



NEWSLETTER

Blackstone Valley Art Association

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YOU'RE EXPECTED

Our next meeting takes place Monday, November 19 at the Hopedale Community House in Hopedale. We start promptly at 7 p.m. and with the special appeal of our guest demonstrator, a second consecutive full house is expected.

FISCAL FOOTNOTE

Members are reminded that dues for the 1984-85 year are payable now and will be accepted up to January 1, 1985. You must be current and in good standing on that date if your work is to be accepted for the Spring exhibition in April. Since we cannot function efficiently with an empty treasure chest, the membership is asked for its prompt attention to this matter. Dues can be paid at the next meeting to Priscilla McConnell of Linwood, our treasurer, or they can be paid by check and mailed to her at [REDACTED] No deadbeats, please.

ANOTHER BELLRINGER

For the November 19 meeting, the BVAA is pleased to announce the appearance of Mr. Howard John Besnia, who will draw us into the world of cartooning and, perhaps, do caricatures of you and others in our audience. Over the years, Mr. Besnia has put together an impressive resume in the arts: longtime teacher and academic; work in many private and public collections; plenty of awards; more than 40 one-man shows; group shows in the National Gallery of Art and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington; award-winning book publisher; a studio in Cape Neddick, Me.; and election in 1980 as president of the York Art Association, among many other equally impressive statistics. His visit to the BVAA promises to be entertaining, informative and just plain fun. As such, it could be the "sleeper" program of our year.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

In an attempt to temporarily, at least, ground the rumors, BVAA officers are pleased to report that there are no current plans to shift home base for the Association in the near future. Meetings for the balance of this year will be held only at the Community House in Hopedale. It is true, nevertheless, that elements of the membership have expressed interest in such a shift. Officers invite your input in the form of ideas and opinions on this subject. Let us hear from you. And, as you have probably suspected, there will be no Jury Show this year, chiefly the result of an unusual sequence of circumstances. We extend our thanks to those members who indicated a willingness to assist in a Jury Show. We'll take a rain check on that one, though, and hope when April rolls around, your generosity in time and work continues at a high level.

OUR GRATITUDE TO

Sandra King of North Smithfield, R.I. for accepting the appointment as BVAA publicity chairman, a job the importance of which cannot be overstated. To those with ideas for her, or those who might like to assist, please contact Sandra at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Or telephone her at [REDACTED] She has our best wishes, of course, for a successful campaign of promotion on behalf of the Association.

AREN'T WE BUSY

Lots going on with the BVAA membership this Fall, including the exhibit by Inez Gornall of Uxbridge at the Milford Savings Bank in Milford. She held forth there for the month of September and was recently followed by Jennie Swierz, also of Uxbridge. Her show of watercolors will be at the bank - - which is located in the Papelian Shopping Center on Route 140 in Milford - - through November. This monthly program of exhibits has traditionally been an attractive offering for visitors and Jennie's contribution can only serve to give it added luster. Raymond Andreotti is in a one-man show at the Premier Image Gallery of Ashland, where a handsome exhibit of his watercolors can still be seen. This will be followed by a new group show of important regional painters at the gallery, which will include work by Jaime Alfonso of Hopkinton, Robert Wood of Bellingham and, again, Raymond Andreotti. Norma Riegle of Hopedale reports that her representation in the Atlantis Gallery of Worcester is paying dividends; three paintings sold in one day last week! Our heartiest congratulations go to her.

THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

BVAA members are cordially invited to visit the Fifth Annual Christmas Gallery of Arts and Crafts, hosted by the Milford Artists' Guild. It will take place on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located on Pearl Street in Milford (just across from the town hall). This has gradually become one of the area's premier such events, one well attended and one well stocked with the highest quality in arts and crafts. Lots of holiday shopping ideas, as well.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

One good turn, they say, deserves another. And our first one turned out to be the September meeting, complete with its outstanding attendance, warmth and camaraderie, and excellent watercolor demonstration. We must not lose momentum. Let's do it all over again for the November meeting, bearing in mind that our annual program leads naturally to the calendar's high spot: mounting the best Spring show ever in BVAA history. That's a lofty goal for us all, but one that can demonstrate a rejuvenation of the BVAA spirit.