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Message from the President

As we approach the end of the year I have been reflecting on our progress and accomplishments over the past two years. In the Fall of 2016 the Executive set some very specific goals with revitalizing the Associates in mind.

The first goal was to increase our membership and offer our existing members more opportunities for engagement. Our second goal was to become more relevant to the WAG through increased fundraising and volunteerism. This amazing group has exceeded my expectations in terms of what could be accomplished. We have recruited 43 new members, we have tripled our volunteer hours and we have raised more funds in the past two years than we have for several years! Your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Many WAG staff and WAG Board members have asked me to share their thanks and appreciation for the work you do as Associates!

The momentum will continue next year! Get ready for more involvement and fun as together we support the WAG! It will be a busy year as we look forward to the return of the Home Tour.

Special thanks for the time and talent you give so generously. If you have questions or would like to get involved in any of the upcoming events I would love to hear from you. Email me at escarlett@wag.ca

Esme Scarlett,
President



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In Memoriam

We would like to pay tribute to the following long-service members who have recently passed away.

Jessie Lang, a member since 1980, who was in the Art Study Group until 2012. Honored with a Nellie Award in 2016 for her activism on community & women's issues.

June Anderson, a member since 1990, who was active in the Gallery Shop.

Mona McCawley, a member since 1962, who spent many rewarding years in Art Rentals & Sales, Study Igroup, Board & Advisory Council.

Sylvia Squires, a member since 1981, who was active in Study Group.

You're invited to Une Soirée a Giverny

We are excited to invite all Associates to
Une Soirée a Giverny,
an evening of Impressionist art, music, and food to celebrate the opening of French Moderns: Monet to Matisse and The Impressionists on Paper exhibitions at the WAG.

The event will be held after the Associates' Annual General Meeting, which will take place on June 21st, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the WAG Board Room, with a light snack provided. The evening will begin at 7pm with a 30-minute illustrated lecture by Dr. Stephen Borys, followed by a 30-minute tour of the galleries with Dr. Borys and Chief Curator Andrew Kear.

The evening will conclude with a reception in the Skylight gallery, with food from The FrenchWay Café, a cash bar drink, and performance of Debussy's Images by acclaimed Winnipeg pianist Irmgard Baerg music of the era.

Tickets are \$40, and Associates are welcome to bring guests. To reserve your tickets contact Kathy Kushpel at (204) 786-6641 ext. 286 or volunteerassociates@wag.ca. If you have any questions, please contact Esme Scarlett at escarlett@wag.ca. Please RSVP by June 11, 2018.

The WAG Shop is pleased to offer a 20% discount on all merchandise (with the exception of Art Rental) for this evening.



INDONESIA BALI, BOROBUDUR & BEYOND

The Associates of the Winnipeg Art Gallery Travel Tour Committee is pleased to invite you to join us for an exceptional journey to **Indonesia: Bali, Borobudur and Beyond**. This travel adventure takes place **October 18 to November 4, 2018**.

This captivating journey provides a sampling of Indonesia's rich cultural and scenic diversity. Visit Borobudur, the largest Buddhist monument in the world; watch the sun rise over the spectacular chain of volcanoes, in eastern Java; learn about the remarkable culture of Tana Toraja; spend three nights on Bali in Ubud; embark on an exciting trip to Komodo National Park to witness the fabled Komodo dragons; conclude the trip with a deluxe stay on a gorgeous beach in Bali.

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- Benefit from the guidance of an experienced WAG tour host
- Enjoy a travel itinerary which has been customized to the WAG travel clientele
- Be part of a small group - this trip is limited to 18 participants.

For further information, contact Bill or Sherry Glanville at sbglanville@shaw.ca or 204-885-0091. To reserve your place on this trip, contact Kerry at the Worldwide Quest office at 416-633-5666 or 1-800-387-1483 or email travel@worldwidequest.com.



WAG Study Group News

- Bonnie Taylor

Want to expand your interest in art? Join the Study Group!

The art history study group is provided to members of the Associates. It meets about 14 times during the year, and the program is self-directed by its members.

The program consists of six live presentations to the group by members And six DVD presentations. The format is a facilitated discussion of one in-depth topic per meeting. Members meet in the WAG lecture hall on scheduled Tuesdays from September to April.

The program topics for 2018-2019 will be announced in September. If you are interested in the study group, please contact Bonnie Taylor at 204-960-3045 or whitecats@me.com

IAC Gains Momentum

- Linda Drosdowech

It is so exciting to feel momentum building for the opening of the Inuit Art Center. 2020 is right around the corner!

The IAC Community Campaign has been busy setting up a Speakers Bureau to promote awareness and generate funds for the IAC. We are pleased to have the Speakers Bureau Committee lead by 3 new Associates - Chair, Linda Drosdowech, Edie Wilde and Darlene Hildebrand. Public speaking training for enthusiastic volunteers will begin at the end of April to prepare any of you who may be interested in joining this valuable initiative. Possible future training opportunities will be made available to the Associates as they arise.

We are grateful for the group of dynamic volunteers who spent a creative evening under the guidance of Pam Simmons to brainstorm over 100 ideas for events to promote the IAC. Lila and Pam, Co-Chairs of the Community Campaign, will keep you informed about exciting volunteer opportunities for the planning and support of these events.

We are thankful in advance for the help that is sure to come our way.

Associates Outreach

- Barbara Holliday

Between the fall of 2017 and January of this year, member Barbara Holliday undertook the task of researching and contacting organizations in Winnipeg that would be willing to accept articles for their newsletters about the Associates, to increase membership and raise awareness of our many activities. This project came about after President Esme Scarlett's article about The Associates was published in the Summer 2017 newsletter for the Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba (RTAM).

Barbara approached numerous organizations, including Welcome Wagon, Volunteer Manitoba, Manitoba Association for Art Education, University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg alumni associations, and the U of M School of Art.

As a result, two articles were published, one on the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Arts website on December 18 featuring alumni Esme Scarlett and Estelle Sures: [Arts Alumni Support the WAG](#) and the second on January 17 on the Manitoba School Art website featuring alumna Mercedes Maduka: [SOA Grad Supports the WAG](#).

The articles and their accompanying photos are still up on the websites - so take a few minutes and have a look!



Southern Africa: A Grand Adventure

- Renate and Bill Schulz

This was our third trip with WAG Travel Tours, and what a fabulous trip it was! We started in South Africa, renowned for its spectacular scenery and incredible wildlife. We stayed in picture perfect accommodations, and had the most vivacious, entertaining and informative guide. We toured the impressive new Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, took a cable car to the top of Table Mountain, went down to the Cape of Good Hope, lunched at small boutique art hotels, and sipped wine in sunny vineyards.

On Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years, we learned so much about the long term effects of apartheid. That was a very moving experience. In Zimbabwe we stood at the edge of the magnificent Victoria Falls, considered one of the natural wonders of the world. Then on to Botswana, where we marveled at the elephant herds in Chobe National Park, and paddled through the Okavanga Delta, which is known for its many birds.

Our stays at three different safari lodges were particularly memorable. We went on early morning and late afternoon game drives each day and were thrilled to see so much wildlife at close range, including the big five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino. Each perfect day was then capped off in the evening by a beautiful, candle and lantern lit dinner outside, under the stars.

Travel is about enjoyment, learning, and making memories. We checked off all three on this grand Southern Africa tour.

Impressionist Paint Party

- Andrea Cibinel

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
7:00 - 9:30pm
Fionn MacCool's (1180 Grant Avenue)
\$45 online tickets available at
winnipegartandwine.com

The Associates present a special fun and friend raiser to celebrate the much anticipated impressionist exhibit coming to the WAG later this June! Please join us for a lighthearted yet educational paint party at Fionn MacCool's, a restaurant in front of Grant Park Plaza.

Canvases, paints, brushes, as well as instruction will be provided. We will be interpreting a Manitoba prairie landscape while giving ourselves licence for artistic freedom of expression as our individual talents will allow! Food and drink is available for purchase. Proceeds support the endeavours of the WAG. We encourage all Associates to bring a date, a friend, a family member, or a neighbour interested in creating a family heirloom!

Wine4Art a Win Win

- Sherry Glanville

Net revenue for the upcoming Impressionist Exhibition \$9,000!

And the winners of the Wine4Art draw:

- 1st draw - 50 bottles valued at over \$3000 - Esme Scarlett
- 2nd draw - 50 bottles valued at over \$3000 - Jocelyn Bjorklund
- 3rd draw - one bottle valued at \$150 - Monica Desgagnes
- 4th draw - one bottle valued at \$150 - Roger Kane
- 5th draw - one bottle valued at \$110 - Karen Psooy
- 6th draw - one bottle valued at \$105 - Darlene Wight
- 7th draw - one bottle valued at \$99 - Maxine Bock

Stephen Borys made the final draws at the WAG for seven lucky winners on February 9. There was much delight for those attending because at least one person in the room either had sold a winning ticket or knew a winner.

We are grateful for the donations of wine which totaled \$7,729. All 100 raffle tickets were sold generating \$10,000 gross revenue and our expenses were less for this second raffle.

Many thanks to all the Associates who generously supported the event either by donating wine and/or buying a raffle ticket. Special thanks to the dedicated and hard-working Wine4Art Committee including Co-Chair Christine Lylyk, Pat McCullough, Andrea Cibinel, Jan Burns, Daisy Scarlett, Esme Scarlett, Bill Glanville, and Pam Simmons.



Wine4Art Committee & winners

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