



Palette Talk

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March 24th General Meeting



There will be a membership meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 PM. Location is Salty's on Alki.

The address is 1936 Harbor Ave SW., Seattle. 206-937-1600. 1-click directions.

In a desire to make **Membership meetings** more fun, interesting and affordable, the Board of Directors is considering **quarterly** rather than monthly General Membership meetings. The first such meeting will be held at Salty's in West Seattle, 1936 Harbor Ave SW. Tuesday, March 24th. There will be a cash bar and "Happy hour" at 6:00 PM but the Group is picking up the Dinner tab. etc. **Salty's would like a headcount no later than March 5.** Please let Gary Nelson at 425-228-1330 know if you intend to make the meeting. We will vote on new officers and you can present new artist for membership into the PSG. **Bring a painting (see article at right).**

A Message From **The President and The Board of Directors**

There is no question in anyone's mind that the world has suddenly changed. The year 2008 has seen the widest range of economic and business calamities in our lifetimes. These conditions have impacted all of us, working artists as well as the prospective buyers of art. Acknowledging the uncertainties of this situation your Board is planning the year 2009 with a highly conservative approach including not scheduling another auction as planned in the past, looking at alternative funding programs, as well as scheduling a reduced number of improved membership events with an eye to maximum participation. This '09 budget is within our current financial capabilities. In the year 2010, however, we will need to search for new sources of revenue. Our aim is always to perpetuate the growth and prestige of our organization and the camaraderie of our members but, as a 100% volunteer organization, we will need to call on a greater number of our members to keep our organization vital and growing by accepting committee positions and providing support for our group's activities.

Do What You Do Best

In preparation for the **General Meeting on March 24th** we thought it would be fun for our members to create a painting or two to bring to the meeting. So here are 3 pictures, one a portrait, one a figure and one a landscape. Pick one (or more) and do **your own interpretation of it.** We'll compare the pictures at the March meeting and award prizes. Pictures can be any size but something on the order of 11x14 to 18x24 would do best. Any media.

Matted/Framed or not. Our thanks to Ned Mueller for offering the pictures from his recent India/China trip. Larger images of these paintings will be on the PSG web site.



General Meeting Minutes: December 14th 2008

Held at the China Harbor Restaurant, Seattle, WA.

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

A. MINUTES. On a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of November 14th, 2008, previously published in the Newsletter, were unanimously approved.

B. TREASURERS REPORT. Mr. Newman reported that the value of the Bundas Fund had declined by approximately 16%, consistent with the current market conditions. The Group's Fidelity accounts total approximately \$36,000. The sum of \$16,000 has been paid to those members whose paintings were sold at the auction, leaving a balance of \$36,000 in the Group's Operating account. The sum of \$8,000, borrowed from the Fidelity account to finance the auction's early down payment, will be deposited in the Fidelity account.

C. AUCTION REPORT. Brom Wikstrom thanked those who had given so generously of their time to the various activities of the auction. He asked for any help members might give in working to improve the current auction mailing list. (A formal discussion of the '08 auction and future plans was deferred until the January meeting.) President Nelson donated the proceeds from his auction sales to the Group's treasury.

D. BY LAWS. The revised By Laws had been previously distributed complying with the need for 3 "readings". Mr. Riley answered a variety of questions from the membership including an explanation of the difference between the By Laws and the yet to be promulgated Standing Rules. The regulations pertaining

to Life members were also discussed. On a motion duly made and seconded the revised By Laws were approved by a majority.

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Chairman Pankowski thanked the President, the Board and all of the members who during the past year helped to make important contributions to the efforts of the Group. He promised to have a full financial report in the next newsletter.

F. NOMINATIONS. Mr. Silver reported that several of the current slate of officers had agreed to serve again in 2009. Vacancies still need to be filled for V.P. as well as for the chairmanship of the membership and auction committees. Brom Wikstrom promised his full cooperation to a new auction chairman to ease the transition. Formal nominations and election of the 2009 officers and committee chairmen will be held at the January meeting.

G, FUTURE MEETINGS. President Nelson asked for members suggestions on the best time and locations for future meetings. Mr. Gaffney was requested to include, in the next newsletter, a short questionnaire to solicit members comments.

There being no further business this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM. **The business meeting was followed by a remarkable slide presentation by Ned Mueller chronicling his recent trip to China and India.**

Respectfully submitted,
George G. Milliken
Secretary

Mark Downey

The winner of the 40th annual 'Viewpoint' national juried competition, sponsored by the Cincinnati Art Club for 2008 is Mark Downey. He received the First Place gold medal among 400 entries from 24 states; only 67 paintings were selected for exhibition. The winning painting, 'Nene's Paradise', is part of Downey's Hawaii genre of art series. Mark is a new Signature Member of the CAC.



Board Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2009

Meeting held at the gallery at 5411 Meridian Av.N., Seattle
President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. On a motion by Mr. Pankowski, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the minutes of the membership meeting of 12/14/2008 were unanimously approved.

B. TREASURERS REPORT. Mr. Newman reported that, after some additional disbursements due, the starting 2009 balance in the Wells Fargo Operating account will be approximately \$16,000. Mr. Milliken stated that Bob Bryant had negotiated a refund of \$224.40 from the B of A for service charges related to the credit card machine used during the auction.

C. BY-LAWS,. Mr. Riley reported that, subject to the steps required, the revised By-Laws have been officially approved by the membership. Drafting of the Standing Rules was postponed pending approval of meeting dates and other formal business.

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Pankowski distributed a draft of the '08 actual Operating Account and a draft '09 Operating budget. The '08 actual budget shows an income of \$55,811 from the November auction and auction expenses of \$39,958 for a net auction income of \$15,853. Due to the uncertainty of the economy the '09 draft budget shows neither income or expenses for an auction. Rather it shows a balanced budget within our goals for our needs in the coming year. Alternative suggestions for a major fund raising event for the year 2010 will be investigated by the BOD for membership approval later in the discussion of the 2010 budget year when new sources of revenue must be sought. A brief category summary of the draft figures is as follows.

Draft 2008 Profit and Loss Statement and 2009 Budget

	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
Total Income	\$65,640.40	\$18,086.84
Less Contributions	-\$3,100.00	-\$4,525.00
Office Expenses	-\$1,033.52	-\$2,273.00
Newsletter Expenses	-\$660.03	-\$800.00
Auction Expenses	-\$39,957.76	- 0 -
Program/Meeting Expenses	<u>-\$4,402.25</u>	<u>-\$10,488.84</u>
Total Expenses	-\$49,130.53	\$18,986.84
NET INCOME	\$16,486.84	- 0 -

* Details on a Final 2009 Budget will be available at the March 24 Membership meeting.

* The 2009 Operating Budget is presented without an Auction or other fundraisers under discussion by the Board of Directors.

E. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Mr. Silver reported that the positions that have yet to be filled for '09 include Vice President, and chairmen of the Membership, Program and Endowment/Scholarship committees. After a lengthy discussion of the future membership needs, and on a motion by Mr. Pankowski, seconded by Mr. Newman, the Board

unanimously approved the forming of an ad hoc committee whose responsibilities will be to report to the Board with recommendations to include a proposed Membership Chairman and to establish membership goals and criteria as well as a system for implementation of membership, recruitment and service. Mr. Nelson agreed to act as Chairman of this ad hoc committee. Later the Board spent time discussing a number of members who should be contacted to fill the vacant positions for '09. Mr. Silver will initiate these contacts with the support of other appropriate Board members.

F. MEETING SCHEDULES. The Board agreed that the monthly Board of Director's meetings be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, through June these dates will be Feb. 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th and June 9th. The meetings will be held at the gallery at 5411 Meridian N., Seattle and Mr. Wikstrom will be recompensed \$150 per meeting for providing the space. It was also agreed that Membership dinner meetings be planned for four times per year on the fourth Tuesday of the month and to feature a program of maximum interest to assure the highest possible attendance by members. Membership dinner meetings will be scheduled for March 24th, June 23rd, and September 22nd with the December meeting to be scheduled at a later time. The March dinner meeting will be highlighted in the January newsletter and will include adoption of the '09 slate of officers and committee chairmen as well as a program featuring member's participation in an innovative artistic competition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
George G. Milliken
Secretary

Put Your Stuff In The Palette Talk

As the editor of the "Palette Talk" I urge you to use space in this news letter and on the PSG web site to keep us all up to date on what is going on with your art career. I hope to get the news letter **in the mail by the middle of the month**. I also update the PSG's roster at this time. Then every thing goes on our web site. Keep your information short and include 1 to 3 photos. I prefer to get this by e-mail but snail-mail if you can't.

I know some of you don't have computers, but try get on a PSG member's computer and see the Palette Talk in color with links to other sites. While you are on their computer, check out the PSGNWP's web site at www.psgart.org and poke around. This member should have his login info to view the news letter and the **Members Only** page on the web site.

Frank Gaffney
Editor & Web Master

Showings:

Living Memories

by Brom Wickstrom



Joe MacKechnie

Kaewyn Gallery is pleased to be showing the fine art works of *Joe Mac Kechnie*, January 23 through February 24, 2009:

“Northwest People and Places”
Portraits and Landscapes by *Joe Mac Kechnie*

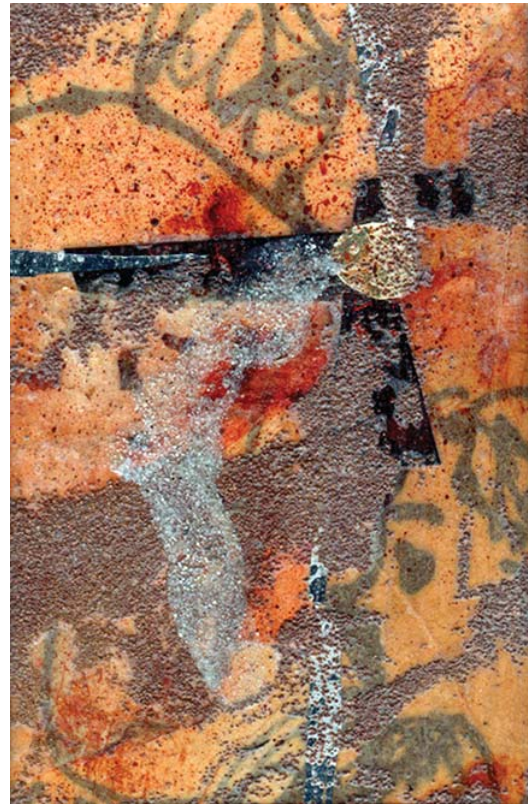
10101 Main Street, Bothell, WA
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Tues-Thurs: 10am-6pm; Fri: 10am-5pm; Sat: 10am-4pm

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Marlowe Hartung was born in Seattle in 1920 and was well known for his accomplishments in the advertising design field. He exhibited his work in numerous area shows and worked closely with many PSG members over the years. He always brought a table of buyers to the auction and served in various capacities.



Mixed medium painting, untitled 8 X 6 inches

Call For Artists

Waterworks Gallery, established in 1985 by Ruth Offen, is coordinating an officially-sanctioned centennial event, “Paint the Town of Friday Harbor” in celebration of Friday Harbor’s 100th anniversary in 2009.

This year, we’re inviting artists to Friday Harbor to paint the town. The paintings could be plein air, studio works, or from historical photos. Size limit is 36 x 48. The paintings must be completed by 12/31/08.

There will be a juried show of these paintings in the gallery in May 2009.

The deadline for applications are due March 15th.

For submission applications and other information, please contact waterworks gallery at 360.378.3060 or carla@waterworksgallery.com

Keep an eye on the calendar each month, as some dates may change.

Calendar:

February 10th	Board meeting
March 10	Board Meeting
March 24	Membership meeting
April 14	Board meeting
May 12	Board meeting
June 9	Board meeting
June 23.....	Membership meeting
July xx	Eagle Hbr paint-out
September 22	Membership meeting

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