

SOYRA Happenings

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Hello SOYRA members,

Another year has flown by and we are approaching our **final meeting on December 13th, 2011.**

We will have a little SOYRA business to attend to, but the rest of the evening is for everyone to enjoy in a social environment. We need your support to make it another fun night..! Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year.!!

Here is the plan:

- Bring some appetizers, finger foods, and/or some light desserts [we cannot handle any items requiring electric heat!] I can promise the English trifle will have a little "kick"!!!.
- Liquid refreshments will be made available.
- Bring one item of your work [painting , photograph, sculpture etc] to display along the foot of the wall at the famous Baseboard Gallery. Vote for your favorites with provided stickers.
- Buy a ticket to have your portrait done by guest artist Guo Yue Dou [check out the SOYRA website Pics page for past examples of his amazing work.]
- We will have some other interesting activities that will result in prizes for the lucky ones.

PS: Don't forget to pay your 2012 membership dues before December 17th or 30th, depending on your activities in January. Also bring your 25th Anniversary Show entry forms and cheque if you are a participant.

As we move into the Spring of 2012 we will be looking for some new blood for our Demo/Workshop Coordinator and Newsletter/ Website Editor to join the team. We are sure the talent is out there!

On behalf of your Executive, Seasons Greetings and a big thank you for making 2011 a very successful year. The Society has come a long way in almost 25 years because of its member support and your active participation.

See you on the 13th.!!!!

Doug.
December 2011



Next Members Meeting

Location:
**Former Aurora
Library
2nd Floor**

56 Victoria Street, Aurora

Enter from Victoria St. side

Date:

December 13, 2011

Meeting:

7:30 PM

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SOYRA Happenings



Meetings & Workshop Schedule

To Register sign up at general meetings or by emailing soyra@soyra.ca

Tuesday

- 1st** **Executive Meeting**
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- 2nd** **Members Meeting**
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM
(Demonstration approx: 8:00 pm)
- 3rd & 4th** **Workshop**
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Workshops:

Pre-registration is required for **all** workshops which will be held at 56 Victoria Street.

Regular Workshop Fees:

\$20 if prepaid at time of signing, or

\$25 if paid at the workshop.

\$25 for non-members

Weekend Workshops: priced individually

Workshop fees must be paid at any regular meeting **prior** to the workshop or mailed to SOYRA. Mail to: SOYRA Workshops
P.O. Box 71591, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6S9

For a complete list, visit www.soyra.ca/workshops.

Featured Artists for January: Allen Class

On January 10th, 2012 we welcome **Allen Class** to our members meeting as a return presenter.

Allen will be sharing his knowledge and techniques with a presentation entitled "Marketing Art OnLine"

Visit : The following websites for more information:

<http://www.artgoneglobal.com> and

<http://www.allenclass.com>

Allen Class is an artist, speaker, researcher and writer. He has been involved with the Internet from the beginning. He worked for IBM Canada for 30 years where he created their corporate website and managed it for the first 2 years. He later developed online simulators to develop leadership skills, and implemented collaborative learning spaces for leadership training. He is President of the [Markham Group of Artists](#). His popular presentation, *Art and the Internet*, has been delivered to every major art organization in the GTA. His latest presentation, *Marketing Art Online* is rich with real-life examples of artists who market their art globally and the approaches they have taken.

PLEASE READ THE FINE PRINT:

SOYRA endeavors to hire interesting artists for demonstrations and instructors for the workshop series. But when you sign up and do not come – **the artists still must be paid**. Please remember that by signing up for a workshop, you are indicating your intentions to attend and are requested to pay whether or not you attend. Of course, things happen, but please **call at least 48 hours** in advance to have your name removed from the list and a refund mailed to you. NOTE: some workshops will cost more than others due to the nature of the course, the location or the instructor.

November Workshop Feedback

On November 8th Herry Arifin presented a very entertaining demonstration utilizing principally watercolours and a little inks and gouache. His subject was an interpretation of portions of St Lawrence Martket. As Herry paints on location he demonstrated how to simplify your material needs to fit into a back pack...!!! Don't throw out your idle guitar stand and keep some "duct tape" handy...!!! preferably white to line a couple of trays and "presto" you have a portable pallet. Herry is a supporter of one third sheet size paintings, Arches paper, a few brushes and scrubbers, a Swiss army knife for scraping, and a bamboo tool to draw using inks. On November 15th ten members participated in his dynamic workshop creating another urban street scene.

Thanks Herry for a great job and a chance to experience your skills and techniques !!!!!. A few photographs are shown below from the two sessions.



Herry's finished paintings from the two street scenes used are shown later on Page 7.

25th. Anniversary Members Exhibition & Sale January 21th – February 5th, 2012



25th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS EXHIBITION & SALE Special Event

Aurora Cultural Centre
Church Street School
22 Church Street
AURORA, ON

Sat. January 21 – Sun. February 5, 2012
PUBLIC OPENING Jan. 21, 2012
Gallery Hours 1:00 – 4:00 pm

ELIGIBILITY

This exhibition is open to SOYRA members only.

GUIDELINES

on
www.soyra.ca

ARTISTS' RECEPTION

All participating artists and members are encouraged to attend.

Saturday January 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm

SCHEDULE

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| <p>Fri. Dec. 17</p> <p>Thurs. Jan. 19</p> <p>Fri. Jan. 20</p> <p>Sat. Jan. 21</p> <p>Show runs</p> <p>Tues. Jan. 24 - Sat. Jan 28</p> <p>Wed. Jan.25</p> <p>Tues. Jan 31 – Sun. Feb 5</p> <p>Show Closes</p> <p>Peoples' Choice Awarded – 3:45 pm</p> | <p>Deadline for entries</p> <p>Registration 4 pm - 7 pm</p> <p>Hanging</p> <p>SHOW OPENING 1:00 – 4:00 pm</p> <p>1:00 – 4:00 pm</p> <p>1:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>1:00 – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday Feb. 5 at 4:00 pm</p> |
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RULES

1. For a non-refundable fee of \$25.00, each artist may enter TWO works of their choice. Categories include sculpture, oils, watercolours, acrylic, pastel, mixed media and photography.
2. Paintings must be framed to professional standards and securely **WIRED** for hanging. (NO saw toothed hangers please) NOTE: Artwork on gallery-wrapped canvas (min. 1.5" in depth) may be submitted without frames but must have painted edges with no staples showing.
3. Size & Weight Restrictions (25 lb)
Minimum: 12" X 12"; Maximum width: 42"X 48" H
- 4 All work must be original. Any work deemed to be copies of another artist's work will be removed from the show.
5. All work must be for sale. The ACC will process all sales and will receive a 30% commission. SOYRA receives no commission for this event.
6. The artist is responsible for insuring their work in the show.
7. All artwork will remain on display until after show closing on February 5, 2012.
8. It is the artist's responsibility to pick up their work. Please inform the show co-ordinator if someone else will be collecting your artwork.
9. Limit of 2 entries per exhibitor.
10. Participants **must** have paid their 2012 membership fee before December 17, 2011.
11. Pricing Guide – For members who may want assistance in setting prices, contact Nancy Newman – nancynewmanart@gmail.com



Mail the attached form and a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 (cheques made payable to SOYRA) to:
SOYRA c/o Show Co-ordinator, Box 71591, Aurora,
Ontario L4G 6S9.

Deadline is DECEMBER 17, 2011

**REMEMBER: YOU
MUST VOLUNTEER IF
YOU WANT TO BE IN
THE SHOW!**

25th Anniversary Exhibition Entry Form

The Society of York Region Artists presents a special 25th Anniversary Exhibit in honour of this milestone, to be held at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, Aurora, ON from January 21 to February 5, 2012. Entry fee is \$25.

Participants **must** have paid the 2012 membership fee before December 17th, 2011

(Please print)

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| Name: | Telephone: | |
| Address: | | |
| City/Town: | Postal Code: | Email: |

ENTRIES: Maximum 2 entries

Painting labels are being pre-printed on special labels. Please fill in all information below.

| | Title | W x H | Medium | Under Glass Yes/ No | Price |
|---|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |

I hereby accept the rules of entry for this exhibition on the accompanying form and submit my work under these conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Call to Artists

Covernotes Tea and Coffee House, Richmond Hill & Newmarket

Small Treasures

November 21st – December 28, 2011

Deadline: November 10th. [closed]

Entry Form: This is a group show...contact Jennifer Mcleod at mcleodarts@hotmail.com or call (905) 895 -9762

Solo Show

January 3rd – January 24th, 2011

Deadline: TBA ... contact Jennifer Mcleod at mcleodarts@hotmail.com or call (905) 895 - 9762 as soon as possible.

If you are interested in having a solo show submit at least 10 photos separately from the group show submissions or drop off a CD at either of the Covernotes locations.

Richmond Hill Studio Tour & Art Sale

Saturday, October 13th & Sunday October 14th, 2012

Deadline: Completed applications are due **Friday, February 10th, 2012**

Entry Form: This has just been received and details will be posted on the SOYRA website.

More information can be obtained from <http://www.RichmondHill.ca/StudioTour> or email <mailto:mzikovitz@RichmondHill.ca>

Check out the Aurora Cultural Centre at www.auroraculturalcentre.ca for some interesting Winter Programs. You can hone your watercolor skills with Nancy Newman.!!!

Keep in touch with York Region Arts Council at artscouncil@yorkscene.com for details of upcoming activities etc.

The list of Call to Artists shown in previous newsletters have been transferred to the SOYRA website at <http://www.soyra.ca/calltoartists.htm> where you can download the Entry Forms etc

SOYRA Shows and Events



Please note to Enter the 25th. Anniversary Show participants must have paid their 2012 membership fee before December 17th, 2011.

Entry forms were sent by Linda Welch to each of the members who had expressed an interest following Nancy Newman's original email request. Show Rules and an Entry form have been included with this Newsletter should there be additional members who wish to participate. You can print Pages 4 & 5 as required.

In memory

Elizabeth "Betsy" Terminesi passed away peacefully, after a brief battle with cancer, on Thursday November 17th, 2011 at Southlake Regional Health Centre at the age of 82.

Betsy was a longtime member of SOYRA. Condolences on behalf of SOYRA were posted online by Nancy Newman.

Herry's finished work for the November 8th Demonstration.



Herry's finished work for the November 15th workshop.

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Eva Folks Solo Art Exhibition at the Colleen Abbott Gallery, Aurora Public Library **continues through to January 14th, 2012.** Contact Eva at artist@evefolks.com for details.

Maya Rodrigues, is currently holding her solo exhibition **December 1st to 23rd** at the Skylight Gallery, Aurora Town Hall. She will hold an **Artist Reception Wednesday December 14th, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00pm.** A separate invite is being sent in the form of a Bookmark to everyone. Good luck Maya!!

Liz Gibson will be holding her solo exhibition at the Skylight Gallery from **January 3rd to January 31st, 2012.** Although Liz will not be hosting a reception she plans to be in attendance for a couple of afternoons. Specific details will be sent to everyone once the dates have been finalized. Good luck Liz!!

Rotations

Aurora Rotation *2nd Floor, Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way, Aurora*

Coordinator: Joe Halajian halajian.joe@rogers.com

The Rotation took place on September 12th. and will run for 4 months **to Monday January 9th, 2012.**

The following artists are participating:

Hans M., Ingeborg D., Jean C., Joe H., John O., Kathy B., Elizabeth G., Marty N., Mikhail N., Nancy S., Rosie S.

Courthouse Rotation

*Barristers' Lounge
50 Eagle Street W, Newmarket*

Coordinator: Doug Myles
myles0050@rogers.com

The Rotation took place on December 7th, 2011 and will **run until March 7th, 2012**

The following artist are participating;

Ksenia S., Mikhail N., Mariana B., Bill G., Susan D-S., Marilyn L B., Heather L., Rosie S.

East Gwillimbury Rotation

*Sharon Civic Centre
19000 Leslie Street, Sharon*

Coordinator: Shawna Patenaude
tomorrowsart@rogers.com

The Rotation took place on September 19th.

The participating artists are as follows:

Susan P., Kathy B., Stella W., Sandra H., Catherine B., Wendy F., Zoe P., Elizabeth G., Gary J-P., Mariana B.



Notice to All Members:

Membership: Anyone wishing to become a member of S.O.Y.R.A. is welcome to attend the "Members Meeting" held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Annual Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year and is \$40.00. For information on becoming a member, please visit the SOYRA website at soyra.ca for a copy of the **Membership Application Form**. Contact Anthony Kerstens at a.kerstens@akautomation.ca