

GAGA Meeting - July 7, 2019

The meeting at SW School was opened by Sylvia Benitez at 2:00 pm. 37 members out of 80+ total attended.

Sylvia asked members to pray for and support GAGAistas who are experiencing a year of crisis: Leslie Williams has pancreatic cancer, Mahala Rood lost her husband, other members are in severe hardship situations. Sylvia proposed to increase the annual membership to \$60.-, with \$10 set aside to assist members in emergency situations. Bibi Saidi moved and Mary Morton seconded a motion to encourage the Board to establish such a fund. The motion carried.

GAGA Membership carries many benefits e.g. networking; participating in group shows at stand-out locations, f.ex. Beeville, SAALM, OLLU, Nave in 2019; a cooperative art critique group founded by Bibi Saidi & Nancy Vandenberg & Roberta Buckles (contact Bibi if you are interested.) Also check out the "Opportunities" page of the website for RFP's and opportunities to show, win awards, sell art.

1. *Honoring Women* at OLLU, June 2 - August 30, 2019

Reception Sunday July 21, 2-5 pm. Detailed information online. B Felix will update Facebook for the event. Parking lot B is for visitors to the exhibit.

Please arrive at OLLU at 1:30 pm on June 21, to help carry supplies from cars into reception and set up. We need more ice chests for chilling wine and water.

The show is all set. Invitations were handed out. Barb Felix, Bibi Saidi, Thelma Muraida are preparing the reception: bottled water, plates, napkins, cups, forks; food by Felix's husband (finger sandwiches, etc.); flowers for the club tables. OLLU provides servers. Members brought donated wine to the meeting. Sylvia will be in Beeville July 17 to 20, painting a mural; she'll be available for digital consultation only, but return for the reception.

2. **GAGA Mailing List**

The original list has been decimated over the years by people opting out. All of GAGA needs to contact friends and supporters to subscribe again to GAGA mailings.

3. *Exquisite Corpse* at Nave Museum in Victoria

This group show will open in November at the Nave Museum in Victoria.

Installation will be Nov 17 - 20, with pickup in SA the morning of Nov 17, followed by transport to Victoria. Reception Nov. 21. We need volunteers to drive out and for the de-install & transport back to SA in January.

The larger front exhibit space will display the *Exquisite Corpse* for which members drew color selections earlier in the year. Each color will use two 12 x 12 x 2 cradled panels. Specifications & instructions are on the website. This *Corpse* celebrates GAGA's 10-year anniversary; a similar first *Corpse* at SW School celebrated the 5-year survival of GAGA. Sylvia explained the history of "exquisite corpse" shows, arising out of the surrealist movement in the 1930's and 40's, which composed poems with words drawn randomly; the movement entered English art communities where exquisite large art pieces were created with randomly assigned small art pieces from diverse artists; later on the approach moved to American art schools and communities. The *Corpse* will be in

the large front space. The smaller back space at the Nave displays an invited show for 15 'extreme' GAGA volunteers.

4. Upcoming Shows

2020: *Abstract Show* at Carver; limited to 20 abstract only artists. Will be a juried show.

Summer 2020: Group show at Incarnate word; current pitch is for *Quilt* (this Spring in Beeville.)

2021: St. Philips; *Pink Matter*; using the theme of women and science, e.g. women firsts in various scientific endeavors; women's inventions pre-empted by men; etc. on 24 x 24 x 2 cradled panels.

5. Announcements

- The Texas Watercolor Show is at the Kelso Gallery, open Mo-Fri.

- RonaldMcDonald House #4 in San Antonio is planning a 'Chair'-ity auction at the autumn gala; artists are invited to pick up chairs etc and decorate them for the auction.

- Alyson B. Stanfield offers a guide to self-promotion for artists at I'dRatherBeInTheStudio.com. A sample book is going around the membership.

- W. Lafaiete from Maestro Entrepreneur Center www.maestrocenter.org gave a presentation on the courses they offer to small businesses and artists. They are a business incubator and rent studio space. Their offerings seems to apply more to new entrepreneurs or artists starting out.

Contact waldinei@hotmail.com for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm. Resepctfully submitted, Bibi Saidi

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