

September 2013 GRAPEVINE

Note: Our chapter now has **an email address** for anyone wanting information about us that is not on the website: info@victoriafca.com . We also have a **Facebook page**, so if you are on Facebook “like” us and connect! Just type in FCA Victoria Chapter in the Search line to find us.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: All meetings held at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay, 7–9pm on Thursday evenings, unless otherwise specified, usually the third Thursday of the month.

September 19: First meeting of the year. **Mitch Springer** will give an illustrated talk about **how to photograph your paintings**. Bring Chapter fees, now \$25 (see below).

October 24: Critique. The October meeting is pushed to the fourth Thursday, so as not to conflict with the Artists Reception for the Sidney Fine Arts Show.

November 21: Watercolour demonstration by **Sandhu Singh, AFCA**. **Sandhu** is a past winner of **Best in Show at Sidney Fine Arts** and recently won an award at the **Canadian Watercolour Society Show**. . His loose, expressive watercolour landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes are prized around the world.

December 12: Christmas Party and Pot–Luck. This evening will start earlier. Dinner at 6:15, details to come later. Note the early date.

Membership Fees for the Victoria Chapter are due in September. Please note that due to increased meeting room costs this year (we have to pay for insurance) **the fees are going up to \$25**. Please send a cheque to **Mary Conley**, made out to FCA Victoria Chapter, 1–908 St. Charles St., V8S 3P6 or bring to the September meeting.

Jurying to Active status through the Victoria Chapter

October 24th

Agnes Cornell’s House #5 – 864 Swan Street

Drop-off: 10:30–12:30

Pick up: 3:00–5:00 pm

Bring 3 originals and send 10 digital images, including the three originals, to

cagnesc@telus.net

Applicants must be supporting members of the FCA and members of our Victoria Chapter, there is no fee. Bring completed Application for Active Status form from the FCA website, www.artists.ca

SUMMER EXHIBITION RECAP

We sold three paintings at this exhibition, as well as some cards and prints. Congratulations to Chris Stusek, Shirley Schmidt and Keith Levang!

FALL EXHIBITION

Thanks (again) to Jim McFarland, we have secured Dales Gallery, 537 Fisgard St, for our Fall Exhibition, November 1–28, 2013. Gallery Hours are 10am–5pm Monday–Friday and 11am–4pm on Saturdays. These are the details:

- **Drop-off of paintings:** Wednesday October 30, at the Gallery, 10:30am–12:30pm
- **Pick-up of declined paintings:** Thursday Oct. 31, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- **Show will hang Oct. 31**
- **Opening Reception:** Saturday Nov. 2, 1–3pm
- **Pick-up at the end of the show:** Friday November 29, 10:30am–12:30 pm.
- **Anticipated Jurors:** Catherine Moffat SFCA, Clement Kwan SFCA, Phillipa Hudson AFCA

Please note: Dale's Gallery is a professional gallery and cannot accommodate drop off and pick up times that are different than those already assigned.

Any queries or questions regarding this show MUST go through Jim McFarland and not the gallery.

FALL WORKSHOP

- **October 18–20, 9:30am–3:30pm**
- **Kiff Holland SFCA**
- **Boats and Landscapes in Watercolour**
- **Fees \$225 for FCA members, \$325 for non-members**
- **Kiff has won awards from the NWS, the AWS and the FCA and was an instructor at Capilano College for many years.**
- **For more info or to register contact Sam Bohner, sam@samboehner.com**

EXHIBITIONS: Please note that the FCA Board of Directors has decided that digital art will no longer be accepted in FCA shows. So starting in 2014, the Victoria Chapter shows will no longer consider digital art for our exhibitions.

FEDERATION GALLERY DEADLINES:

- **Artists' Choice, Oct. 20–Nov. 10, Jury deadline Sept. 13**
- **Small, Smaller, Smallest, Nov. 15–Dec. 8, Jury deadline Oct. 25**
- **Spilsbury Medal (open to signature members only), Dec. 10–29, AFCA jury deadline, Nov. 8**

FCA WHISTLER WORKSHOP, September 16–22, check it out at www.artists.ca

WEBSITE AND GRAPEVINE

- Send info for website to **Michael Beseau**, m-beseau@shaw.ca
- Send info for the Grapevine to Marney, marneyward@shaw.ca

MEMBER SHOWS, EVENTS and OTHER NEWS

- **Chris Stusek** is one of the TOSH 10 resident artists at **The Old School House in Qualicum, until April 30, 2014.**
- **Artishow for September: Desiree Bond and Jim McFarland AFCA** will both be at Laurel Point, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays ; from 10–5 and **Marney Ward, SFCA** will be at Oak Bay Beach Hotel the same days from 2–8pm.
- **Kathy Cameron, Shirley Schmidt and Sherie Welsford** have paintings accepted into the **Autumn Salon at Federation Gallery, Sept. 3–15.**
- **Sharon Stone** has two upcoming shows, a group show of 5 up-island artists at the **Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Sept. 13–Nov. 2**, and a solo show at **Eclectic Gallery Sept. 30– Nov. 2.**
- **Jim McFarland AFCA, Sandhu Singh AFCA and Sandy Terry** had paintings accepted to **AIRS**, the Annual International Representational Show at **Federation Gallery Oct. 8–27.**
- **Sidney Fine Arts Show:** the following members have been accepted to this year's show, please let me know if you were accepted so I can add you to the list and to the website. **Kristi Bridgeman, Barbara Callow AFCA, Kathy Cameron, Mary Conley AFCA, Clement Kwan SFCA, Sharlene Stushnov Lee, Jim McFarland AFCA, Lisa Riehl AFCA, Chris Stusek, and Marney Ward SFCA.**

IN MEMORIAM . . .



Les Funk, 1930–2013

It is with great sadness we heard of the passing of Les Funk. For those on the executive who had worked with Les for years, we remember his calming influence at difficult times, his unique and infectious sense of humour, his practical wisdom and the feeling of quiet joy he carried with him everywhere. Les was dependable, sensitive and caring. For new members in our chapter, it was his kindness they remember, the way he made them feel welcome into our group. He always saw the positive in everyone, he always encouraged and brought out the best in everyone. Les was an amazing artist, winning awards in our chapter shows, at Federation Gallery shows, the Island Perspectives Show in Nanaimo and the Sidney Fine Arts Show.

Many of us didn't know that Les was also a retired pastor at the Elk Lake Baptist Church, that he wrote and produced plays, that he was a great singer and sang solos in his church, that he did soapstone carvings as well as oil paintings, and that he worked tirelessly with youth groups, teaching both drama and painting.

I was lucky enough to live in the same neighborhood as Les, and we would share rides to FCA meetings and show drop-offs, hang shows together and transport paintings together. I relished the deep and wide-ranging philosophical discussions we would have in some of the longer car rides. He always asked about my kids and seemed genuinely interested in their progress. He had a particular interest in young people and it was sincere, from the heart. He was one of the kindest, wisest, most caring men I've had the good luck to call a friend. I know that many of you feel the same way about Les. We will miss you Les. Thank you for enriching our lives. To Lu, our most heartfelt sympathies and good wishes.

2013–2014 Slate of Officers

Please Note: We currently have no one to take care of refreshments at the meetings. If no one comes forward we will no longer have refreshments at the meetings and you will need to bring your own coffee or tea to the meetings. We could sure use someone in this position so if you are interested, please let one of the executive know. E-mail info@victoriafca.com .

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