Hello SOYRA members,

We have come to that point in the year again where we are approaching our Summer break and our last meeting for the first half of 2011.

An email was sent to everyone ahead of the June Newsletter release to outline the program for our June 14th meeting:

* Enjoy a special demo by John Nussbaum.
* Get a glimpse of what’s in store for Fall 2011
* Sign up for Creative Spirit 2011 July 9 & 10th. [limited space available]
* Enjoy some refreshments.
* Get to know SOYRA !

As always the Show Committee will welcome any help you can volunteer for the upcoming show in July.

On behalf of the Executive we wish everyone a great summer and enjoy all the opportunities out there to further your art .....!!

Don’t forget to pass on any of your summer art experiences for inclusion in our Fall round of Newsletters

Regards,

Doug.

News Flash
Check out the Artcures Exhibition running from June 17th. - 26th. at the Aurora Cultural Centre.
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

Workshop fees must be paid at any regular meeting prior to the workshop or mailed to:

SOYRA Workshops
P.O. BOX 71591, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6S9

**Workshops:**

Pre-registration is required for all workshops.

**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

For a complete list, visit [www.soyra.ca/workshops](http://www.soyra.ca/workshops).

Featured Artists for June: John Nussbaum

Thanks to Nancy Newman for arranging the following at short notice to round out our SOYRA program for the first half of the year:

On June 14th we welcome John Nussbaum to our members meeting.

John is President of the North York Group of Artists. His watercolours are uniquely designed with fluid, vibrant colours. John will share some of his work with us and then do a demonstration on how he flush-mounts watercolours onto wood panels, canvas and board. It works for acrylics on paper too. The finished products have a professional, contemporary look and are appealing to clients.

This is a Do It Yourself method that anyone can do, once you see the demo. John is supplying detailed handouts that summarize the technique and supplies used.

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.
Kai – Liis McInnes demonstration of mixed media techniques on May 10th to the members certainly reinforced that anything works in creating a piece of art. The use of multiple warm and cool colors, brush techniques, templates, shapes and textures resulted in some amazing pieces. Two workshops on the 17th & 24th allowed participants to put their creativity to the test. Thanks Kai – Liis for a great program!! The following captures some of the works and participation by the group.
Members in the Spotlight.

**Patrick Goodeve:** Congratulations !!!
Patrick on being chosen as the winner of the **12th Annual Heritage Art Contest 2011 for Newmarket.** The painting of The Grey Goat on Main Street will be purchased by the Town for their permanent collection of Heritage Art. Patrick was presented with his award at the Council meeting May 30th, 2011.

**Zoe Perrin and her team of SOYRA members** presented an impressive Floating Gallery Art Show at the Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket from June 3rd to 5th with an extension to June 11th. 56 works were displayed with 14 SOYRA members and other local artists participating. Heather Fullerton juried the show. A few photographs from the show are shown below. Congratulations to all involved and the individual category winners.!!!!

**Doreen Howard,** some SOYRA members, and the East Gwillimbury Group of Artists chose to move indoors from their original Art in the Park venue at the Holland Landing Complex on June 11th. 2011 due to potential stormy weather. It proved to be a smart move!! The show was an impressive display of talent with a wide range of art media including original art and greeting cards. A local trio, The String Alongs, entertained the visitors with some pleasant background music. Congratulations Doreen on an excellent show.!!!!
Call to Artists

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.

Aurora Jazz Festival July 29,30 & 30th.

An email has been sent to everyone on behalf of our Herbert Pryke requesting Artists to participate in the Aurora Jazz Festival.

The Aurora Festival of the Arts [AFA] organizers would like to include visual arts and have an artists community within the walls of the Jazz Festival. Herbert has been asked to organize it and is looking for two levels of participation.....Exhibition and Sales...and Painters in the Park. 20% of any sales will go towards AFA Charities.

Email Herbert Pryke at herbertpryke@rogers.com or mailto:artcures@rogers.com as soon as possible if you wish to participate.
Title your email JAZZ ARTIST to separate it from Herbert’s Artcures activities.

Shows and Events

There will be two SOYRA member’s Art Show and Sales for 2011:

“Creative Spirit 2011” July 9th, & 10th. at the Sharon Temple, Sharon.
“Art in the Valley” October 15th. & 16th. at St Andrews Golf Club, Aurora.

Keep an eye out for details on each as we approach the dates.
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 May 9th following Art Aurora.

The participating members will be added at a future date.

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**Courthouse Rotation**  
Barristers’ Lounge  
50 Eagle Street W, Newmarket  
Coordinator:  Doug Myles  myles0050@rogers.com

The Rotation took place on June 1st, 2011 and will run until September 7th, 2011.

The following artists are participating:

Janet A., Mariana B., Marilyn L-B., Patrick G., Diana E., Jaffa J., Anthony K., Mikhail N., Sandra H., Rosie S., Wendy F., Bill G., Zelimir S.

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**East Gwillimbury Rotation**  
Sharon Civic Centre  
19000 Leslie Street, Sharon  
Coordinator:  Sandra Haines  (905) 478-2185  
sandra-ann@hotmail.ca

The Rotation took place on May 16th, 2011.

The participating artists are as follows:

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

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**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