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April 2014 Newsletter

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TAG UPDATES

Fundraisers

Our 2014 fund raiser will be tote bags. If you would like some help with creating them, please contact Mia Smith at 989 738-5395 or froggiesmith@gmail.com. She has generously offered to make the base for you to decorate. Thanks, Mia! We'd love to have some to display at our Spring Exhibit.

Spring Members

Exhibit

Don't forget - our first event is May 24 and 25. If you can't be here but would like to display some pieces, please contact one of the board members or bring them to the May meeting. We'll ensure items are picked up and displayed. Even if you can only provide a few pieces, we'd like to showcase the wide variety of our artists.

Grant Application

Update

We received word from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs that we have been awarded \$2625 in grant money. While we were hoping for the full \$4,000, we are thankful for what we received. Please mention your thanks to your representatives in Lansing, if you get the chance.

Dues are Due!

Our annual dues are to be paid by June 1. I've included a copy of the membership form with the newsletter. Please remember to pay, as it helps us plan for our events. Forms will be also available at our April and May meetings.

Web Site Revamp

We are working with a local Web developer to redo our Web site. The url will change to www.thumbartsguild.org. We will need your information if you would

like to be featured on the site. Please send me an email with your brief bio, contact information and link to your Web site. We'll work to get them included. Thanks to Charlotte Thuemmel for taking the lead on this! We'll keep everyone posted when it is complete.

Artist Parking at Art in

The Park

We'd like your thoughts on parking at Art in the Park. As a vendor, would you be willing to park at a separate place in town and take a bus to the park? You'll be able to unload in the morning, of course, and then drive to the designated parking area to take a shuttle bus back. There was a discussion on this at the November meeting and I would appreciate your thoughts. This will help us plan our budget for the event.

2014 EVENTS

- > **Spring Members Exhibit**
May 24 & 25
Port Austin
Gym

- > **Silent Auction**
August 29
Welcome Center
Port Austin

- > **Art in the Park**
August 30 & 31
Gallup Park
Port Austin

- > **Silver Bells Sale**
December 6
Welcome Center
Port Austin

2014 MEETING DATES:

April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

7:00 pm at the
Welcome Center
in Port Austin.

TAG UPDATES CONTINUED

Connections Has Closed

Freda Hentschl has moved to Lake Orion and closed her shop in Harbor Beach. We will miss her but wish her the best of luck!

Silver Bells Sale

Members who attended the Silver Bells Sale reported that the layout in the Welcome Center was good but that traffic in town was lighter than last year. Thanks to those artists who participated!

Scholarship Report

The group will discuss our scholarship for this year at the April meeting tomorrow. We will decide whether to give scholarships to art students or participate again with prize money for the Huron Area Writers Group event.

Meeting Programs for 2014

We are looking for members to present their art or a topic of interest at the meetings next year. If you are interested in doing this, we would love to have you! Please contact Sandy Kinney to schedule your month.

Display Opportunity

The Port Austin Township Library is looking to display art that will sit on top of bookshelves or in a display case. Please take your things there if you are interested.

Hospitality

If you'd like to sign up to bring food for a meeting, please contact a board member with your month or sign up at the meetings. While food is not required, it

does add to the meeting. ☺

Facebook Page

Lynne Wiencek is always looking for new photos for our Facebook page. If you have some from an event or of your work, please get them to her (lwien@attglobal.net). Have you liked us yet?!

Application

I've included an application for Art in the Park with the newsletter. It is due by July 1 and there will be no late applications accepted this year. If you have someone you'd like me to send it to, please contact me. Once the Web site is up, a copy will be posted there. They will also be available at our meetings.

Happy Spring, everyone!

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