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September Newsletter

At long last ...here we go!

I will be working with a community service team to be sure everything is moved to safety. There are a few things I discovered. The mosaic wall piece must be carefully padded and covered with plastic. Thanks to Julie Tilmann and Richard Richmond the carpeted displays on the second floor have been plastic wrapped to help keep them clean.

I understand the windows are not being done until late September. We will be placing a big promo display up for the "Dawg" auction which starts September 25 on eBay. I have spoken to Keegan Brown (Steve Jones Construction) and given him the information for the interior contractors in an effort to help with the coordination of the work in and out.

I will be working in the Artworks office at Lake Osceola Bank in the next two weeks as much as I can. So please call my cell: 231-250-1848 if you need to speak with me.

Have a wonderful week. Think lots of positive thoughts about the Artworks project.

We are on the move. Hoorah!

Pat Heeter

*****Special information for Artworks Artists

*****Potters. We need new work brought in as soon as possible. We are getting requests for pottery for use as wedding and shower gifts. If you can help us with some pieces, I would appreciate it.

*****Artists, It would also be great if you would trade the work presently in the gallery for fall subjects.

*****Also please note the FREE BIG POTTERY FEST coming up June 5 and 6, 2010. It has grown out of the one held this past June. Artworks is one of the sponsors and we would especially like our own potters to be involved. Lori O'Neil and Jack Batdorff are organizing the event which is expected to draw folks from across the nation. Name and Site are below.

"Clay, Art and Fire'. Presenting a Live Pottery and Raku Experience".

To see the event, follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=118791618176&mid=cfb2b4G25169e33G214d2e5G42>

(If clicking on the link doesn't work, try copying and pasting it into your browser.)

Artworks will be open the weekend of the fest. Workshops will be held in our pottery studio as well as in the parking lot in front of Big Rapids Furniture. These are hands-on learn from each other experiences. IT IS FREE. Please sign up to indicate your support and desire to participate.

*******Artists Meeting October 1, 2009:**

Pat Heeter will give an update on the construction and a brief background of the process we have gone through to start construction on Monday, August 31, 2009.

Also there will be discussions on artist pay, updates on the gallery submission guidelines for member artists and special exhibits for members and non-members. Guidelines for fine crafts and Artworks purchased items to be sold in the gift shop will also be presented.

This is your opportunity, artists, to offer constructive suggestions for our gallery and gift shop. It is a retail establishment. Together we can make it a destination for shoppers. We need a wide range of prices that reflect prices our customers will pay. We need a wide range of quality items to tempt downtown shoppers as well as visitors to Big Rapids.

*******Survey: Input from Artworks Member Artists –September 2009**

Please print page 3, fill out survey and return to Pat Heeter.

*******Annual Artist Membership Donation for 2010**

Please print page 4 and return to Artworks 106a N. Michigan, Big Rapids, MI 49307

******Note from Doug Fonner regarding our website**

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I changed the online shopping page to an Artworks Artist page and removed all references to purchasing items online. There's a link on the Bulletin Board page to a form for artists to add their name and the media they work in to the list. This is an online form so the artist simply has to click the submit button to send the information.

The form also includes textboxes for the artist to submit their biography, their personal web site that Artworks can link to, and instructions on how to send pictures for their biography page. As explained on the form, the biography, web site link, and pictures are optional. The only thing they have to send to be on the list is their name and media they work in.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the form and Artist Page. Doug

(Keep “popping” Pat (prlittle’s address removed) and Pat (pheeter’s address removed)



Survey: Input from Artworks Member Artists--September 2009

In working on the schedule for 2010, the gallery leadership team realized that our own artists have been participating in exhibits on a very limited basis in the months before our move. This survey is your opportunity to build your exhibits back to filling the "Gene Connelly Gallery Area" when we return to the Artworks building.

1) Suggested themes that you would participate in during 2010: You may review the Exhibit Policies and Procedures at our website or request a written copy.

2) I am interested in a solo show rotating through the banks and Artworks on a set schedule.

Artist: (Please Print) _____

Phone Numbers: _____

3) I am interested in a shared show (2 Artists).

Artist: (Please Print) _____

Phone Numbers: _____

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Phone Numbers: _____

Artist's Responsibilities for these special shows: Bring in art on schedule to Artworks. Assist with hanging and take down on schedule including taking home all pieces unless they are to be offered at the gallery/gift shop for sale. List the items in the inventory book and mark as special show in pencil. This will help us keep all records of your work in one place. It simplifies the change from show/exhibit to inventory for sale.

The exhibits at the banks have been well received. Several items have sold. Artworks and your work have been introduced to a broad audience through this program. Julie Tilmann has organized these community outreach shows. She continues to arrange them and will use your survey response to continue the program. She will contact artists and set a schedule. Chemical Bank exhibits will be suspended during the Festival of Trees (beginning October 31).

Return survey to Pat Heeter 318 S. Michigan, Big Rapids, MI 49307 (pheeter's address removed)

Annual Artist Membership Donation for 2010

All artworks artists are reminded that annual artist membership donations are due by January 15, 2010. You are welcome to make your payment at the annual artists' meeting or by phone or mail. Then you will not need to remember it during the holiday rush. The minimum donation is \$50.00. Please fill in the form and attach your cash, check or credit card information. Thank you to those of you who find this a convenient solution. Artworks will save the expense of sending statements.

Printed Name: _____

Donation amount: \$50.00____; \$50.00 plus additional donation \$_____.

Payment method: Check Number_____ Credit Card: MC_____ VISA_____ Expires;

_____ Number_____

Code or Signature: _____

Please return to Artworks

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