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**November 2014 Newsletter**

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**TAG UPDATES**

**Silver Bells Sale**

Our last event of the year will be our Silver Bells Sale on Saturday, December 6. It runs from 10 am until 4 pm at the Welcome Center in Port Austin. There is also a cookie walk at the Port Austin Township Library and a sale at the United Protestant Church. Come and make a day of it in Port Austin and get some unique Christmas gifts!

**December Meeting**

We are going to hold our December meeting on the 9th at Joe's Pizzeria in Port Austin. TAG will pay for the pizzas, but if you'd like to order from the menu, you are on your own. We are hoping to get more people to attend, as last year only 4 people came. We'll have a brief update and then enjoy the evening together. The time is still 7 pm. We hope to see you there!

**Fundraisers**

Our 2014 tote bags raised a total of \$500 at Art in the Park this year! Thanks to Mia Smith for the great idea and all the artists who contributed a bag. For 2015, we are doing a theme of lighthouses. Any medium can be used, but it should be related to lighthouses. Please work on things over the winter— we'd love to have artwork and bid sheets at the Spring Show on Memorial Day weekend.

**New Board Members**

As you can tell from the listing on the left, we've had a change of leadership. Sandy Kinney was voted in as President and Bill Diller as Vice-President. We thank Dave Thuemmel for his service as past president! Thanks also to Sandy and Bill for agreeing to serve!

**Art in the Park Update**

We had 47 artists par-

ticipate this year and our total gross amount raised was \$42,818! This included \$1900 raised by the North Huron National Honor Society, our \$835 raised from the Silent Auction on Friday night and the \$500 from the tote bags. We thank everyone for their participation and help! Please share the Web site link so we can grow next year.

We did have a shuttle bus this year, but it was not well advertised. We only had 31 riders. It will continue next year with more signage and increased advertising.

**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@echoe mi.com. Check back soon for the updated 2015 Art in the Park application.

## 2015 EVENTS

- > **Spring Members Exhibit**  
May 23 & 24  
Port Austin Gym
- > **Silent Auction**  
September 4  
Welcome Center  
Port Austin
- > **Art in the Park**  
September 5 & 6  
Gallup Park  
Port Austin
- > **Silver Bells Sale**  
December 5  
Welcome Center  
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

### Grant Application

We have completed the final report for our Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs 2014 grant award. We have also applied for a \$4000 grant for 2015. We should hear back in the spring.

### Scholarship Report

We will be contacting the local art teachers via phone to tell them about our scholarship program. We hope that by doing it early, we will have more applicants.

We will also support the Huron Area Writers Group's annual writing contest.

### Meeting Programs for

#### 2015

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 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. This is still in the planning stages, but we'll keep you updated as we hear more.

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?!

### Thank You!

- to Dave Thuemmel for making new A-frame signs and Charlotte for helping with the new Web site

- to Laurie Conger and her son for their years of helping with the original Web site

**TAG wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season & a fantastic 2015!**

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