



ArtBeat

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<http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>



"Ocean Forest" by Laurie Dechert

Message from the President

by Lis Allison

Hmmm, for a change, I don't seem to have too much to say.

Our Christmas Exhibition and Sale seems to be on-track. We have enough artists to put on a great Show, but we still have room for a few more. If you know of an artist who you think would be an asset to our Exhibition, why not tell them about it? We're relaxing the rule about membership, so that might be attractive to some new participants. I'm working on putting together a colour postcard invitation - should have a draft to show you by the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting, I think Karen will be a very entertaining speaker, with much to tell us. I don't know

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September Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 pm,
St. Paul's United Church, Carp

Come in the back door and go downstairs and to the right - *follow the laughter*.

"How to Write to Get Your Art the Attention it Deserves!!"

Develop the "wordsmith" within. Communication is the key to selling your art, and writing to get noticed is not as hard as you might think. Learn how to craft an engaging bio and put together press releases that stand out from the crowd. Local writer and journalist, Karen Secord, will share tips and advise on obtaining free advertising, how to develop a relationship with the media, the pros and cons of hiring a professional writer, and creating an Artist Statement that works. Bring a pen, paper and your sense of humour!

<http://www.karensecordwrites.ca>

Coffee and cookies and lots of 'art talk' will be on the program too.

Hope to see everyone there!

Volunteer Opportunity

The West Carleton Arts Society needs a volunteer willing to invest 2 hours per month on being our secretary.

What are the secretary's duties?

The secretary:

- serves on Executive - this is usually held in the hour before our regular meetings.
- records minutes of Executive and monthly meetings - short notes to remind us about what we decided to do & who is going to do it.
- provides copies of minutes to Executive - a quick email to get agreement on the notes.
- signs minutes - then sends them to the webmaster.
- summarizes minutes for newsletter OR we can just provide a link to the web site.
- manages general correspondence - accepts letters.... Beware of paper cuts! And responds as needed.

But mostly its joining in the fun of helping to make the Society run smoothly. Consider volunteering.

Call for newsletter feature artists.

Each month we would like to feature a different artist as our front cover artist. Please consider sharing an image or two of your artwork.

Minutes for the General Meetings

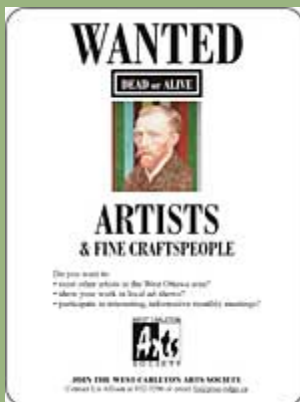
Remember to go to the website, <http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>, to read the minutes of the meetings.

ATTN MEMBERS:

If you have a web site and you wish to have it added to the WCAS web site, submit it to Catherine Gutsche. calico@storm.ca

Grids

Thanks to our sponsors, we now own 10 black grids and are making them available to members for \$1 per day.



Download the poster at: <http://www.westcarletonartsociety.ca/events/images/poster.jpg>

Message from the President... continued

about you, but I find it very hard to write art stuff, especially stuff to promote myself, so any tips I can pick up will be golden. And don't forget that guests are always welcome, too. If you have a friend interested in writing who isn't a visual artist, he or she might like to come along!

Another reminder, we would like to have a 'show-n-tell' at every meeting, so why not bring along some work you would like to show us? It's always interesting to see what everyone is doing, so don't be shy.

Congratulations to Pat Dubreuil and Don deGroot are in order. By the time you read this, their new store in Pakenham should be open. Three Yellow Tulips is having a special opening celebration Friday the 13th, maybe you can still catch it. All the Best, Pat and Don!

Lis

Christmas Show and Sale

The Christmas Show is planned for **Dec. 1, 2 and 3**. We will do the setting-up during the day on the Friday, and have an 'early viewing' from 7 to 9pm that day. Then the Show will be open 10am-4pm on the Saturday and Sunday as we usually do.

A few spaces are still open for friends of the Society. Pass on the show information to your artist friends!

All the details are on the application form. You can get one from the website (<http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>), or call Lis for a copy.

WCAS web site.

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Featured Artist web page:

\$20/year 3 images of your artwork, a Bio/Artist Statement, contact information. Talk to Catherine Gutsche for more details. calico@storm.ca