

I know team members have thanked the many volunteers who worked on each of their committees but I would like to mention two members myself. Cathy Roddie offered to make and provide coffee all day for the volunteers working on Saturday. Because we weren't set up to provide refreshments and food wasn't allowed in the gym, we had to turn down her generous offer. Then, unbeknownst to Cathy, Mumtaz Bandali donated \$50 to the Parkgate Seniors' Coffee cart so our volunteers could enjoy free coffee. Who says the universe doesn't unfold the way it should? Thank-you women!

I also would like to thank members' spouses who generously gave of their time. Tom Doyle, Wanda's husband, Larry Hipson, the late Elizabeth Hipson's husband, Robin Johnston, Gail's husband, John Luccock, Heather's husband, Al Shaw, Gloria's husband and Al Winter, Shirley's husband. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. There may be folks I am unaware of.

Finally thank-you letters were sent to Beth Ostlund, Office Manager and Rentals woman at Parkgate Community Centre, for her enthusiasm and wonderful help in ensuring our event ran as smoothly as possible; and Ivan Ramponi, the manager of Safeway who lent us the grocery carts to transport paintings from the holding area to the gym at Parkgate.

I would like to invite anyone who wishes to share comments and suggestions for next year's show to contact me via email or write me at 362 E. St. James Road, N. Vancouver, B.C. V7N 1L2. The committee will be meeting on Dec.3 for a post mortem on the sale so get your comments in by then. Thanks everyone for making this first Annual Fine Art Sale a truly terrific event!

Exhibitions

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At the last meeting, members voted to stop exhibiting at Park Royal and Capilano Malls for the time being, so we are not planning any mall shows at this time. We will, however, apply to participate in the Harmony Arts Festival again next year and have dates set for the Ferry Building from October 5-19, 2008.

We have been invited by Park Royal to provide paintings for their Community Room in the South Mall, which is used by community groups for meetings, lunches, etc. If anyone is interested in providing paintings for this venue, please let me know. About 20 paintings can be attractively accommodated and should be a fairly good size. So far, 6 people have indicated an interest. I have been informed that we have lost the Chamber of Commerce as a venue for ongoing shows, and now that we are not having the Mall shows, this may be an alternative location. Please contact me if you are interested. Shelley James (604-926-0872) and Betty Johannssen (604-926-8234) will be coordinating this show in January, 2008.

If you have a painting in the Community Room at Park Royal would you please let me know so arrangements can be made for you to pick them up. The room is going to be renovated over the Christmas season.

Please note that I will be away from January 2 - February 6.

Jurying

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Notwithstanding my remarks about jurying at the Fine Art Sale, we will continue to jury for the Ferry Building, Silk Purse and Ferry Building galleries, the West Vancouver Library and the Harmony Arts show. These venues all expect us to jury our work so we will continue that practice. **The next jurying will take place sometime in the Spring**, probably March or April, so you have lots of time to get your work ready. We will hopefully be looking for up to 4 paintings per artist but will know better closer to the dates. If you have any questions about jurying, don't hesitate to check the website or call me directly.

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No report this month.