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THE OLD AND THE NEW

I became a LVAG Director in 2016 and was given the responsibility of creating a newsletter 10 or 11 times a year. In that year LVAG lost a revered member when Jim Keen left us.

In 2017 LVAG had their second annual blue grass evening. There were wonderful exhibits at the gallery which included a few new names. And, one of our members put his nose to the grindstone as education director, organized the most complete education program LVAG has ever had. Ned Neely will be missed (as a Director in 2018) for he is stepping down to concentrate on improving his health.

Read 'Presidents Corner' to catch up on the advances we have made this year. New and, we hope, better things are in store for 2018.

LVAG, like a bird leaving the nest, is spreading its wings. New things are coming and some of the old ones are improving.



Bob Rogers



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COAAA 2018 Calendar

In 2014 the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging created a contest for a yearly calendar. There were 13 photos chosen. One photo for each month and one for the cover plus 12 honorable mentions. 2017 had 82 entries. It is available at the Madison County Senior Center.

Two entry winners for the 2018 calendar are members of LVAG. Wilma Sparks' photo was chosen for the month of May and Jim Donohoe's photo was chosen for the month of October. This is Wilma's third win in the four years COAAA has been publishing the calendar.

RECAP 2017

We had some great exhibits in 2017 and we also lost a couple more artists. Don Swenson, who was with LVAG for quite a few years and Kurt Lattimer, who was the son of one of the members and a wonderful artist. Whether done in pen, pencil, or another medium it was unbelievable work.

Kurt also painted the mural that can be seen from the southbound lane of Rt. 42 as you pass the KFC. Kurt began the mural but left us before it was finished. Below are two examples of the young artists work.



The following are a few of the examples of artwork from the gallery and from the 2017 newsletters.

Tonya Slaubaugh

Lynn Wilson

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Thank you LVAG members and Friends

Thank you members for making my third year as president a rewarding one by the many successful events we have held at the LVAG this year. Starting with the THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY SHOW in February we introduced several new faces to the Arts.

Our FOUNDERS SHOW brought to light the hard work of many efforts to get the LVAG into a 501-(C3). The show was dedicated to one of our elite members, Jim Keen, who was taken from us in 2016 in the middle of our Blue Grass event. His family donated their memorial contributions to the LVAG so we could provide 'Free Children's Camp' to all children in Madison County this past summer. Many children enjoyed the benefits of that contribution.

Looking for an alternative to our yearly silent auction usually held during "Old fashioned Christmas" our first "Spaghetti Dinner and Silent auction" was held Sept. 29th. Lori (Campbell) Powell, our "Head Chef", prepared a delightful meal with the auction raising \$1,600 for the

LVAG. Lori and her husband Patrick prepared the entire event with Lori doing all the cooking. Kudos to you both.

Again, we partnered with the Madison County Historical Society to present our second annual Blue Grass Event which was spearheaded by Ruth Keen to bring back the group 'Strung Up Blue Grass Band'. Due to the gracious talents of Liz Lassel the quilt raffle brought in \$1,219. Donations of baskets and various art work coordinated by Mary McNary contributed another \$1,406. This brings the final count including ticket sales minus expenses to \$2,360 for each organization. Thank you to the members of both organizations for a job well done.

This November we held our first open to the community 'WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS' show, thanks to the talented hands and organizational skills of Lori Powell. The show focused on the value of writing and illustrating as an art and we are pleased to have had several remarkable submissions from students of Tolles Career & Technical center. In the fast-paced world of the internet, the written word still has the power to capture the hearts of those who take the time to read.

The conclusion of the year will be the "WINTER WONDERLAND" exhibit of members arts and crafts which will be for sale. The opening reception will be on 'OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS' evening.

2018 will be year 10 for LVAG. We have come a long way but we still have a lot to learn.

Before I close I would like to thank all of our past directors for their hard work and dedication. Without their continued help and volunteering we at the LVAG would not exist. Because of health reasons we will lose our education director Ned Neely. Also, Kim reeder who has been our go to person for everything under the sun, including creator artist and computer expert, is taking a needed time off, but she will continue to teach for us.

Our directors for 2018 will be: Karen Kuck – vice president, Tom Keen – treasurer, Lynn Daily – secretary, Marjorie Foulk, Mick Harris, Jim Donohoe – newsletter and me Sandy Fox for my fourth and final term as president.

SANDY FOX

VOLUNTEER

One of the definitions of volunteer is 'unpaid worker'. You may not realize it but that *unpaid worker* is the backbone of organizations such as the London Visual Arts Guild and the Madison County Historical Society. They only exist because the groups are organized and operated by *unpaid workers*. The Blue Grass & Bar-B-Que was

organized by the *unpaid worker* as are the day to day operation of the two organizations.

If you have the least inclination to become an *unpaid worker* contact one of your (501) C3 organizations. They would be happy to answer any questions you may have. And remember, you don't have to be an artist to help at LVAG or a historian to assist the MCHS. All you need is the desire to help and the ability to work it into your schedule.



While searching for a piece of artwork that might be used as a Christmas card I ran across this painting by Alice (Seyfried) Payne. It seemed to be what I was looking for. So, from the editor of the LVAG newsletter 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year'. And I thank Alice for the beautiful cardinal she placed, so graciously, on the branch.

WINTER WONDERLAND

We just ended our, very well done, 'Writer and Illustrators' exhibit. The gallery was filled with illustrations galore as well as numerous pieces of prose and poetry.

We are now ready to put in the last exhibit of the year, our 'Winter Wonderland'. We are open Monday Nov. 27th for the Old Fashion Christmas beginning at 5 o'clock.

Winter Wonderland will fill the gallery with numerous pieces of arts and crafts you may wish to purchase and use to enhance your home or that of a friend or relative. Drop in the night of 'Old Fashion Christmas' or during our reception December the 1st. Open days – Thurs 11-2, Sat. 10 - 2 & Sun. 11 – 2. Also, open studio on Tues. 4 – 8.