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August 2015 Newsletter

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TAG UPDATES

HAWG Writing Contest

The award ceremony was May 16 at the Pigeon District Library for the Huron Area Writer's Group middle and high school writing contest. Many TAG members helped to read the submissions and we contributed \$500 towards the prize money. Many local businesses donated as well. Great job, HAWG!

Spring Members Exhibit

We had nine TAG artists and student artwork on display. Traffic was busy on Saturday but we had to close at 1:30 pm due to no staff. It was decided to make the exhibit Saturday only from 9 am until 4 pm.

Scholarship Winners

At our July meeting, we awarded \$250 checks and certificates to Galen Miller from Lakers and Kristen Smith from Bad Axe as the scholarship winners. Kristen is an artist and Galen is a musician.

Thanks to the scholarship committee: Claire Logan, Bill Diller and Sandy Kinney.

Fundraiser

More lighthouses are needed! We currently have five wonderful creations on display at the Port Austin Township Library. They were taken to the Pigeon Art Show as well. Please think about creating something, as this is one of our largest fundraisers. Thanks to those who have donated their artwork: Judy Marion, Dave Thuemmel, Deb Maxwell, Eileen McMahon and Bill Diller.

Art in the Park

Labor Day is fast approaching and plans are under way for our largest event of the year. We will have 36 booths and we are placing the Entertainment tent towards the parking lot. We need help with:
Create Bus Stop signs
Put out the A-frame

signs on August 28 in Port Austin and take them down after Art in the Park

Coordinate food for the Silent Auction Friday night plus two people to take money

Staff the TAG booth at the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings before Labor Day

Take a shift at the Kids Tent during Art in the Park

Participate in a radio interview on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 10 am on WLEW. You can do this via phone.

Distribute flyers

Switch out signs Friday night on the A-frames

Put out the Shuttle Bus Signs on Friday and take down on Sunday

We'll be assigning these and other tasks at our meeting on Tuesday night. If you'd like to sign up before then, please let Patty Finan know.

2015 EVENTS

> **Silent Auction**
September 4
6:30 – 8:00pm
Welcome Center
Port Austin

Tell your friends!

> **Art in the Park**
September 5 & 6
Gallup Park
Port Austin
10 am to 5 pm

Saturday Music:
11 am – Bill Denbrock Big Band
2 pm – George Schwedler Trio

Sunday Music:
11 am – Dee Dee Tibbits
2 pm – Spring Street Boys

Show Awards at 3 pm Saturday

Lighthouse Artwork Bids awarded at 3 pm Sunday

Food provided by North Huron's Class of 2019

REMAINING 2015 MEETING DATES:

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

Want to promote your artwork on our web site www.thumbartsguild.org

Please send your information to Charlotte Thuemmel at daveandchar@echochoice.mi.com.

Meeting Programs

We are looking for members to present their art or a topic of interest at the meetings. If you would like to do this or know someone who would, we would love to have you! Please contact Dave Thuemmel to schedule your month.

Our upcoming programs include:

August - Brandt Rousseaux about the Bird Creek Farm and area projects

September - author Dave Vizard

October - artist and author Duane Wurst

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. 😊 August, October and November are open!

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 (Iwien@attglobal.net). Have you liked us yet?!

New Board Members

At the June elections, new board members

were installed.

Bill Diller - president

Dave Thuemmel - vice president

Sandy Kinney - treasurer

Patty Finan - secretary

Milly Kuszynski - historian.

Milly would like to resign, so if you are interested, please contact a board member.

New Member Campaign

Some old members have rejoined and new members have signed on as well. Welcome to Julia Cucuro, Rich Fidler, Port Austin Kayak, Phillip Walker, Gayle Wooster, Rick Sattler, Arlene Heins and Ken Kueffner!

Have you paid your dues yet?

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