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Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier
P.O. Box 154, Vestal, New York 13851-0154

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Message From the Board of Directors' Art Studio

Stay Safe ~ Stay Home ~ Wash Hands ~ Use Masks ~ Disinfect ~ Take the Warnings Seriously
Art and Artists are a Vital Part of Life

What a difference a day makes. Even before the March-April newsletter was mailed, the Vestal Library closed indefinitely due to COVID 19. As time went on Closure after closure resulted with the final "stay at home" "Shelter in Place" order. So with that in mind, the Board is providing you with updates on the activities listed in the March-April Newsletter

History-Past-Present-Future Mural Project-

The meeting with Michael Grasso, Roberson Museum and Science Center to discuss the FASST proposal was rescheduled for May 20, 2020 but it now appears that too will be *cancelled*. Although the Board talked about this as a long shot, a qualification proposal was submitted to BCAC as a first step in the process of the Grant funding that was obtained from the State to spruce up art areas in Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott. Due to the extraordinary nature of our request, *our proposal is not being considered for this funding*. However, information regarding other potential funding options was provided by BCAC.

The other potential funding options will be discussed and considered by the Board.

On another positive note, both **Richard Henry** and **Cyrena Summers**, who have mural experience have agreed to work with us as consultants to fine tune our mural proposals. Thank you to both!!!!

The Beethoven Project Presents-the 2020 Regional Emerging Artists Show and Competition-Show was hung and opened at the Oakdale Mall on March 3, 2020. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 concerns *the Mall was closed as directed by the Governor. The Reception and Award ceremony was cancelled*. Jan and John Wood are discussing how best to get the awards and Art returned to the students and teachers in a safe manner. The winners will be announced via e-mail to art teachers and others on April 22, 2020.

On short notice, **John Wood** photographed the entire show on the final day the mall was opened. The show photos were sent to all art teachers to forward to students, families, friends and guests who had planned to visit the mall gallery. Thank you, John. To see the show check out:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3VMNmfviSe789sK17>

The 122nd *Member Show has been cancelled for May*. But don't despair and don't stop creating your masterpieces for the show- The Board has rescheduled the show for December 2020. The reception and awards ceremony will be held on December 11, 2020, 5:30pm at the Vestal Library (assuming the COVID19 is under control and we are cleared for group gatherings). This would have been our Holiday Dinner but we will be combining the two events. Information will be e-mailed separately. The revised notice, however, is on the following page.

On behalf of the Board of Directors -BE SAFE-STAY HEALTHYcontinue SOCIAL DISTANCING-questions??? Contact Jan at benzjw1@gmail.com

Sincerely, Janice L. Wood, President
Board of Directors, The Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier inc

FASST COMMUNITY NEWS

OTHER CHANGES / CANCELLATIONS

Cancelled - 4/27/20 -Brian Keeler's demonstration

Cancelled - 5/2/20-Brian Keeler's workshop
(The BOD is working with Brian to reschedule both for FALL 2020-more info to follow)

Pending - 6/6 and 6/7 BCAC Broome Art Trail
(BCAC is working with the artists to reschedule for late Summer-more info to follow)

July Fest - July 10, 11, 12 **pending** info from Ron Sall

On hold - Greater Ithaca Art Studios first Saturday
August 1, 2020

Pending - September Meeting

Free watercolor workshop for members
pending status of COVID19

BusTrip - Metropolitan Museum 10/10/2020
pending status of COVID 19
Information will be sent out as received-

The Board of Directors wishes all our members, families, and friends the **Best of Health** during these trying times.

We are very concerned for your safety!

Thank you for your understanding

The FASST BOD

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, September through May, excluding January, at the Vestal Public Library, 320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. All artists are welcome. Our mission is education through monthly demonstrations, workshops, and bus trips, as well as providing exhibition opportunities for our artists.

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SPECIAL EVENT ~ UPDATED

CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS!
THE FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN TIER ANNOUNCES
122nd Annual Members' Show

NOTE-LOCATION: Location to be determined

WHEN: December 3, 2020- January 1, 2021 tentative

MEDIUM: 6 CATEGORIES – see Rules for Participation

All pieces must be originals, framed and wired for hanging
(cradled canvas wired for hanging may be considered)

Maximum size with frame: 36" x 48" ~depending on space availability

FEES - Entry: \$7.00 per entry to be paid on drop off date

Up to 2 entries per category

New member must provide an artist's statement/bio at sign up

(All artists must complete inventory section on registration)

Mall Sittings -Artists are required to sign up at time of entry -both galleries

Annual Member Dues: Paid at time of entry (if not previously paid)

\$40 Single

\$50 family

Reception: Arrangements are pending-information forthcoming

Sign up and payment due at time of drop off

Maximum attendees – 55, First Come – First Serve

Drop off: November 30, 2020-2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

December 1, 2020-10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Installation: December 2, 2020, and December 3 if needed

Removal: January 2, 2021 - 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

January 3, 2021 - 10 a.m. - noon

AWARD CEREMONY AND BUFFET RECEPTION

Vestal Library

Friday, December 11, 2020

5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENING! For non-participating members, you can renew your membership if you have not done so previously and/or renew your membership and make reservations for the reception by sending your check payable to FASST using the above fees

Attach a note indicating single or family membership

Indicate number of members and guests attending the reception.

Send to FASST, P.O. Box 154, Vestal, New York 13851 by May 15, 2020.

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