

45<sup>th</sup> Year Planning Meeting – 9/30/2017 at Moore Art Supplies 2-4pm Open to ALL MEMBERS. Those in attendance: Marilyn Rishkofski MiChelle Moore Carol Stroud Sue Duvall Dema Clark Pepper Adams

The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm ideas for celebrating 45 years for the CLA. There has been much discussion about different events for the year – but with a meeting, it was the hope to get a better definition of what projects, events could be done – and who would be available to help. Before the brainstorming began, the idea of going back to the way things were and exploring the options of an “invite only” type membership was mentioned. Further discussion on this was tabled for a later time, given that Board members would need to be in on that discussion.

MiChelle and Marilyn presented the idea of CLA doing 45 things throughout the year. This would include the 12 monthly meetings, 2 big shows, and a handful of workshops that are things we already do. Given that initial brainstorm, there are about 10-12 “holes” on the list of 45 things.

The discussion opened up and ideas were brought to the table. Some ideas and discussions that were presented were:

Carol Stroud brought up the option of getting involved with doing a Veterans event/art show in Vilonia in the spring.

Painting Parties were mentioned...a paint-along type set up, where an instruction video would be shown and those in attendance could paint along together.

An art sale was mentioned – as a fundraiser of sorts. A “CLA Closet Clean-Out Sale”.

The option to “piggyback” off of Toad Suck Daze (in May) and the Faulkner Co Fair (in Sept).

Marilyn mentioned the idea of doing a New Member Night – a dinner at her place for the new members each quarter.

Doing a “monthly” type competition or challenge for the members. This would be separate from the monthly meetings since the meetings are already cram packed. Ideas were:

January – Dorris Curtis Poem Illustration

February – Polar Bear Paint Out – Freeze painting

March – Squiggles competition

April – April fools painting/opposites

May – piggy back off of Toad Suck somehow

June – Summer, great outdoors.

The only thing that was “officially decided upon” was doing the Dorris Curtis Poem Illustration. Marilyn will work on the details of this and present it as the “kick off” to the new year – with plans to have the finished pieces done and ready to present at the January 10 meeting. Copies of poems will be available and members chose a poem and illustrate it; different people would have different interpretations of the poems. A cash prize would be awarded. Marilyn will make arrangements for the judging. More information will be available to members soon.

The option to have a reception in/around October was discussed. Several ideas were presented – a costume party, a masked party, a “dress as your favorite artist” event, a more casual attire event, or a more dressed up occasion. Nothing was decided on this. Marilyn presented the idea that the reception be an event focused on providing an evening of food, drink, socializing, history, etc, with entertainment/music and such. There are several aspects of planning this – venues, meals, entertainment, etc... so more work on this will be needed. This event would be open to members and a guest.