

Member Newsletter January 2021

The *Temporary* Closure of TAG Art Gallery Continues through February

For the safety of our volunteer staff and our art patrons alike, the Executive Committee has decided to keep the gallery closed for the month of February.

The **Spring Juried Show** will be announced as soon as it is safe to host. Please keep the members of the Executive Committee in your thoughts as they continue to make what are increasingly difficult decisions.



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The Topeka Art Guild supports and promotes the visual arts and art education through public programs and exhibitions of original work.

Highlights of the January 12, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

- The treasurer reported that the end-of-year fundraising drive netted over \$1,800.
- With the Gallery closed for a few months and no workshops or classes going on during the pandemic, income was very low in 2020 and the donations did not cover the loss of revenue.
- The gallery will continue to be closed through the month of February.
- A decision will be made at the February meeting about when to re-open the gallery and when to host the spring show.
- The Committee passed a statement against censorship.
- Two Subcommittees continue to do the work of establishing an Advisory Board and planning Fundraisers.
- Next meeting February 9 at 4:30 via Zoom. All TAG members may attend.

Congratulations to the People's Choice Winners in the Kansas Show

Becky Drager won the People's Choice Award for her acrylic painting, "Where the Buffalo Roam." Three-way tie for second place: Lin Fredricksen, "Bakers' Hands;" Ruth Powers, "Flint Hills Summertime;" Naomi Cashman, "Early Freeze."

Upcoming deadlines:

Artist Inc application through ArtsConnect — January 15

Jane Stephens Memorial Watercolor III — Southwind Gallery — January 17

Symphony in the Flint Hills Art Auction — March 1

While the gallery is closed, we will be keeping TAG on people's minds using social media and our website to show off our art. Sixteen members (those who shared with us) are being profiled on Facebook and the Website in January and February. *Please contact Kris Luber if you have something to share.*

The webpage is updated frequently, and more timely announcements and gallery promotions are shared on Facebook.

www.TopekaArtGuild.org

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