

Summer Newsletter



President's Message



Dear Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It's difficult to know what to say during this historical time of Covid-19 and Social Distancing, Physical Distancing, Self-Isolation & Quarantine. I'm still in awe over the, nearly, complete shut down of our collective communities (and economy). The Great Pause, it has certainly been a time to remember. Unable to work or volunteer outside the house, I have been learning to home school my children using the virtual learning tools provided by their teachers and board of education. This extra time at home has also provided the opportunity of creating. Painting with the kids by day and painting in solitude by night.

Below is one of the paintings I have finished since March 13, 2020. In this piece, a mystical Unicorn gazes from behind the mesmerizing Rolling Stones in concert. Both legends in their own right, it's as if the Unicorn is projecting her magical energy but appears unnoticed by the figures in the picture. Creating this surreal piece provided me with a positive escape from the current world affairs.

We have several exhibitions planned for 2020. Carnegie Gallery, Juried show at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, and online exhibitions. Thank you to **Margaret Lindsay Holton, Ljuba Simovic** and **Frances O'Flynn**, for kicking off our first fluid online exhibition, "Social Distancing". This is a continuous exhibition, exhibiting artworks on social media. Artworks are still being accepted, please see page 3 for more details.

For 2021, plans are in the works for exhibits at the Cotton Factory, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts and our Annual Juried show at the AGH. Hopefully this extra time at home will allow you to create, try something new, and further develop something you love. Please see the exhibition article on page 3 for more details.

Recently the Art Gallery of Hamilton, shared the news of the passing of **Dr. Patrick Shaw Cable**. While Patrick lived in Hamilton he maintained a good relationship with the WAAH, from being a guest speaker at our AGM, organizing exhibitions with Marjolaine Richardson and jurying our Annual Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Patrick left Hamilton in 2011, but we were able to reconnect briefly last year, when Patrick was one of the jurors for our 125th WAAH Anniversary year Exhibit (123rd Juried Exhibition), Celebrations. Dr. Patrick Shaw Cable juried online from Virginia! *Continued/2*



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What our Members have been doing during "Physical Distancing".

Frances O'Flynn : *I walk my neighbourhood daily, keeping my six feet of personal space around me.*

I had noticed this sidewalk artist's wonderful work in a previous walk - big happy flowers with the message "Have a Great Day"! The photo attached was a follow up two days later.



This budding artist made a difference to my outlook; he or she made me happy when I wasn't, and I hope others will enjoy it as well.

Stay well and positive - There's joy everywhere we just have to be open to it!

Agnes Bellegris: *Because school has been on pause, I am painting our basement with my son. The area is finished but the colours are so dark and dreary and we really wanted to feel less closed in when we were down there.*

My studio is in the basement and if I'm going to use the space, it needs to be comfortable. So here we are, in social distancing, working together and cooperating. He is 16 so it truly is wonderful that we are working together happily.

As for art, I am currently working on a photograph I've had on my to paint pile for seven years. I wasn't brave enough to tackle it until now. I hope everyone is well and as a relatively new member who has only been virtually involved, I will look forward to meeting members once it is safe to do so.



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President's Message Continued

Patrick will be remembered as a kind sparkling soul and friend, who was a great supporter of the WAAH. Please see below for more details.

Unfortunately our program at the Art Gallery of Hamilton was cancelled for March, April & May. We are still not sure what June will bring but with hope, I wish everyone a fun, active summer. The WAAH program for 2020/21, will be sent out once the Covid-19 situation simmers down and the AGH reopens.

In the meantime please keep safe, keep positive and keep creating!

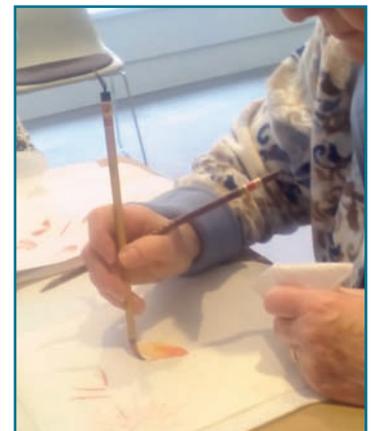
Amanda McKinney-Sparrow, WAAH President & Director

From the Art Gallery of Hamilton: *It is with great sadness that we relay the news of **Dr. Patrick Shaw Cable's** unexpected passing. He was 53. Many will remember Patrick as our incomparable Curator of European Art, and then Chief Curator from 2003 to 2011.*

During his time with us he developed dozens of exhibitions that both educated and delighted audiences. A wizard with colour and words, all of his projects bore his indelible curatorial stamp. But beyond his scholarly intelligence and knowledge we remember his humility, kindnesses, humour, and gentle manner. Patrick left a legacy at the AGH not only through his many exhibitions and publications, but through his deep humanity.

Patrick was most recently Chief Curator at the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke Virginia. A tribute to him can be viewed at <https://www.taubmanmuseum.org/news>.

We extend our deepest condolences to Patrick's family and loved ones; we will miss him dearly. Memorial arrangements are pending.



Chinese Painting Introduction by Karen Logan at the WAAH February Meeting

Members spent a enjoyable afternoon experimenting with the chinese brushes, paper and paint.

CALL FOR ENTRY - WAAH GALLERY & ONLINE EXHIBITIONS 2020-21

CALL TO ARTISTS

I hope everyone has been finding the time to create during these difficult times. I have found respite in even the shortest of sketching sessions, though truth be told, my garden has mostly been keeping me grounded. Plotting around in the flowers and dirt is more a more feasible activity especially with a 3 1/2-year-old in tow!

I just wanted to give everyone a reminder that our **Carnegie Exhibition "Expressions"** has not been cancelled as of yet. The gallery has been following government guidelines and they are hoping to run all their summer exhibitions. In the event of our exhibition being cancelled it will be rescheduled for 2021. If this happens I will be contacting everyone as soon as possible. The deadline for expressions is still June 8.

Our **125th Annual Juried Exhibition** at the Art Gallery of Hamilton entitled, **"Visions 2020"**, is still on schedule for December 5 until March 7, 2021. A deadline has not been decided as of yet but more information will be provided when available.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person one day and viewing your wonderful artistic expressions this may be a terribly negative and uncertain time, but we can still find glimmers of joy and peace.

Be safe. Be healthy. Be creative. *Zorica Silverthorne*

WAAH Online Exhibition, themed: "SOCIAL DISTANCING".

Artworks will be posted on social media, WAAH Facebook Page & Group, and Instagram.

This online exhibit is the first of its kind for WAAH, one artwork will be posted each day or a few in a week depending on quantity of submissions.

We invite members to share the post via their own social media accounts to help reach a wider audience.

Please submit up to 3 works of art. Please note they do not have to be submitted all at once, for this online exhibit only, you have the flexibility to submit one this week and one in a couple weeks, whatever works best with your progress.

Please send your files to me, Amanda waah.amanda@gmail.com and Zorica at waah.exhibitions@gmail.com

See below for the Conditions of Entry. Entries are now being accepted, the deadline for entries is currently undetermined, but for sure we will take entries from **Now until May 31, 2020.**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1 A maximum of 3 works.
- 2 All mediums accepted.
- 3 Works should reflect the theme of SOCIAL DISTANCING
- 4 Images should be no larger than 800px (both length and width)
- 5 With a maximum file size of 1MB.
- 6 Entries should be labeled with last name and title.
- 7 Please include the following information for each piece entered: title, medium, size, price, website or blog if you have it and would like it publicized.
- 8 A short biography and blurb about the piece.
- 9 Please label all Emails: **"SOCIAL DISTANCING" entry**, if entering multiple images in separate emails please label as **"SOCIAL DISTANCING" entry 1, SOCIAL DISTANCING entry 2 etc...**
10. No Entry Fee

Artwork info, brief bio & short blurb about your pieces ALL to be sent in the body of the email. Please do not send documents attached or PDF's. Only artwork images as attachments.

Here are some questions to consider:

- How does social distancing make you feel? As an individual or as collective humans working together?
- What kinds of images come to mind when you think about your experience of social distancing?
- Do you or do you know someone who is/was infected with Covid-19?
- Is your work affected by social distancing?
- Did you have to cancel major plans because of Covid-19
- How are the people around you coping with the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing?

If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amanda McKinney-Sparrow

Membership Fee Renewal 2020 - 2021

April 30th marks the end of our fiscal year – **and time to renew your Membership.**

PLEASE NOTE: March 12, 2020 the membership voted in the new bylaws that restructured our Membership levels and increased the annual fee.

Regular/\$50 or Enhanced/\$60 (includes Website Gallery with link to your website)

We have also prepared a new interactive **Membership Form** and ask that everyone please fill in this form and forward it to us either by email or mail, when you renew for the 2020/21 year.

This interactive form can be found on the WAAH website at <https://waah.ca/resources/documents/2020%20membership%20form.pdf>.

You can now pay your **Membership Fees** online with your credit card through PayPal or by e-transfer. Although we will still accept cheques and cash, they are not a preferred option right now.

We hope that you will continue your WAAH membership, during this challenging time – we all need to stay strong and support each other so we can get through this. If you have any concerns or questions about your Membership Fees feel free to contact me at treasurer@waah.ca

**WAAH office is closed, at the Cotton Factory, until this crisis is over.
Send mail to 5 Knots Landing Court, Stoney Creek L8E 4H2.**

TWO WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP & FILL OUT FORM

- 1) Go to waah.ca and download the Interactive Membership Form onto your desktop. Open in Acrobat and fill in the interactive fields, save the file with your name as the file name. Email to treasurer@waah.ca Pay online with PayPal or e-transfer, or mail cheque.
- 2) Go to waah.ca download and complete the Membership Form by hand and mail. Pay online using PayPal or e-transfer or mail cheque with form.

ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW 2020 @ THE RBG



Each year at the end of February the Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens hosts an orchid show where the members get to show off their plants – and artists can show off their work.

As a member of the organization I used to exhibit my work but for the last four years I have been coordinating the art exhibition for the group. Each year I have reached out to members of several art organizations and encouraged members to submit work and each year more and more have stepped up. The 2020 Exhibition was our best yet with over 50 entries in several categories. The only stipulation is the subject matter must include orchids!

Unfortunately all my reports are in my studio so I can't remember specifics but we did have great representation from WAAH, The Botanical Artists of Canada, the Southern Ontario Science and Nature Illustrators, The Burlington Fine Arts Guild and Central Ontario Art Association among other terrific artists.

The entry is free to exhibit your work for the 2 day show and the OSRBG gives ribbons and awards to the best in each section. I would encourage everyone to think about taking time now – while we are all locked in our homes – to paint away and create pieces for the next exhibition. If you don't own an orchid you could paint you can always check out the internet for images to work with. There are several websites that provide reference photos for artists. Next year promises to be the best show ever.

Information and entry forms can be found on the Orchid Society website under the annual show – http://osrbg.ca/wp/?page_id=847.

I hope to see your work next year. Karen Logan



COTTON FACTORY ZENTANGEL



Pictured left, are the WAAH directors presenting the final artwork as gift to the owners of the Cotton Factory.

L - R Zorica Silverthorne, Amanda McKinney Sparrow, Rob Zeidler, Laura Zeidler, Helena Laidlaw-Allan, Karen Logan

Below: poster before it was cut up & coloured



On January 18, the Women's Art Association of Hamilton, began a collaborative artwork to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Cotton Factory.

The collaborative piece is currently on view at the Cotton Factory 3rd floor.

It was a joint project by Helena Laidlaw-Allan and Karen Logan. The poster was a black line drawing by Helena. It was digitally printed and cut up in squares. During the Cotton Factory Open House in January, visitors were asked to colour in a piece to contribute to the work. When squares are all coloured in, they were mounted and expertly framed by Karen. *The results are magical!*



Exciting New Exhibit in Toronto, on until August 2020.

Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit
vangoghexhibit.ca

Walk through Van Gogh paintings in a virtual experience in a spacious 5 story building. 75sq ft. per person.

*Be inside the iconic Vincent's art works, as you walk around this unique experience.
Cost approx \$30 - 40.*

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 \$25. Purchases can be made at WAAH events or via a member of the executive. For inquiries please contact Karen Logan at wah_treasurer@cogeco.ca.



DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WRITING & APPLYING FOR GRANTS?

Are you are interested in volunteering to assist WAAH with writing Grant Applications? For more information please contact

Karen Logan, kalogan@cogeco.ca

A day in the life of Ljuba Simovic during “Physical Distancing”

First of all I did the collage of pictures for my Spanish group in Florida, so I hope you enjoy the photos from one of my days in isolation.

I am totally hooked on the Korean and Chinese soap operas on Netflix. Try watching "Put your head on my Shoulder" and then check suggested similar ones.

For reading I recommend "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows. It is fun to read although the whole book is written in letters form.

As you can see from the collage of photos I am "copying" the wood grain on a piece of plywood and doing it with the number of colours, just for fun.

I put gesso on plywood first and then acrylics. Most of the lines were done with the acrylic markers.

Website instruction recommendations for art learning resources - find Andrew Tischler's videos on the Internet, New Zealand artist. He is amazing.

Cheer up everyone, this will pass, just stay safe and keep painting.



Funnies: Mark Twain was a famous American writer. James Whistler was a famous American painter.

Twain liked Whistler's work very much. One day Twain was looking at Whistler's wonderful paintings. He put out his hand to touch one of them. Whistler got very angry. "Don't touch it," Whistler cried, "The paint isn't dry yet." "I know," Twain said. "But it's quite all right. These aren't my best gloves"

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WAAH Membership Fees & Benefits 2020-21

Regular Membership \$50.00

- Socials and special events, and scholarship fundraising
- Promotion of your workshops
- Opportunity to exhibit your work
- Quarterly newsletter
- 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 Workshop or Speaker at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Six afternoon meetings, 3rd Thurs. of the month October, November, January, February, March, and April 1:00pm)

Enhanced Membership \$60.00 also included On-line Gallery (includes up to 6 images and info)

Fiscal year May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021.

To Join or Renew your Membership go to website waa.ca or questions call 905 664 2837.

Reminder: To enter a show or exhibition: you must be a paid up in full member, returning member, or new member for 30 days to be allowed to exhibit in our show. Send any changes in address or names to address below. We do not pro-rate dues.

Please to go to waa.ca for information on Joining or Renewing your WAAH Membership.