

SOYRA Happenings

September 2011 Newsletter

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Next Members Meeting

Location:

**Former Aurora
Library
2nd Floor**

56 Victoria Street, Aurora

Enter from Victoria St. side

Date:

September 13, 2011

Meeting:

7:30 PM

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Hello SOYRA members,

We welcome everyone back to the Fall session of monthly meetings, workshops, and preparation for the 2011 Fall member's Art Show. Welcome to those who have joined the group since our summer break.

I cannot believe how quickly the summer months have passed by which would seem to indicate we have all been busy enjoying the weather and hopefully participating in art related experiences.

We can look forward to an exciting Fall – Winter period of Demonstrations, Workshops and Shows for the remainder of 2011 and into the Spring, 2012 thanks to Heather Miller and her team. Details of the Program are shown on Page 3 of the Newsletter. This will be replacing the details currently on the SOYRA website.

Thanks to Linda Welch and the Show Committee who have worked hard to develop the details for the Fall Show at St Andrews. Be sure to checkout the new feature this year. [see Page 5 of the Newsletter]. As with any of our shows we need to have your volunteer support for the many tasks involved to deliver a successful show.

Thanks to everyone involved with "Creative Spirit" in July. I expect that feedback from the Show will be passed on at the September 13th. meeting.

See you all soon.
Regards,

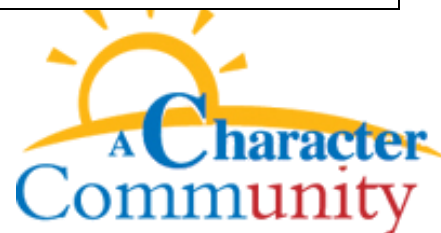
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News Flash

Sign up early for workshops....!!!

SOYRA Happenings

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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

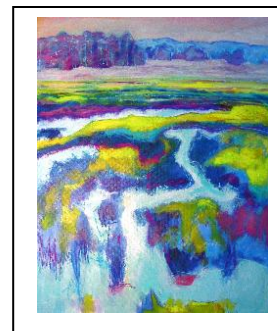
Workshop fees must be paid at any regular meeting **prior** to the workshop or mailed to SOYRA. Mail to: SOYRA Workshops
P.O. Box 71591, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6S9

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

Featured Artists for September: Pat MacDonald

Pat MacDonald is an acrylic painter from Guelph who paints landscapes using a technique where she draws on top of her acrylic paintings with soft pastel sticks at several stages throughout the painting process, introducing textural details and expressive lines, redefining forms, and a smudge of rich colour. The way in which the pastel is applied in each painting varies, is generally spontaneous, and the results are unpredictable, and often unique and exciting. Pat has worked in museum administration, taught secondary school art, and now paints fulltime. Her work may be viewed on her website <http://www.patriciamacdonaldart.com>

If you are an acrylic painter looking for a new media technique and want to introduce an element of risk into your work, or just want to have fun mixing media, then this **workshop** will be of interest to you on **September 20th & 27th**.



Workshop Supplies - suggestions:

1. Brushes & Acrylic Paints: at a minimum – 3 primary colours & black & white – or full assortment of colours
2. Soft Pastel Sticks: at least 3 different (deep/rich) colours
3. Supports: 2 sheets Bristol Board/Watercolour Paper; a canvas (16 x 20")
4. Disposable gloves if you don't want to get hands dirty
5. Photo/picture of a landscape to work with

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.

SOYRA Programme 2011 - 2012

DATE	GENERAL MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.	DATE	WORKSHOPS 7-10 P.M.
Sept. 13	Pat MacDonald Acrylic with Pastels patriciamacdonaldart.com	Sept. 20 Sept. 27	Pat MacDonald Combining acrylics and pastels
Oct. 11	D. D. Gadjanski Watercolour on Teraskin and Yupo ddgadjanski.ca	Oct 18 Oct 25	D.D. Gadjanski An opportunity to explore watercolour on teraskin and yupo
Nov. 8	Herry Arifin Toronto Urban Scenes in Watercolour herryarifin.com	Nov. 15	Herry Arifin Urban scenes in watercolour
Dec. 13	Annual General Meeting		
Jan. 10	Allen Class Marketing Art On Line allenclass.com & artgoneglobal.com		
Feb. 14	Judy Sherman Classic Techniques in Oils shermanj.com	Feb. 21 Feb. 28	Judy Sherman Life Drawing-your choice of medium- nude model
March 13	Steeve and Eva Chwojko Presentation "Art Scandals - VanGogh"		
April 10	Nicol Mentis Functional Abstracts in Acrylics artscenicblogspot.com	April 17	TBA
May 8	Keith Thirgood Plein-Air Painting wilsonstreestudio.ca	May 15 (Rain dates 22 or 29)	Keith Thirgood Plein-air workshop in the Church and Victoria Street neighbourhood.

Studio Tours and mini Shows.

September and October are gearing up to be a hectic time to tour and enjoy the talents of local artists **many of which are SOYRA members**. Thank you to everyone who passed on their individual requests to share their involvement with the various tours. Rather than inundate everyone with multiple Emails and attachments the following is a listing of the various tours and a contact to obtain any further details regarding brochures etc.

“Diversity “Art Show and Sale at the Boynton House, Richmond Hill, **September 8 -11**. [contact Betty at bmmwong24@gmail.com]

Uxbridge Studio Tour, September 17 & 18th. 10:00 to 6:00 pm [contact info@mcilvrive-evans.com or www.uxbridgestudiotour.com]

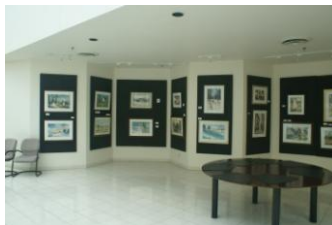
Bradford West Gwillimbury Studio Art Tour & Sale, September 16th. 4:00 -8:00pm, September 17 & 18th. 10:00 – 5:00pm [contact info@southsimcoeartsconcil.com or www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com]

Georgina Studio Tour & Sale, September 24 & 25th. 10:00 am – 5:00pm [contact www.georginastudiotour.com]

Newmarket Group of Artists 3rd. Annual Studio Tour, October 1 10:00am -5:00pm & October 2nd. 11:00am – 5:00pm [contact kinggb@sympatico.ca]

Aurora Artists Studio Tour, October 1 & 2nd. 10:00am – 4:00pm [contact www.evefolks.com/2011_Studio_Tour.html]

Hans Martin held an excellent Watercolour Exhibition and Sale entitled “Late Beginnings” at the Skylight Gallery, Aurora Town Hall August 2nd – 30th. with 28 works on display and a reception on the 3rd.. Hans was one of twelve artists chosen by The Town to display in 2011. Congratulations Hans on a great show of talent!! A snapshot of the show is shown here.



Call to Artists

2011 SOYRA Fall Show, Members Juried Exhibition & Sale, "Art in the Valley".

St Andrews' Valley Golf Club, Aurora.

Friday, October 14thRegistration

Saturday, October 15th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 16th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Deadline : Friday September 30th, 2011.

Entry Form: Two separate PDF files, one for the Show Guidelines and one for Entry Form, have been attached with the distribution of the September newsletter.

These forms will be available on the SOYRA website.

Hard copies were included with those members receiving the Newsletter by mail.



New this year: An artists' reception will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for participating artists and invited guests. More details to come!!

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

Saturday, November 19th, 2011

Deadline: Friday, October 21st, 2011

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. or contact Nadia Vidiri at nadia.vidiri@vaghan.ca

This will also be posted on the SOYRA website.

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 for some interesting Fall Art programs.

If you want to **develop your portraiture skills** Guo Yue Dou is running a set of classes starting September 13th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Richmond Hill Group of Artists. The course will run for 8 classes. Contact Guo Yue Dou at douartwork@hotmail.com. This is a great experience...!!!!

SOYRA Shows and Events

"Creative Spirit 2011" was held **July 9th. & 10th**. at the Sharon Temple, Sharon. Feedback from the Show will be provided at the September 13th. members meeting.

"Art in the Valley" **October 15th. & 16th**. at St Andrews Golf Club, Aurora. Stay tuned for additional details as noted under Call to Artists.

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 next Rotation is planned for September 12th.which has be communicated to everyone via Email.**

The participating members will be added at a future date.

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 which has been communicated to everyone via Email.**

The following artist 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.

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

The next Rotation will be September 19th, between 7:00 & 7:30 pm. which has been communicated to everyone via Email.



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