

## NOTES RE FVWS PRESIDENT'S REPORT / David Tickner AGM / 11 October 18

**Welcome** to old and new members, welcome guests...

### ***To repeat what I said in September...***

Lots of good feedback on Spring Show and sugg'ns for next year. Congrats to Tamara and Wendy on your awards. Thanks to everyone who helped with the show... planning, hanging, window display, reception....

Thanks to those of you involved with the FVWS booth at Berry Fest this summer. We'll need to decide whether or not to do this again next year.

*In a few minutes, as required by our Society Bylaws we will have the election of officers for the coming year.*

*After the AGM, we'll have a short meeting to address some details of importance to the group.*

### ***But first, some things your Executive would like you to consider as we move into the coming year...***

Our FVWS Constitution states that the purpose of our Society, briefly, is to

- Support and encourage members
- Advocate and support the arts in our community

At our September meeting, I circulated **3x5 cards** asking for what you'd like to see over the coming year... here are the **results**...

### **Member learning**

Through the work of various Members-at-Large on the Executive, we want to coordinate our monthly in-house demos and workshops as well as host visiting artists for one or two day workshops. These events will be here or at HoFA or at some other community venue. E.g., members with certain skills can do demo's for the rest of us; or, 'tips and tricks' nights—bring your favorite trick or technique and share it with others.

We'll also have regular information sessions on topics such as copyright, mounting watercolours without glass or frame, pricing our art, and so on ... please let your Executive know of topics or suggestions you have for our sessions together.

## **Marketing and Promotion**

To generate interest and support for work

If you want to do more than keep your art under the bed, how can we do more to get it out into the community?

- Regular opportunities to display art in community venues, as well as annual shows

- Use of websites to exhibit art, especially our own website

- Advocating for the arts ... what can we do for the community?

- Sponsorships ... what can the community do for us?

In addition to our Spring Show next year....

**The Reach, Cmty Art Space**, Nov 2019 ... our proposal has been approved, we'll be starting to plan this soon... interested?? We have the Art Space for a month for an exhibit of paintings as well as weekly opportunities to do events (demo's, etc) for ourselves and the public...

There has been some talk about a **new name** for the group. Are we becoming more than a 'watermedia' society? We'll have discussions on this, as necessary, over the next year.

**Social Media** ?? got any kids or grandkids that would like to be a FVWS member?!

Let's think about who we might want to nominate from our group for next year's Arty Awards (2019).

We look forward to your support and to your contribution to our various committees and FVWS work... the work that keeps FVWS going