

August 2017 Gallery Notes prepared by Margie Gallagher

- Report from Glenn Vander Bosch about telephone service: Glenn found out that we can get a phone in the gallery for an initial \$55 dollars the first month and then \$27.50/month from then on. This is for local unlimited and caller ID. Additional cost would then involve the purchase of a phone and a card reader. Glenn will investigate these costs.
- Report on approval of Guild meeting on straw budget: Until final budget is approved and further discussion of budget takes place, the straw budget based on last year's estimated costs and the gallery budget that we have worked on will be used for operations
- Decreasing number of sitters: we have a decreasing number of sitters for the gallery. Right now we have 29 members who can work. Each month we have 17-21 days that need workers. So need a majority of folks who are willing to work each month. Also we have continuing complaints from customers about the **gallery not being open on time. Carol V. will work on an emergency contact list.** It is important for all workers to realize how important it is to be punctual.
- Frances presented information on the donated Dehumidifier and the purchase of a new one. The old one has some problems with smoking etc. So it may be best not to use it but to purchase one (\$250) also we might want to consider buying or borrowing a wet vac. There was a lengthy discussion of the increasing leaks and damp and mold problems. Margie will speak to Mark about these problems and what we can do and when the renovation will take place.*
- Frances reminded everyone of the Art supply Corner that is in the back room. She has opened a Facebook page and would everyone to go on the page and like it, invite friends, customers and artists to take a look at the supplies and explain how to make donations.
- The Tullahoma Art Show went well, we had several sales. The show opened and closed successfully.
- The FCAG is partnering with Tullahoma Arts Center for Oct Tennessee Craft Week. The Partnership is published in the Craft Week calendar. More details will come. We can participate in the silent auction and have a booth (i.e. traveling truck).
- We discussed some new labels for art work. We will order some as per Carol Vander Bosch's design and try them out.
- Diana reminded us that the Heritage Festival is coming up. She will bring it up at the August Guild meeting

*Spoke with Mark Ledbetter after the meeting. He noted that Frigidaire has a dehumidifier recall and he has a new one which he will bring to the gallery. (It needs to be emptied frequently). He suggested that we check with the company that made our donated dehumidifier and see what they can do for us. He also thinks that we can purchase one and drain it in the sink and use a high quality extension cord. He said it is important to remember that he cannot address issues by taking steps that cost more money than he (Cowan Development) has. Right now he has reached a reasonable resolution with the State Fire Marshall's office for changes in the Monterey Station that must be completed before it can be used. This involves a new ramp to the main entrance. After this work I completed it is his intention to work on the renovations to the gallery.