

# Winter Newsletter



## President's Message

**What an amazing Autumn we've had ! It sure doesn't feel like the middle of November, the weather has been so wonderful.**

In September we held our President's Tea at our new location at the Cotton Factory. I'd like to offer a special thank you to **Betty Petis** and all the Social Committee Volunteers for all their hard work at pulling together and coordinating a lovely afternoon.

Our very talented guest speaker at our October General Meeting at the AGH was **Susan Outlaw**. She gave an interesting presentation and showcased some of her incredible paintings. It was an inspirational way to spend a rainy cold afternoon.

The exhibition committee has been very busy arranging new exciting exhibitions for our WAAH members to join in and showcase their work. Please be sure to check your emails, and also our website as all the information will be forwarded to you and made available on the website also. We are very grateful for these opportunities and for how much effort the exhibition committee has invested into planning all these future events. And while speaking of the Exhibition committee, on behalf of the WAAH, I would like

to extend our warmest congratulations to **Zorica Silverthorne**, and her husband and family on the arrival of their son Eric, on November 5th 2016! **Amanda McKinney** will be the contact person regarding Exhibitions while Zorica is on her Maternity Leave.

We held our first **Open Painting Day** at the Cotton Factory in October. There were just three of us for the afternoon, but it was a great atmosphere with wonderful light from the big windows and we enjoyed ourselves very much. I hope that more members can join us on future dates.

Our **Christmas Open House~Winters Palette Opening** will take place on December 10th 2016 from 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm at the Cotton Factory. I do hope you can join us!

We will also be holding our **3rd Annual Toy Drive** as well, and any members wishing to donate toys can bring them to the Cotton Factory on the day of the Open House, or they can be dropped at my home if you are unable to attend. This is a great cause, and our members have been very generous in the previous years, and we appreciate the kindness and support.

I would like to extend my very best wishes to all of our members for a very happy and wonderful holiday season, and a bright New Year that brings great happiness, good health, renewed creativity, laughter, light, peace, and maybe a little magic too, into all of your lives.

*Happy Holidays Everyone! Cheers Robbin Plulver-Andrews, WAAH President 2016-17*



*Robin Pulver Andrews, President and Rejeanne Sardo, a Past President*



*WAAH members just having fun!*

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**POSITIONS OPEN ON WAAH EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEES:** Recording Secretary, Publicity Chair, Social Committee, Fundraising Committee. *The WAAH needs these positioned filled to be able to operate effectively.*

**WELCOME RECENT MEMBERS...**Debra Carson, Susan Gadsby-Priest, Pat Martin, Azhar Shremdin, Fatima Silva



Left: WAAH members at Claudette's Losier Show Opening.  
Above: WAAH Executives check out new office at the Cotton Factory.



## WAAH *Holiday* Open House & Winter's Palette exhibition opening

Saturday December 10th, 2016  
1 pm - 4 pm

Join us in celebrating the season  
and ushering in a new exhibition.

The Cotton Factory  
270 Sherman Ave. N, Hamilton ON  
Mill Building, 3rd Floor  
(parking at rear of building)

"Inspired by cold crisp days,  
Long dark, sparkling nights,  
Seasonal rituals warm our senses  
and fill our memories with colour."

Light Refreshments  
Free will donation  
Toy Drive  
50/50 draw



## WAAH EXHIBITIONS

### UP COMING WAAH EXHIBITIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Winter's Palette at the Cotton Factory Entry Form**  
Deadline: November 30th, 2016  
Winter's Palette Online Entry Form Deadline: Nov. 30th, 2016
- **Changes at the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts**  
Entry Form Deadline: January 5th, 2017
- **121st Annual Juried Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Hamilton**  
Entry Form Deadline: February 1st, 2017
- **Emergence Online Entry Form**  
Deadline: February 20th, 2017

*For entry forms and details, please visit exhibitions at [www.waah.ca](http://www.waah.ca)*

- **Looking ahead our Fall exhibition is themed, Home, at the Carnegie in Dundas**

More details to come.

If you have any questions please contact me at [waah.amanda@gmail.com](mailto:waah.amanda@gmail.com)

Best regards,  
Amanda McKinney Sparrow  
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## GENERAL MEETINGS 2016

### • October GM at the AGH

**Our guest speaker at our October 27th 2016 AGH meeting was the very kind and talented Susan Outlaw.**

She grew up in a very artistic and creative family and her talent was nurtured and encouraged. To this day she still remembers the first painting she did as a child in kindergarten. Susan went on to become a graphic designer and worked in this field for a few years until the birth of her first child. She decided to work from home at that point, doing freelance work. After the encouragement from her artist friend Jodi Hart, Susan dedicated herself to painting full time in 2006.

The Group of Seven Artists were extremely influential and inspirational to her, as well the Old Masters paintings. Her medium of choice is working with oil paints. In 2010, Canadian Landscapes took centre stage in her work.

Susan resides in Ancaster with her husband and two children. This historic and varied area provides great inspiration for her work and many of her pieces are a direct emotional response to her surroundings. She likes her work to *"offer people an escape, a moment of reflection, and return to peace and groundedness"*.

Susan loves to paint seascapes and recently held an exhibit showcasing some of her work. Although she is primarily known as a Landscape Artist she supplements her keen artistic interests by also painting portraits, architectural paintings, and happily welcomes commission work. She has also recently begun teaching at the Dundas Valley School Of Art.

Susan is represented by King Street Gallery, Niagara on the Lake. Her work can also be found in private and corporate collections throughout Ontario, as well as in London England.

For more about Susan and to view her work please visit her website [www.susanoutlaw.com](http://www.susanoutlaw.com)



Eileen Romaker, left, with Susan Outlaw.

### • November GM at the AGH

**Our guest speaker at our November 27th 2016 AGH meeting was the amazing Eileen Bird.**

Eileen expressed her creativity in her early years by sewing and knitting and continued to do so while caring for her family of 5 children and husband while also holding a job outside the home. She took an oil painting class at the age of 50 and went on to try silk painting which became her passion where she incorporated her sewing skills and quilting expertly. Her friend Vera Gilmour introduced her to the WAAH where she took part and was able to show case her fine work.

She joined the Grimsby Pump House Painters on Saturdays and tried other mediums. She liked pastel best and took classes for 15 years with Cathy Carter. She works from photos she has taken on her travels. and always

starts at the upper right corner to avoid dragging her hand over her work. She uses a grid and is exacting in her interpretation. Eileen showed us her favourite paper which is a velvet and works great for portraits. She uses both hard and soft pastels.

As Eileen proves it is never to late to try something new...she is going to be studying Chinese painting next and we are sure she will do it well.



## Letter of Thanks

A belated note of thanks to Past President Ida Ferrelli and her Executive for nominating me for the **2016 Ontario Volunteers Award**, presented to me at Liuna Station on March 29, 2016.

I was pleasantly surprised, as I should be. I should be the one to thank the Association, for welcoming me into the artists midst (I can't draw but I am a great spectator!) and giving me the opportunity to serve with my other skills. Through getting involved in the ongoing life of WAAH for over 10 years, I have learned much about the world of art, from appreciation through exhibitions, to the work and lives of local artists; my perspective of art has been widened.

Last but not least, I have made lasting friendships with fellow members, and enjoyed socializing with them over the years.

So, to you all, my heartfelt thank you.

Mabel Young

## WAAH SOCIALS, EXHIBITS & GENERAL MEETINGS 2016 - 2017

### December 10th (Saturday), Holiday Open House & Show Opening Event:

Location: Cotton Factory, 3rd Floor, 270 Sherman Ave. N. Ham. Time: 1 - 4pm

### January 19th (Thursday), General Meeting:

Location/Time: AGH at 1pm  
Speaker: Lorraine Roy - textile artist

### February 16th (Thursday), General Meeting:

Location/Time: AGH at 1pm  
Speaker: Elissa Barber - mixed media

### March 23rd (Thursday), General Meeting:

Location/Time: AGH at 1pm  
Speaker: Bev McGraw - acrylics demo

### April 20th (Thursday), General Meeting:

Location/Time: AGH at 1pm  
Speaker: Annie Dudink - pen and ink

### THURSDAY OPEN PAINTING/CREATIVE TIME AT THE COTTON FACTORY FOR WAAH MEMBERS.

Drop in and share ideas, work on projects, share techniques, and get to know other members. Cotton Factory, 3rd Floor, between the hours of 11:00am ~ 3:00pm



A full kitchen available for us to make coffee/tea, and a fridge to keep lunches & snacks cool. Hope you can drop by and join in!

Dates 2016..... Nov. 24th • Dec. 8th

### WAAH Fundraising: Capturing Hamilton Greeting Cards

**Greetings! Looking for a unique and artistic greeting card?** Look no further! We have a beautiful 12 card boxed set of blank greeting cards featuring works from our members. The images are themed Capturing Hamilton. Each boxed set is available for \$20. Purchases can be made at WAAH events or via a member of the executive. For inquiries please contact Zorica (waah.exhibitions@gmail.com).



## Newsletter

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The WAAH Newsletter is published four times a year.

### The deadlines for future newsletters are:

Spring 2017 - Feb. 15th Summer 2017 - Apr. 15th

Fall 2017 - August 15th Winter 2017 - Nov. 15th

Please email copy/photos, either put copy direct in email or supply a word file or pdf. No .docx files please. Photos can be jpegs/eps files. Please supply caption for photos.

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## WAAH Membership

Reasons for becoming a WAAH Member...

- Socials and special events, and scholarship fundraising
- Promotion of your workshops
- Opportunity to exhibit your work
- Quarterly newsletter
- Website/Website member's Gallery (includes links to your own site)
- Forum for painters to share, mentor, and increase knowledge
- Promotion of your accomplishments and exhibitions in our newsletter
- Art Gallery of Hamilton Membership discount to WAAH Members.
- Discount at Curry's Art Store
- Six monthly meetings with Speaker at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Six afternoon meetings, 3rd Thurs. of the month - October, November, January, February, March, and April 1:00pm)

**Membership renewal date April 30, 2016.** New fiscal year starts May 1st. Membership extends from May 1/16 to April 30/17.

**The renewal rate for 2016-17 is \$40.00.** See instructions below. Reminder: To enter a show or exhibition: (i) you must be a paid-up member (ii) new members must be paid-up for 30 days prior (iii) send any changes in address or names to address below.

## WAAH Membership Application Form PLEASE PRINT

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$40.00 per year and includes a quarterly newsletter and Member's Gallery on our website. The year starts on May 1st.

Please make cheque payable to **Women's Art Association of Hamilton**, and mail with a stamped self addressed envelope to...

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