



NEWSLETTER-----Feb. 3rd / 2012

HAPPY BELATED NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

The gallery is off to a great start in this year of the Dragon. Our first new show of the season is just about over but you still have a chance until Sunday, Feb. 5th to come out and see the fantastic needle paintings of Myshree Tsai. She will be hosting demos Sat. Feb. 4th and Sun. Feb. 5th between 2 pm and 3:30 pm.

Do you have a grade 12 student in your family that is interested in pursuing a visual arts related career? Check out our gallery's bursary program on the website. We've made changes to the program and each bursary recipient will now receive \$750.00. This bursary was started in 2007 and is funded by donations and the sale of fundraiser pieces of artwork.

Have you renewed your membership yet for 2012? The fee is still only \$20 and you get many benefits through your membership. Remember, our membership goes from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31st of each year. Please come out and renew as we need these fees to fund our operating costs.

Our membership has grown to almost 300 and we have about 75 members involved in the hosting program. This army of volunteers make the gallery a success and a big THANK YOU goes out to all of you that have taken an active part in the operation. I have not been able to train everyone that has expressed an interest but will eventually get there this year. Please be patient.

Are you an active artist? Are you trying to get yourself known and sell work? If you are, make sure you take the time to send in information to us to get on the ARTISTS' DIRECTORY. This is a free benefit to members, take advantage of it and increase your exposure.

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

1. Pearl Ellis Gallery Members' Shows

The March show still has space for 15 members. Remember, photographers are eligible for all members' shows except the People's Choice show. Each participating member can bring in either one large piece that takes up a space of aprox. 24 inches by 30 inches or smaller ones that would cover that area. All artwork must be prepared to be hung with a wire on the back. Each piece should have the artist's name and title on the back as well.

Members may register for this season's shows by contacting Sheila by email at pearlellisgallery@shaw.ca or by phone at: 250-339-5660. All work should be new work not exhibited at the gallery before.

2. SHOWCASE SATTELITE GALLERY AT THE COMOX RECREATION CENTRE:

The 2012 schedule is now full and is posted on the website.

3. **St. Joseph's Hospital Cafeteria Show. July, August, September**

Members wanting to take part in this show must contact Sofie Skapski by email at eifozeifoz@yahoo.ca to register. If you do not have email, then phone Sheila and she will act on your behalf. The hospital show change takes place on Sundays between 6pm and 7pm, so you must be able to bring in your work and pick it up on a Sunday within this time frame to take part. We are looking for about 10 to 12 members who have two to three pieces each.

REMAINING SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2012

<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Artist/s</u>
Tuesday	Sunday	
Feb 7	Feb 19	HEATHER HUGHSON
Feb 21	Mar 4	BILL HEYBROEK
Mar 6	Apr 1	PEARL ELLIS GALLERY MEMBERS' SHOW
Apr 3	Apr 22	SHERYL FREMLIN
Apr 24	May 13	MONDAY BUNCH
May 15	May 27	JUDI PEDDER
May 29	June 17	HIGHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
June 19	July 8	PEARL ELLIS GALLERY MEMBERS' SHOW(PEOPLE'S CHOICE)
July 10	July 22	DOLORES ORDWAY, SONIA HAUSER,CHAROLETTE DEPTFORD
July 24	Aug 12	MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW, (LENS AWARD)
Aug 14	Aug 26	METAL ABLAZE (SANDRA & WALTER MOSES)
Aug 28	Sept 9	ALTHEA WHITE & BRENDA CHALIFOUX-LUSCOMBE
Sept 11	Sept 30	PEARL ELLIS GALLERY ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS' SHOW
Oct 2	Oct 21	JILL PARIS RODY & CAROLE GOODWIN
Oct 23	Nov 10	COMOX VALLEY CAMERA CLUB
Nov 13	Dec 2	BRUSHWORKS
Dec 4	Jan 20 / 2013	PEARL ELLIS GALLERY MEMBERS' FUNDRAISER
DEC. 23	JAN. 14	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Jan. 15	Jan 27	REOPEN and CONTINUE WITH FUNDRAISER SHOW ON JAN. 15TH

BUSINESS PARTNERS GRANTING 10% OFF TO GALLERY

MEMBERS

They are: Whyte's Framing, Affordable Framing, PJ's Arts and Crafts, Sure Copy, A & V Photography, Martin Kaspers (Foothills Photography), Ryan Parton's Writing Solutions, Loonyrama Plus in Comox Mall (on art supplies only) and The Gallery @Qualicum Art Supply.

QUALITY FOODS SUPPORTS OUR GALLERY

Remember that the gallery is registered with Quality Foods and you can donate your shopping points by saying "I would like my points to go to the Pearl Ellis Gallery". Make sure you emphasize the Pearl Ellis or the points will go to Comox Valley Art Gallery by mistake.

Reminder of web site information (a member's benefit)

Take advantage of the web site by being on the artist's directory as it is free. You may also have a free gallery room if you wish! Contact Bob by email at pearlellisgallery@shaw.ca. We are now on Facebook. An added feature to our website each month is a virtual tour of the gallery!

ARE YOU HAVING AN ART SHOW? GIVING ART LESSONS?

Remember, we have a space on our website for advertising items for sale, other shows you may be taking part in, and lessons that you may give. Just send the information to Bob. He needs a little lead up time to get these on the net so please don't be last minute with them.