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**April 2016 Newsletter**

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**TAG UPDATES**

**Financial Update**

We applied for the second round of the MCACA funding and all the money was distributed in the first round, per the recommendation by the state. We are asking that you pay your dues early, if possible. If you'd like to add some extra as a donation, we would love that as well.

Bill Diller has received word of a \$1000 donation from the Helping Hands Thrift Shop in Caseville. Dave Thuemmel has also received confirmation from the Lions Club of a \$500 donation! If you have any groups that could be approached, please let a board member know so we don't have two people contacting them.

We are to bring our money making ideas to the May meeting for discussion. Items mentioned so far are a 50/50 raffle at the Farmers Market and a Yard Sale with all

proceeds going to TAG.

Working with Jenny Turner for a painting party and also Julie Purdy for a microfiber party, where we would get a portion of the proceeds, are other options. Put on your thinking caps and come to the May meeting!

We have rescinded our \$500 donation to HAWG as reported in our last newsletter.

**Dues Coupon Included**

Dues are expected to be paid by the end of May.

**Annual Fundraiser Item**

Dave Thuemmel will be making wooden boxes for us to decorate as our fund raiser. He will have some available at the May meeting. Start planning now for your box!

**Memorial Day Show**

We are having our Spring Members Exhibit on Saturday, May 28, from 9 am to 4 pm. This event will be held in the

Port Austin Gym. You are welcome to bring items for sale or for exhibit. We will have sign up sheets at the May meeting, but if you can't make it and want to display your artwork, please let a board member know. We'll coordinate with you to get your artwork to the show. Set up is Friday afternoon. We would like to have a wide variety of artwork to display. If you can work the event or would like to donate snacks, please let Patty know.

**Call for Artists Postcards**

Laurie Conger has created 'Call for Artists' postcards for Art in the Park. If you are traveling to art shows, be sure to get some cards to promote Art in the Park. Contact Laurie at laurie@laurieconger.com

**Our next meeting is May 10 at 7 pm at the Welcome Center in Port Austin - mark your calendar!**

## 2016 EVENTS

> **Spring Members Exhibit** on May 28 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Port Austin Gym

> **Silent Auction**  
September 2  
6:30 - 8:00pm  
Welcome Center  
Port Austin

> **Art in the Park**  
September 3 & 4  
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

## 2016 MEETING DATES:

May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 16

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

## TAG UPDATES CONTINUED

### Scholarship Applications

We have received two applications for our scholarship and they will be judged by Sandy Kinney and Clair Logan. More news on the winner to come!

### Lady's Slipper Festival

Bill Diller has asked for artists to participate in the Lady's Slipper Festival to be held at the Huron County Nature Center on Memorial Day weekend. Hours are 10 to 5 on Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday. They ask for a donation of 10% of your sales as your entry fee. Please call Bill Diller if you are interested at 989 856-4864.

### Art in the Park

I've included the application for Art in the Park. The due date is June 1 this year. If you

have questions, please contact Deb Maxwell at [contact@redmuddstudio.com](mailto:contact@redmuddstudio.com).

Please save your scraps for the paper bag hats at the kids' tent. They were a big hit and we'll be creating them again this year. Strings, ribbons - anything that can be attached to a bag - are perfect. Please let me know if you have some decorations and I'll be happy to pick them up. You can also bring it to any meeting before Art in the Park.

**Thanks** to everyone who voted for TAG at the Independent Bank's art grant award. While we didn't win, it was gratifying to see so much support for our group. Special thanks to Eileen McMahon for giving us the opportunity to participate.

### Web Site Revamp

Want to promote your artwork on our Web site? Please send your information to Charlotte Thuemmel at [daveandchar@echoicemi.com](mailto:daveandchar@echoicemi.com).

### Meeting Stuff

We are looking for members to present a **program** or make recommendations for our meetings. If you have someone in mind, contact Bill Diller.

If you feel like providing **hospitality** at a meeting, please let a board person know and we'll add it to the schedule.

We are in need of a chairperson for both the **Hospitality** and **Membership** committees. If interested, please let a board member know. We'll be happy to help you get up to speed!

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