June Newsletter
President’s message
June 9, 2011

Amazingly, a year has passed since I began writing these newsletter pieces as President of the Gallery Council. What a wonderful adventure it has been; I never dreamed I’d love it this much.

The annual meeting went well. Nearly 100 GC members and their guests enjoyed the presentation of Pam Sherman, the Suburban Outlaw, who lives on the EDGE.

Two important motions were made and passed:
• By-laws changes that added an Historian/Archivist position and committee; as well as changed the name of the Travel Committee to the Art Tours Committee;
• The slate of officers for 2011-2013 was approved.

Vinnie Silverman, our out-going Project Treasurer, presented the numbers of revenue and expenditures for 2010-2011; we have had a positive year on the income side.

I’ve been asked to list the GC ‘bragging points’ to present to the Board of Managers next week. To try and select a few bragging points from this exceptional group is nearly impossible. However one aspect of our Gallery Council that is oft over looked are the remarkable programs we have available to us once a month. We focus so often on the fund raising events and the money we are bringing in that we overlook the fact that we Council members are offered educational opportunities of the highest quality.

Bev Pickering’s Program Committee deliberates long and hard to select just the right programs that will educate and entertain all of us. What other groups have the opportunity to tour Albert Paley’s phenomenal studio in the year that we were also treated to Christina Brinkman’s studio? Seeing the Fiberart International 2010 exhibit after hearing Marlene Hamann-Whitmore’s description of it entirely changed my viewing. And wasn’t the Harlem Renaissance a great perspective on that period of history? Margie Searle always gives us a unique picture of the MAG collection in her scholarly perspective, this year she educated us about “Acquisition Adventures”. Roz Goldman was entertaining at the Holiday Luncheon in her presentation about appraising works of art.

For 2011-2012 I know this committee has some terrific programs arranged for us. They have been doing a lot of exploring of resources and lining up speakers. Coming soon in your dues letters will be the list of the offerings of the coming year. Yes, the programs the Gallery Council has every month are truly a bragging point.

Enjoy your summers, rest, read and relax. See you back here in September. Our first meeting will be a social event right here at our house in Rush. How fun it will be to have everyone here. Be sure and car pool although Rush isn’t really that far away.

Thanks to all!
MSJ
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