

# SOYRA Happenings

November 2011 Newsletter

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### Next Members Meeting

Location:

**Former Aurora  
Library  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

56 Victoria Street, Aurora

Enter from Victoria St. side

Date:

**November 8, 2011**

Meeting:

**7:30 PM**

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Hello SOYRA members,

There is no doubt the highlight to report in this month's Newsletter is the resounding success of Art in the Valley Show held October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's Valley GC.

In contrast to other art society shows we had sales, eight by number, and sales values [\$2120] comparable to 2010 where eleven works were sold. Observed visitor traffic was higher this year, particularly on Saturday, for an estimated 350 visitors in total.

Congratulations to all the winners..!!!!

I would like to repeat part of Linda Welch's comments in an Email sent to everyone involved as a fitting summary of the success:

**To Everyone:**

"Thank you for making our 24th fall show a great one! It was a perfect opportunity to talk with other artists, enjoy visitors' comments and the environment that St Andrews' Valley G.C. offers. Approximately 40 people enjoyed the reception - based on the fact that there was no wine or food left!! We hope that everyone had a positive experience, whether you were showing your work for the first time or the 24th time."

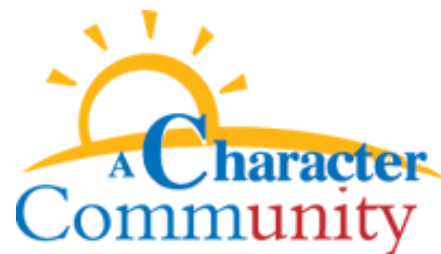
Linda also asked that you pass along any ideas you may have to make our Shows and our Organization better.

Regards to all.

**Doug**

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# Meetings & Workshop Schedule

To Register sign up at general meetings or by emailing [soyra@soyra.ca](mailto: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)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 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](http://www.soyra.ca/workshops).

## Featured Artists for November: Herry Arifin

On November 8<sup>th</sup> we welcome Herry Arifin to our members meeting.

Herry will be conducting a watercolour demonstration entitled "Toronto Urban Scenes".

You can examine Herry's Bio and development as a self taught artist by visiting

<http://www.herryarifin.com> and see some his amazing works in his on-line gallery.

You can experience some video clips too.!!!

Visit :

[http://www.herryarifin.com/index\\_files/Page4655.htm](http://www.herryarifin.com/index_files/Page4655.htm)

for a view of one of his works.

**A Workshop** will be held on **November 15<sup>th</sup>** entitled "Urban scenes in watercolour".

Herry has advised in addition to bringing your watercolours it would be useful to bring india ink, a bamboo pen [or any pen], and some oil pastels.

## ***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.

## Workshop Feedback

On October 11<sup>th</sup> members had the opportunity to see Didi Gadjanski in action using watercolours, gouache [Lascaux], and inks on Yupo paper. They then had the opportunity to test and develop their skills in workshops on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Didi also uses Terraskin paper along with acrylics. A few photographs are shown below. Thanks Didi for an amazing job!!!



Workshop demo.  
Watercolour  
Gouache, &  
inks by Didi

Use a twig  
for random  
lines...!!!

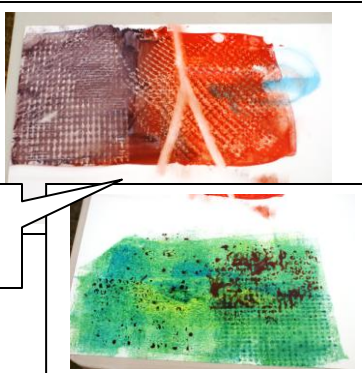


Didi's  
Street  
scene demo



Acrylic on  
Yupo

Various  
textures



A Speedball roller  
works the best...!!!



A few pictures from **Pat Maconald's demonstration** at the **September 13<sup>th</sup>** members meeting are shown later in the Newsletter.

# Art in The Valley 2011

## CATEGORY WINNERS



### Oils

First- Herbert Pryke - Deep Woods Sunset  
 Honourable Mention Nenad Miric - St. Andrew's Church



### Acrylic

First Thelma Sellers - Serenity  
 Honourable Mention Donnah Cameron - Poppies  
 Honourable Mention Jennifer Blacquiere- Messenger



### Watercolour

First Hans Martin - Abandoned Farm  
 Honourable Mention Josephine Antaya - View from the 14th Floor  
 Honourable Mention Jean Spinney - River Shore



### Photography

First Carol Tremayne- Snow Castle  
 Honourable Mention Keith Franklin- Long Beach Stick  
 Honourable Mention Linda Welch - The Manicure



### Alternate Media

First Josephine Antaya- Street Music  
 Honourable Mention Joe Halajian - Anna  
 Honourable Mention Doug Myles - Toward the Light



## PEOPLES' CHOICE

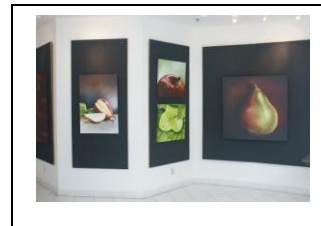
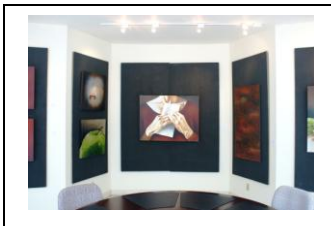
Jennifer Blaquiere – for 'Messenger'.  
 For this honour, Jennifer wins a 2012 membership to SOYRA.  
 2nd - Sharon Nielsen for 'Mexican Sunshine'  
 3rd - Diane Croker for 'Transcendence'  
 4th - Jean Spinney for 'The Muddy Don'  
 2nd-3rd-4th place Peoples' Choice winners will receive a gift at the next meeting.



**FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** by Cassidy's in Newmarket  
 Janet Anderson

**GIFT BASKET** provided by Edward Street Market Bistro  
 Ann Wilkinson, Aurora

**Shawn Patenaude** was one of the artists selected by the Town of Aurora to exhibit this year at the Skylight Gallery, Aurora Town Hall in October. The Solo Show entitled “ Emerge into Light “ ran from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations Shawna on an amazing display of talent..!!



**Maya Rodrigues**, another one of our members, will be holding her exhibition in **December** at the Skylight Gallery too. Further details will be sent to everyone very shortly regarding her show. Good luck Maya!!

Thanks to **Cori Onofrio and Maya Rodrigues** for forwarding some feedback on the **2nd Annual Aurora Studio Tour** held on **Oct 1 & 2, 2011** requested in the last Newsletter. Cori commented:

“ We had 8 studio locations on the Tour with 20 artists participating.  
We sold 30 pieces of art (both paintings & photography), 7 giclees as well as some jewellery & stained glass pieces & over 100 cards.  
We averaged between 60 & 150 visitors over the 2 days at most locations.  
We hope to add more artists & locations next year...perhaps from SOYRA members??  
If any SOYRA members want to be part of the studio Tour next year, they can contact Eva Folks : [artist@evafolks.com](mailto:artist@evafolks.com) ...”

Maya advised that “ YouTube videos of the Tour were made and can be seen at <http://www.theauroran.com>....”

**Our friends at EGGA** will continue with their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show and sale until December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Newmarket Theatre. Meet the artists on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 – 4:00pm. Contact Elizabeth Nicholas at [liznic@sympatico.ca](mailto:liznic@sympatico.ca) for details. They are at the Holland Landing Complex on December 5<sup>th</sup> too!!.

**Kingcrafts Studio Sale** is being held November 18,19,20,28,29<sup>th</sup> . For more information see <http://www.kingcrafts.ca> or call (905) 833 – 1897

**See Page 7 for further members activities.....**

## Call to Artists

### 2011 Vaughan of a Kind Art and Craft Show [Juried]:

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Deadline:** Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 [closed] **but you can visit!!**

Entry Form: The 6 panel, 2 fold form can be downloaded from

[http://www.vaughan.ca/culture\\_recreation/pdf/Vaughan%20of%20a%20Kind%20Art%20Show.pdf](http://www.vaughan.ca/culture_recreation/pdf/Vaughan%20of%20a%20Kind%20Art%20Show.pdf). or contact Nadia Vidiri at [nadia.vidiri@vaughan.ca](mailto:nadia.vidiri@vaughan.ca)

### Covernotes Tea and Coffee House, Richmond Hill & Newmarket

#### Small Treasures

November 21<sup>st</sup> – December 28, 2011

**Deadline:** November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### Solo Show

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Deadline: TBA ... contact Jennifer Mcleod at [mcleodarts@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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.

**Check out** the Aurora Cultural Centre at [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca) for some interesting Fall Art programs.

**YRAC** through their **Art Café Events** are having some interesting art related presentations in October and November covering The Art of Social Media Marketing, The Nuts & Bolts of Art Management and The Art of Marketing Effectively. Contact York Region Arts Council at [artscouncil@yorkscene.com](mailto:artscouncil@yorkscene.com) for details and costs.

## SOYRA Shows and Events

**Mark your calendars.....!!!!!!!.**

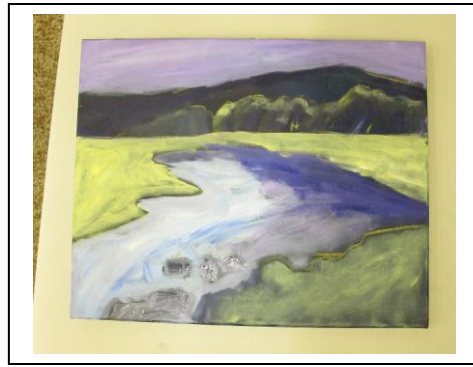
**SOYRA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will be celebrated with an Art Show at the Aurora Cultural Centre **January 21<sup>st</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and will be open at the various Gallery hours.

**We are inviting you to be part of the planning committee [RSVP to Linda Welch at [l.welch@rogers.com](mailto:l.welch@rogers.com)]** We are looking for a couple of more members for the organizing team!!

Further details will be sent a little closer to the time...**stay tuned** !!!!!!!!

Thanks to Greg King for taking some photographs at the **September 13<sup>th</sup> members meeting when Pat MacDonald demonstrated the use of acrylics in combination with pastels.** Thanks to Linda Welch for the delivery of the same...!!!

A few of these show the colorful effects that can be achieved by combining the two.



## BULLETIN BOARD

Here are a few of the members shows /activities currently taking place or planned that I have heard about recently that you may wish to visit...we have a very active group!!!:

**Donnah Cameron** Annual Art Exhibition, November 5,6,12 & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Donnah at (905) 898 -2053; [dannahcameron@rogers.com](mailto:dannahcameron@rogers.com), or <http://www.dannahcameron.com>

**Wendy Ferguson's** Solo Show at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket currently running until November 20<sup>th</sup>. See <http://www.southlakeregional.org/artgallery.current.html> or contact Wendy at <http://www.wendyferguson.ca>

**Jette Cott's** First Solo show at Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, 10268 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill currently running for the month of November. Contact Jette at <http://www.jettenudsen.com>

**Lillian Benrubi** is exhibiting November 10 to 13<sup>th</sup> at the Beyond Craft Show, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville. Contact Lillian at [lyllb2@gmail.com](mailto:lyllb2@gmail.com)

**Eva Folks** Solo Art Exhibition at the Colleen Abbott Gallery, Aurora Public Library November 7<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Contact Eva at [artist@evefolks.com](mailto:artist@evefolks.com)

# Rotations

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

**Coordinator:** Joe Halajian [halajian.joe@rogers.com](mailto:halajian.joe@rogers.com)

The Rotation took place on September 12<sup>th</sup>. and will run for 4 months to Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:myles0050@rogers.com)

The Rotation took place on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will run until December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The following artist are participating;

Mariana B., Diana E., Mikhail N., jane S., Christine V., Kathy B., Rosie S., Joe H., Thelma S., Anne W.

Please  
Note

## **East Gwillimbury Rotation**

*Sharon Civic Centre  
19000 Leslie Street, Sharon*

**Coordinator:** Shawna Patenaude  
[tomorrowsart@rogers.com](mailto:tomorrowsart@rogers.com)

The Rotation took place on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://soyra.ca) for a copy of the **Membership Application Form**. Contact Anthony Kerstens at [a.kerstens@akautomation.ca](mailto:a.kerstens@akautomation.ca)