

There are a few highlights that I would recount from my point of view. These include:

- This was the year that proved the theory we had been developing, that with some additional publicity effort we could get more of the right kinds of people to our shows. The new receptions and the invitation of many guests by our members, the new Peoples' Choice Award, has given us considerable incremental successes, whether you measure success by the number of people who attend our events, their reactions and support, or by the number of paintings sold, or all three.

We also found out incidentally that our new receptions can be a great social event for our Guild members, whether you have a painting in the show or not, and is a great opportunity to see other members' works.

Our website was expanded in capability to support the publicity initiatives. Any member can now store their contact information in the website and produce e-mail distribution lists, envelopes or postcards from this information.

- I also think that one of the accomplishments in the year was that we expanded our community presence and image. We became involved in the WV planning process for the Ambleside area through Past President Lorne Topham, and we seem to have expanded our relationships with the Ferry Building and the Silk Purse. We now have much more communications with the North Van arts scene. Thanks also to the initiative and energy of our Publicity Director, Gord Davis, we also had our best press coverage of our events for many years.
- The other major development of course was our name change. This wasn't easy for some of our members, but on balance it has proven to be a very positive move, with lots of good feedback. It has turned out to be a very good opening for us to do more with North Vancouver and other communities.

As a final look ahead to next year, it of course will be our 60th anniversary as an artist organization. Stay tuned for some interesting and exciting plans to mark and celebrate our birthday and record our history. I am very pleased that Frieda Ashworth has stepped forward to lead our activities in that regard, and I am sure she would welcome any suggestions and assistance you can provide on this topic.

Exhibitions

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- 1 On three Saturdays in July 2005 club members painted outside and displayed their paintings for sale at the new village at Park Royal South.
- 2 In August a show was held at Brewster's coffee shop - no paintings sold.
- 3 September saw our first mall show at Park Royal North - 8 paintings were sold.
- 4 November was our jurying for Capilano Mall and Park Royal Spring.
- 5 February at our Capilano Mall show a reception party was held it was well received, approximately 180 people attended 5 paintings were sold during the reception, and 4 during the week for a total of 9
- 6 May was jurying for the Ferry Building and Fall Park Royal shows.
- 7 May Park Royal North show and opening night reception was held - not as many attended reception approximately 90 attended, 1 painting was sold during the reception and 8 were sold during the week plus the draw winner of the Peoples' Choice Award came and bought 1 for a total of 10.

PEOPLE WANTED FOR OUTDOOR PAINTING AT NEW VILLAGE PARK ROYAL

Park Royal wants people to paint outside in their new village and display and sell their artwork, we will provide wire stands, up to 6 people per day, they will provide a tent, that is a roof without sides to get out of the sun or rain. The dates for this are Sat. Aug.5, Sun. Aug 6 and Sat. Aug 12 and Sun. Aug13. Come any or all 4 of these days - time 10 am till 3 pm or any time that suits your schedule. Call Al Spence at 604-988-2737 or email spenceal@telus.net so I can add your name to the list