



The GRAPEVINE

September 2014

Autumn, to me is the best time of the year. There is something beautiful about the light as the days shorten, and the air becomes chilled. With cooler temperatures comes more studio time and less time lazing in the summer sun reading and snoozing. September is also the start-up of activities after the summer hiatus. And the Victoria Chapter is no exception. We are starting off our new year by having a portrait demo by Eva Campbell. A workshop with Nancy Slaght, demos and a critique or 2 from some amazing artists are also planned for this year.

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FCA Victoria Chapter Dues are now due \$25 mailed to Mary Conley #1-908 ST. Charles St. Victoria BC, V8S 3P6 or brought to our next meeting.

FCA Meeting

September 18, 7:00 pm, Winsor Park Pavilion

Eva Campbell – Portrait Demo

*****Bring your own beverage, goodies will be provided.**

Fall Workshop: NANCY SLAGHT, Playing with Pastels

Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, 9:30-4:30

\$160 for FCA members, \$175 for non-members. Maximum of 16 students.

Poplar Room, Saanich Fairgrounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Central Saanich, B.C.

Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided, bring your own lunch.

For more info contact Chris Stusek, cstusek@shaw.ca.

Nancy welcomes the opportunity of taking you on a romp using soft pastels to explore a wide variety of application methods on a few types of papers. She extols pastels as immediate, sensual and beautifully colourful. Nancy thinks pastels are an underestimated and misunderstood medium and is confident that whether you have had experience or not you will make discoveries. We will do some exercises and create a small series of pieces.

A few samples of fabulous new papers and a range of her pastels will be available for you to try.

Note: For those who are really curious but can't invest in pastels for the workshop she will make available some for you to use during the workshop.

FALL EXHIBITION:

Month of November 2014

Goward House - 2495 Arbutus Road, Victoria, B.C.

Open from 9am. - 4 pm. Monday to Friday

Drop-off of paintings: October 30, 10:30am.-12:30pm.

Jurors: Catherine Moffat SFCA, Clement Kwan SFCA, Mary Conley AFCA

Opening Reception: Sunday November 2, 2014, 1:30-3:30

Hanging date: October 31, 2014, 1-4 pm.

Dismantling Date: November 27, 2014, 10 am. –noon.

Please check our website for more information [www. Victoriafca.com](http://www.victoriafca.com)

Website: www.victoriafca.com

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Jurying to Active Status

For new members and supporting members wishing to be juried into active status, we are holding our annual chapter jurying October 25th.

Drop off artwork 10:30-12:30

Pick up 3:00 – 4:00 same day

Agnes Cornell's home

#5-864 Swan Street.

You will need 10 digital images of your artwork, emailed to Agnes Cornell cagnesc@telus.net or on a flash drive and 3 originals (3 of the 10 digital images).

And have paid FCA dues to Vancouver and Victoria Chapter

Events and Happenings and other Good Stuff

Sidney Fine Arts

The following artists have “one or more” works accepted into Sidney Fine Arts:

Mary Conley AFCA, Joane Moran, Marney Ward SFCA, Kristi Bridgeman, SharlenStushnov-Lee, Lisa Riehl AFCA, Kathy Cameron, Margot Clayton AFCA, Richard Julien, Sandy Terry AFCA, Dorset Norwich-Young AFCA, Keith Levang, Gerald Fleming, Claire Christinel, Shirley Schmidt, Sam Boehner, Chris Stusek, Sandhu Singh AFCA and his son Liam (not a member but definitely needs mentioning)

Kudos

Clement Kwan SFCA – received an Award of Exceptional Merit from the Portrait Society of America's 16th annual International Portrait Competition for his painting "Forever Playing"

Kristi Bridgeman is spending this summer working on a baby board book for Orca Publishers. She also has 2 pieces in the Travelling Illustrated Alphabet Show

Sharlene Stushnov-Lee won the most art awards at this year's Saanich Fair. Keith Levang, Anna Perkins, Charles Dool, and Heather Urqhart also entered exceptional work into the fair.

Sam Boehner won an Honourable Mention for her painting "Fruits of My Labour" in the CSPWC regional show Western Streams. Her painting "Aqua Vit" accepted into NWWWS 74th Annual International Open Exhibit in Tacoma Washington

Mark Cramer was accepted into Sooke Fine Arts and sold his painting during Purchasers Preview Night.

Marney Ward SFCA, has a 4 page feature, including 9 images in the international magazine Porcelain Artist, April, May, June 2014 issue

Caroline Hunter had an article about herself and her work published in the August 8th edition of the Oak Bay News.

Claire Christinel was interviewed by Robert Amos for an article that came out on Sept 7th
<http://www.timescolonist.com/robert-amos-artist-has-a-true-passion-for-still-life-1.1345199>

Claire Christinel has an ongoing show at Padella Italian Bistro, 2524 Estavan Ave., A solo show at the Oak Bay Marina Restaurant in September and is part of the Oak Bay Artist's Fall Studio Tour November 15&16, 12-4

FCA Victoria Needs Your Help!

Our chapter needs some help. If you feel that you can devote some time to your chapter to ensure its smooth and productive operation, please contact me at info@victoriafca.com . We require help with the following:

Workshops: Ideally this would be 2 or 3 people to organize and promote workshops and work in conjunction with our programs person.

*****FCA Blog post writer:** FCA now has a blog and requires updates from chapters. This person needs to post member news or kudos on a regular basis.

*****Grapevine Editor:** A person or small group of people to compile and produce The Grapevine.

*****Art Avenue Article Writer:** we need a person or pair of people to write an article for the FCA Magazine, Art Avenue 6 times a year.

***** This could be all one job for one or two people.**

Refreshments and Social: To co-ordinate and set up refreshments at shows and at meetings.

These positions are not executive positions, so no extra meetings, and will report to executive members.

For upcoming FCA Federation Gallery shows you may be interested in entering please check out <http://artists.ca>

Alvina Greene AFCA



GREEN, Alvina November 28, 1934 – August 31, 2014 Alvina died peacefully on a sunny Sunday morning. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her husband of 44 years, Barrie; children, Lillian (Dan), Ernest, and Carla (Patrick); grandchildren, Christopher, Max and Molly; and, an extended family of relations and treasured friends.

Alvina positively touched and influenced the lives of many, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She began her career in the visual arts at the age of eight, and evolved into a remarkable artist, instructor and mentor over her lifetime. She explored landscapes and colour at her doorstep and across the world, always admiring the perfect composition, angle of light, or spectacular sky.

Alvina was a great companion because she was always ready to laugh at life's absurdities and listen to new ideas. She faced life's obstacles with courage and strength, and had an innate desire to be there to help others. She lived in a spirit of abundance, which she attracted in quantity and quality. And, with an immense generosity of spirit, she shared everything she had, including her time, skills, resources, and herself.

Alvina, through her art and the impact of her love, has left a great deal of enduring beauty in the world and in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held at Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave, on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 1pm. Reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Victoria Hospice in deep gratitude for their exceptional care and support.

