7th and John Adams in Oregon City).



Upcoming Art Classes with PCC Community Education

All classes at PCC Willow Creek campus enroll online at www.pcc.edu/community/ or enroll by phone 971 722-6266



WOW - the **TRAG Gallery** had an incredible sales month in July. **Over \$2,800 in art was sold.**

Included in the current show are 10 new artists participating for the first time in the TRAG Gallery.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the gallery, please do so.

The TRAG Gallery is located at 502 S. 7th Street (Corner of 7th and Center)

Want to get on the list for future TRAG Gallery shows? Go to www.threeriversartistguild.com and click on ABOUT THE GUILD. Scroll to TRAG Gallery name. Requirements are listed, as well as a link to click on and send an email.

Thanks for your support of your fellow artists.
Linda Merry Gross
TRAG Gallery 2012 Chairperson



August has just begun but it is not too early to think about the **TRAG Holiday Show and Sale!!** The dates are December 1st and 2nd, put them on your calendar. The application is being finalized and will be out later in August. Something NEW this year...SHOWCASE. In the entry hallway of The Pioneer Center, TRAG will be hosting an Artist Showcase for the purposes of providing an opportunity to TRAG artists who would not otherwise have a booth and to display the depth of talent in our guild. Artists are invited to display 3-5 pieces (depending upon size) of art, along with artist's information and cards. A TRAG member will be present during show hours and will manage sales. The proceeds will be distributed at the end of the show.

For those of you who are not able to attend the TRAG Holiday Show and Sale, this is a perfect opportunity for you to still strut your stuff!!

We, the 2012 Holiday Committee, are hoping MANY TRAG artists will participate. WE will be concentrating on MEGA advertising to bring in the hungry throngs. We will have Music, Munchies and Magic to make this an aMazing event. Be ready to apply as spaces are limited so first come first served. Who knows? Maybe Santa will make an appearance!!

This is a Juried Show

"It's Your Website"

Come learn about the new TRAG website, including features such as Calls to Artists, Events, and the new Artist Galleries.

Discussion will include how to update your page as well as tips and tricks for creating an artist bio and photographing your art for the webpage. Learn about creating a secure contact platform and keeping your art copyrighted, even on the web.

Estimated time: 20 minutes, includes handout

August 13th Meeting

Our New and Improved Website!!!!

<http://www.threeriversartistguild.com>

visit now; check it out!

Newsletter Deadline for articles, pictures, announcements, etc.:
Last day of the month before inclusion.

Please: 12 pt, Times New Roman, single space, Pictures 300 dpi.
Thanks

trag.newsletter@gmail.com

Upcoming 2012 Annual Show North Clackamas Arts Guild

We are getting ready for our 2012 Annual Show!
It will be held September 28-30, 2012 at the Jennings Lodge
Retreat Center on River Road. This is the same facility we used
for the 2011 show. It is spacious and has lots of parking.

For details visit www.ncartsguild.com

TRAG donates to the Pioneer Center's Meals on Wheels Program for their allowing us to use a locked space to store our gear and for partial "payment" of other space use.

Scam Alert!!!

Stephanie Gillette let us know about a scam directed to artists.

The Gillettes were approached by a potential buyer who said she wanted to buy a couple of pieces to place in her new home in another country, and as she was moving soon, there was some delay and a need for sizes. Then there was a wedding or other delaying function in yet another country, and so on.

Moving companies, banks, a graphics company got into the act, and then there was a check well in excess of the amount for the artwork, and scam was that the artist was to wire the over amount back, but then would find that the check received was phoney.

The envelope the phoney check came in had a return address of University of Central Florida College of Medicine, unknown by that entity. Phone numbers were from South Africa.

It all looked really professional and the phoney check looked legitimate, but it began to get too elaborate with all the foreign countries, weird addresses and phone numbers.

The upshot is, check everything before you send off your artwork. If anything seems bizarre it probably is.

See Stephanie for more details



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TRAG MISSION: To primarily promote an exchange of knowledge and information about all types of art, and to provide mutual support, encouragement, and education for all its members.

www.threeriversartistguild.com

General Meeting: Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street (at Washington) in Oregon City.
Meeting is the second Monday of each month - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Artist Name			
Business Name			
Address	Street		
	City	State	Zip
Telephone Number	Home	Cell	
Email Address			
Website (if applicable)			
Your Art Media (List all that may apply)			
Other optional information about you: Bio, curriculum vitae, galleries where you show			

Mail this application, along with your check payable to TRAG, to:

TRAG, P.O. Box 2648, Oregon City, OR 97045 (or bring to general meeting)

Membership Dues: \$ 30 per person; or \$ 40 for two people residing at the same address;
Or \$ 10 for people 21 years of age and under.

Membership Dues run from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year.

Please note: Membership Dues are not prorated.

Dated: _____ Your Initials: _____

Membership Paid on: _____ MemappV7 8.12