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The email is going out to all Meetup Members.

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-PAPB Board meeting

The board of directors of PAPB meet via conference call this week to determine our next steps as we all are asked to stay home and limit social contact. And instead of planning more exhibits & events right now we are managing the aftereffects of the sudden shutdown due to the pandemic. We hope all of you are well and continue to be well. Some of you know but probably many of you do not that Ralph Papa has been quite ill for the last two weeks from what looks like it might be COVID-19. He has been tested and is awaiting results and is in quarantine in his home. He would probably appreciate an email or e-card but please do not call him. He does need rest. We will keep you apprised of his progress.

-Plein Fun Fest & Magic Hour Sales

Generally immediately after PFF we are in touch with Old School Square (OSS) to secure dates for the next year and settle any financial contracts. To date we have been unable to arrange such a meeting. The artists' who sold and are expecting checks have been very patient and notified of what the board is doing. Here is a copy of the information we sent to the affected artists from the PAPB Treasurer, Kathryn Barry..

Dear selling artists of Magic Hour Exhibit and Plein Fun Fest :

The Plein Air Palm Beach board members currently find ourselves in a most frustrating situation. In the past four years after Plein Fun Fest, PAPB organizing members have met meet with a financial representative from Old School Square to settle up the terms of the Plein Fun Fest contract.

This happened by the end of February once their financial books had settled.

Unfortunately this year we have been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with the financial directors of Old School Square.

Ordinarily we would have paid what we owe them for their services at Plein Fun Fest and received a check for the money that they collected in sales for the Plein Fun Fest art sales. This check would have included 15% commission of the art sales for Plein Air Palm Beach and 70% of the sales money owed to our artists. Old School Square was to have paid the taxes collected on the sales.

I want you all to know that the board members of Plein Air Palm Beach are doing what we can to satisfy this arrangement. Yesterday we sent a registered letter to those responsible for finances at Old School Square. In this letter, we explained the importance to both of our organizations to meet and discuss the best way to settle our arrangement. Obviously Old School Square must be in trouble or they would have returned our calls.

Back to the obvious, COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in all sorts of ways.

The PAPB board will continue to work to get our artists the money that is owed to them. We thank you for your patience in this matter. As soon as we know more, I will keep you in the loop. Best wishes, stay healthy.

Kathryn

-Exhibit Updates

We have two exhibits which are still hanging:

Loxahatchee: was due for pickup mid- April

New Studio for Visual Arts show: was due for pick up March 30-April 3

Both of these exhibits will remain hanging for the time being. Updates will be forthcoming as information becomes available, but **do not pickup for now.**

-Programs

Real time Meetups have been suspended but the “**the Backyard Series**” with Virtual Critique is going along well. The way it works is that the at

home meetup is scheduled for a week. Artists rsvp and paint in their garden, neighborhood etc. someday or days during that week. The finished artwork is uploaded to the meetup photo album for the day painted. By the end of the week there are several paintings by different artists. All meetup artists are invited to look at and comment on these paintings whether they participated that week or not. It is a way is for us to stay connected, socialize at a distance and help one another in our artistic practice. You may get tired of painting the same old palm tree. Get creative. Do an alla prima still life, your stock of TP or from a photo of a delivery truck bringing you what you need. Let's document this CaronaStaycation with our creativity.

Info/Opportunities from some of our CA's

Any contributing artists who would like to have an announcement in the newsletter, please email a text based announcement, links ok but no images to donna@walshwarren.com

The small print - i.e. policies you need to be aware of.

Definition of Plein Air Painting for PAPB

https://www.meetup.com/palmbeachartists/pages/25875843/Definition_of_Plein_Air_Painting_for_PAPB/

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