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April 2015 Newsletter

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TAG UPDATES

Silver Bells Sale

Our last event of the year was our Silver Bells Sale. Visitor attendance was down and it was decided at the December meeting to not participate in 2015.

December Meeting

We held our December meeting at Joe's Pizzeria in Port Austin and had 13 attend. We held a short meeting and enjoyed the evening together. Plans are to do this again this year.

New Member Campaign

Postcards have been mailed to past members, asking them to return. If you know of someone who might like to join, please direct them to our Web site or invite them to our April meeting - Tuesday, April 14, at 7 pm at the Port Austin Welcome Center. We welcome Eileen McMahon and Branor & Jeanette Rousseaux to our group!

Fundraiser

It was decided to make our 2015 fundraiser anything to do with lighthouses. You can use the medium of your choice! We hope to have some items for display at our Spring Members Exhibit on Memorial Day Weekend, so please keep that in mind.

Spring Members Exhibit

If you are wanting to display your artwork, please let Patty or Margo know. The sign up sheet will be at the April and May meetings as well. We'll also need people to work during the event. We hope to have a wide variety of artists represented.

Grant Application Results

The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs awarded us \$3000 for our grant application! We are thankful and please let your Congressman know to keep arts fund-

ing in the state budget. Most of this will go towards our expenses for Art in the Park.

Donation Received

We received a \$1,000 donation from the Fieldman Sims Foundation. Mark Sims is working on the Bird Creek Farms project on M-25. If you see him around Port Austin, please thank him.

HMC Fundraiser

The Huron Medical Center Foundation is holding their Live/Silent Auction Fundraiser on Friday, April 17, at 6:30 pm at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. If you'd like to donate a piece of artwork, please call Terry Atwell at 989 269-1507.

Dues Coupon Included

The current year's dues are to be paid by June 30. Please use the coupon and envelope provided, as we rely on our members to help fund our projects. Thanks!

**2015
EVENTS**

- > **Spring Mem-
bers Exhibit
May 23 & 24
Port Austin
Gym**
- > **Silent
Auction
September 4
Welcome Cen-
ter
Port Austin**
- > **Art in the
Park
September 5 &
6
Gallup Park
Port Austin**

**2015 MEETING
DATES :**

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

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

TAG UPDATES CONTINUED

Web Site Revamp

The TAG website has been updated. If you'd like to add your contact information or link, please send it to Charlotte Thuemmel at daveandchar@echoicemi.com. Our membership form and Art in the Park application are both available there.

Meeting Programs

We are looking for members to present their art or a topic of interest at the meetings. If you are interested in doing this, we would love to have you! Please contact Bill Diller to schedule your month. If you know of someone who would be interesting to hear, please send the person to Bill as well.

Display Opportunities

Caseville may be hosting a new juried art

show the weekend after the Fourth of July. We have not heard any more on this.

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?!

Easels for Sale

Many moons ago, a member named Jim Olson, created wooden easels to display our artwork around Port Austin. We have these stored in Dave Thuemmel's barn. If you would like to make a donation for one, please contact Dave or Patty.

Scholarship

A group met during the winter and have sent our scholarship application to local area high school art teachers. We'll have an update at the April meeting.

We hope to see you at the meeting on **April 14th.**

Happy Spring, everyone!

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