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OTTAWA WATERCOLOUR  
SOCIETY

N.B.

In view of ITEM 3 below the proposed meeting  
at the Billings Estate on November 23rd has been

CANCELLED

Dear Member,

1. A number of members have not been receiving mail from the Society, mainly due to changes of Address which have not found their way onto the membership and mailing lists. In three instances at least this has been due to errors on our part, which I hope have now been rectified and for which I apologise. Most instances, however, have been due to our not being notified of moves by members. If anyone has reason to suspect that they are not receiving our literature would they please get in touch either with Janet Thurm (771-8981) or myself (745-1116) In the meantime does anyone know where Donna Goodman or Carolyn Langill have vanished to? Their mail has been returned.
2. 6th Juried Exhibition 113 paintings were submitted. 52 were accepted, and of these 21 were selected for the First Travelling Exhibition. External comment has been unanimous that the standard of work exhibited is higher than that of the last exhibition but only two paintings have so far been sold. The only adverse criticism came from Nancy Baele of the Citizen who accepted our invitation to visit the exhibition but wrote a predominantly unfavourable critique which upset a number of exhibitors. However, whatever one may think of her critique, the Society must accept the fact that critics are going to write what they like however brilliant or inept so that, if we wish for professional critiques, we must develop bullet-proof hides. In my letter of thanks to Nancy Baele I made the following comments: "With respect to the actual opinions which you expressed I myself agree with some but find others to be inconsistent and illogical, but these are matters which should be discussed over a glass of wine and I hope that I may yet be able to persuade you to join us for our pre-Christmas party ...on December 12th." I invited her to give a short talk to explain her own view of her work and would hope for a fruitful discussion.
3. Pre-Christmas Party 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Sunday, December 12th.  
Lise Girard and Richard have very generously invited members and their spouses to foregather at the Girard Gallery for a suitably lubricated internal exhibition and discussion of members' works.

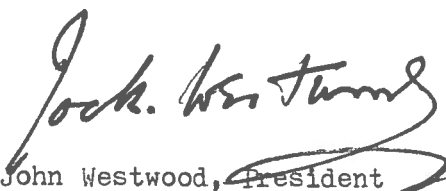
I am hoping that Leonard Gerbrandt and John Sadler will be able to come and will give a short talk on Jurying in general and on their Jurying of the 6TH Exhibition in particular. Will members please bring with them not more than ONE work to be discussed. We will decide the actual procedure when we see how many members are present.

THE ENTRANCE FEE WILL BE A BOTTLE OR A BUN

4. First Travelling Exhibition. The 21 selected paintings will be exhibited at the Cornwall Regional Gallery, 107 Pitt Street, Cornwall during the month of December and will then be taken to Patricia Tite's Frame-Work Gallery in Brockville for Exhibition during the month of January. We do not yet know the precise opening and closing dates at either location.
5. Little Theatre Exhibition. I have accepted an invitation, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting, to rent the foyer of the Ottawa Little Theatre from the Ottawa Art Association who have taken on the responsibility of arranging exhibitions in that location. The Exhibition will be hung on MARCH 6th and taken down on MARCH 27th, 1983. (N.B. Not May as originally suggested) The dates and the rental have now been formally confirmed with the OAA President, Jim Caves. The exhibition will be Juried. Details will be given nearer the event.
6. 7th Juried Exhibition Jeannine Robertson and John Sadler have invited the Society to hold the 7th Juried Exhibition at the Braam Gallery in May, 1983 and I have tentatively accepted this invitation provided that members are willing to undertake "baby-sitting" assignments. In order to ensure enough space it will be necessary to use the back room of the Gallery which has a staircase to an upper floor and so must be policed.
7. 8th Juried Exhibition Lise Girard and Richard have invited us to hold the 8th. Juried Exhibition at the Atelier Girard a year from now during November, 1983. This invitation I have also tentatively accepted pending discussion with the Executive in the immediate future.
8. There are now one hundred and fourteen members of the Society of whom 23 are Fellows. More Fellows will undoubtedly be elected following the current Exhibition. I hope that we will be able to send out an up-to-date membership list with the next newsletter. In the meantime would you please note that the new membership fee is \$20.00. If you have not already done so, would you please send your 1983 subscription to Jim Edwards, 1293 Southwood Drive, Ottawa K2C 3C4.

Hoping to see you all on the 12th,

yours very sincerely

  
John Westwood, President