



October 2009 #2 Newsletter

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Update from Pat Heeter concerning the Annual Artists Meeting held October 1, 2009.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the discussions. I did learn from all of your expertise.

- **GOOD NEWS:** The Artworks Board of Directors has unanimously approved these changes in artist commissions beginning with items sold in October.

75/25% For Artist who volunteer (basically 24 hours in a quarter), accomplish a special task throughout the quarter or who make sizeable donations.

60/40% For Artist who does not participate as listed above.

- Beginning with October pay checks the new quarterly structure is in effect. If you need a copy of that structure, email or call and we will make it available. It was previously stated in the July newsletter.
- Thank you too many artists who did pay the artist membership donation for 2010. I am including the information on our policy for artist who will be away for extended lengths of time. Member Donation needs to be made by January 15, 2010 to keep artwork on exhibit and for sale.
 - Policy and Procedures for Member Artist who are away from the Big Rapids area for extended periods of time
 - Policy: Art work may be left at Artworks with prior arrangements.
 - Procedure: Providing membership dues are paid for the membership years they will be away, works of art will be displayed for sale.
 - Artists making this arrangement may leave 10 pieces of art with the understanding that they will be rotated into the gallery. All would only be on display if artist has requested a bank to bank to Artworks exhibit.
 - Artist must provide covers for items left to protect them from dust and damage.
 - The items will be stored in the Rotational Storage area on the second floor.
- Keep the Halloween week open to bring in new work and help prepare our new space. Our gallery/gift shop area will be ready for us.:-}

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, October 28: Artworks closed for preparations to move and receive new work
- Thursday, October 29: Artworks closed for preparations to move and receive new work
- Friday, October 30; Saturday, October 31; November 1, and November 2 are work days. Sign up at the gallery or call to volunteer to help with packing, painting and moving small items.
- November 1 and 2 we will plan to hang artwork and set up displays. If you are on the gallery design team please plan to be with us. Others are invited to join the team.

Opening:

- We are almost there and the excitement is building.
- Julie Tilmann has arranged the creation of a hanging system—No need to keep punching holes and patching!!! This is awesome, Julie. It is fulfilling one of my goals for our upgrade.
- The carpet is going to be fantastic and the new color scheme is splendid.
- Hosted by the Artworks Board of Directors: Opening and Appreciation Reception for Artists and Volunteers is scheduled for November 7, Hours-10 to 3 Hope you will save some time to enjoy our new space.
- Normal Hours: Tuesday through Friday 10-5:30 and Saturday 10 – 3. Closed: Mondays
- Holiday Hours-- Beginning Sunday, November 22
 - Tuesday through Friday 10 – 5:30; Saturday 10 -3; Sunday 12 – 3; Closed: Mondays.
 - Christmas Eve: 10 – 12
 - CLOSED: December 25, 31, January 1 and 2

- The opening exhibit in the new Gene Connelly Gallery area will be our local competing artists' work for ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.
- If you know of a former Artworks Artist please invite them to attend the opening reception. The Gallery Leadership Team is looking forward to seeing you.

Other information

- Periodically charities approach Artworks for donations to their fundraisers. I would like to have a list of artists who would consider donating a piece of their work. I think it is a

good opportunity for our Artists to increase awareness of their work. If you are interested you may leave a message at the gallery for Pat Heeter and it will get to my mail box. ;-}

- We are still collecting the surveys to plan one and two artist shows. If you do not have a survey to fill out just leave a note for Pat Heeter or Julie Tilmann. These shows at the banks have been noticed and well received. Several sales have resulted.
- There is no fee ... Please enter a piece of art work you have created during 2009 for the Festival of the Arts Area Artists Juried Exhibit. You will receive a brochure and entry form soon. All Artworks member artists are eligible to enter 1 to 3 pieces depending on size and space. With great artist participation, we may have to fit our space and limit how many pieces we hang. 2 and 3-D work in various mediums encouraged.
- In our new space, I would like to institute an Artist in Action demo day once a month as an experiment. Let me know if you would enjoy being featured.
- Share your ideas and comment with the leadership team as we work through our re-opening and orientation to the new space. You may leave notes for us at the gallery. Leadership Team: Pat Heeter, Leader; Doris Konrad, Sylvia Palmer, Julie Tilmann, Steve Ross, Cheryl Gould, Marlies Manning, Diane Kennedy, Pat Little.