

St. Catharines Art Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2024-2025

June 25, 2024

The date for our SCAA Annual General Meeting is:

Tuesday June 25, 2024 - at 7 p.m. (doors open 6:30)

at: Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines

With our history of 70+ years of contributing to the local art communities, the SCAA has been a forum for the exchange of ideas and techniques and has helped both artists, emerging artists and those who are just art lovers, grow in this important pastime and passion.

The 2023-2024 SCAA year was declared as a year of revitalization for the organization and it has been a remarkable year with:

* membership in June 2023 was about 25 members growing to 52 members by December 2023.

* a full program of meetings and seminars for the 2023-2024 SCAA year was unveiled at last year's AGM (giving members a road map for the year of activities featuring both popular topics and outstanding presenters).

* members cherish their opportunity to participate in Exhibits of their artwork and had that opportunity through 2 major Exhibits at: The Mann Gallery and the Rosberg Gallery in Niagara Falls. 2 additional Exhibits are already booked.

A full roster of members were elected or recruited to make their contribution to SCAA through a revitalized Board of Directors, many thanks to them.

There are still many aspects of our service delivery that need polishing such as a Vice President, our website and social media connections. We can refine our work more broadly if members can volunteer a small portion of their time to various activities and functions such as: Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Web support and Database Support, Exhibition Chair, There are descriptions of these positions and other Executive positions such as President, Vice President, but the range and scope of positions including Board Members, is a reflection of the individuals who choose to participate and contribute, with career and life experiences. We hope some members will join us and we'll be happy to forward the Position Outlines that exist.

Here's the AGM Meeting Agenda:

1. 6:30 p.m. Renewal of Memberships available. See:
<https://stcatharinesart.com/membersonly/membership-information>

2. 6:30 p.m. Sign up and registration form completion for July 11, 2024 SCAA Exhibit at Niagara Falls Art Gallery (with \$25 entry fee).

3. SHOW & TELL

Bring a piece of your work (1 ONLY) to share with other members. We'll add a couple of twists to this occasion, which are completely optional, so you can tailor it however you want. You can show 1 piece of your work old or

new. You can either tell us the background of the piece, or request feedback and suggestions from the attendees. Each piece will be limited to 2 minutes. One thing we are suggesting is that if you used a reference photo, as the basis of your work, bring it along so we can see the progress of your workflow (this is totally optional). (The order of showing will be on a first come basis.)

4. ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Club Officers

We will try to make this portion of the meeting as brief and efficient as possible. Please let me know in advance if you are willing to serve on the Executive, as a Director, or occasional volunteer. Send just your name and phone number to: djlow@mail.com (and what way you're willing to contribute).

5. UNVEILING OF THE 2024-2025 SCAA Program

Including the scheduled meeting and topics for all of the 2024-2025 Club Year ! Plus, 3 major Exhibits for the public display of Members works).

6. CONTINUATION OF SHOW & TELL

ANNUAL PIZZA EVENING:

The June 25th Meeting is also the traditional Annual Pizza evening. We'll find an appropriate time for the unveiling of the Pizza boxes. As always, guests are very welcome, we just ask that everyone please RSVP, so we know how much pizza to order!

My personal commitment, last year, was for 2 years (which corresponds with the SCAA Outline of Executive Responsibilities). My focus has been on membership growth, quality programming and exhibiting opportunities. My last day as President will be June 30, 2025 unless the membership wishes to examine that function at this year's meeting.

We need increased numbers of younger members. One Board action in this regard was to extend a free one year Student membership to those students who receive an SCAA Scholarship.

David Low

President