

Hi Everyone

Hope all is going well -as always we wish everyone good health ☐☐

From the Board of Directors Art Studio

First we would like to give you an update on our member, Betty Calkins. Betty had knee replacement surgery a few months ago and continues with rehab at Ideal Senior Center. She is making progress but it has been not as fast as she would like. Her contact info is as follows-she would really like to hear from her friends at FASST-

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Ideal Senior Center
Room 355-B, Tulip Court
601 High Street
Endicott, NY 13760
Telephone# 748-2060

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!-Looks very promising -COVID VACCINE -and now we progress to some normalcy-

Thank you to our artists who participated in the 122nd Members' Show. We would like to thank Mark Green for placing the entire show on FACEBOOK-FASSTNY.

In addition Mark assisted with our December Newsletter-Volume 1, 2, 3. All participants were listed and the Best in Show and First Place winners were showcased in Volume 2. The Volume 3 listed all pieces in category 8- Inspirational Art during COVID. While the show was quite different this year, we were pleased for its success!

Below are the files for the Show-just click on each one at a time:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Betty's slow recovery, she asked to resign from the Board. We want to thank her for her work and support as a Board Member. The Board has appointed Scott Stevens to the Board to replace Betty for her remaining term. Welcome Scott!!

THANK YOU TO CYRENA SUMMERS FOR HER DONATION TO FASST.

Joseph Daily Workshop for February 2021 is being rescheduled due to cancellation by some artists due to COVID. The Roberson Museum and Science Center location will be holding our reservation for a future date.

If you have not as yet paid your membership dues, this is just a reminder to make your check payable to FASST and mail it to - FASST, P.O. Box 154, Vestal, NY 13850.

After considerable effort by the FASST insurance agent to maintain or reduce the cost of our policy, the Board renewed the

insurance agreement with Travelers. Travelers requested an increase of 35%. It was reduced to 12%. The agent researched other insurance companies but was unsuccessful in lowering the cost. The Board has asked the agent to continue to research for potential changes next year.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE POLICY COVERS LOSSES AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE THAT FASST ARTISTS MAY CAUSE TO THE MALL SITE OR OTHER VENUES AS LISTED ON THE POLICY. IT DOES NOT COVER LOSS OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL ART OR SUPPLIES. The Board encourages each Artist to obtain their own insurance to cover personal losses. In some cases, a homeowners policy may cover such losses and the Board recommends that this be explored by the Artist.

IMPORTANT-Beginning in July 2020, the mall lease reflected a rent change per month through December 31, 2020. The cost was covered through a one time charge to participants of the Members' Show, Art Studio artists and FASST funds.

Effective January 2021, the mall increased the rent per month. The Lease was renewed through March 31, 2021 and the cost was covered by art studio artists.

Prior to March 31, 2021, the Board will be working with Mall Management to extend the lease, review lease costs, and identify space that would work best for FASST activities. The Board is developing proposals to identify a variety of options to cover lease costs. The Board will update our members as information is received.

A planning meeting is being set up for May, 2021-Based on interest, the Board may hold 2-3 meetings, covering the same topics so COVID safety requirements can be maintained.

The Board met this month and is in process of developing a NEW but VERY EXCITING EVENTS CALENDAR for 2021
-details will be listed in the February-March Newsletter-

SO STAY TUNED- CHECK E-MAILS for THE FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWSLETTER-
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING FASST-

Sincerely,

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