

Welcome to the new year of many new adventures for the Palette Art League. I would like to take a few minutes to bring "all" up to date from 2008. Election of officers was decided during the December meeting.

President..... Jo Rowell
Vice President Dan Cohee
Secretary..... Sally Meyer
Treasurer Evelyn Smith
Director 5 years Dorothy Anderson
Director 4 years Keith R. Probert
Director 3 years Dana Johnson
Director 3 years Ann Presley
Director 3 years Meg Simons
Public Relations Dana Johnson
Budget/Fund Raising Chr.....Ann Presley
Featured Artist Chr Person Keith R. Probert
Four new members were added to the league: Carole Jones, John Jones, Bobby Jo Cohee and Alma Sackett. Welcome to all.....

A goal of the PAL has been to become an official non-profit organization by completing the 501(C)3 requirements. Thanks to Pat Canary, Ann Presley, Bonnie Probert and many hours of writing and rewriting the application, lots of leg work, the application was submitted to the state.

Acceptance of the application will open many avenues for the art league.

The December meeting was also the annual Christmas social for membership.

Attendance was low but for all that did attend, refreshments were many and friendships grand. A money tree received donations to help support the gallery. During the regular meeting, Keith announced that he had purchased a special banner for the art league. It will help to identify the P.A.L.'s in a grand way at our booth during events. There was also a discussion on how beneficial a web page would be to the art league. The web page will open the door for the gallery on-line and promote the league in many more ways. Bonnie and Keith volunteered to get the web page up and on-line. You can now go into cyberspace and find the palette art league at www.paletteartleague.org. Membership will be able to promote their artwork on the website. If you (league member) would like your artwork included on the website, you would need to get with Keith Probert or Dana Johnson about what is needed to get your artwork included on the web page.

I have reported the good news, now for some concerning news. The gallery is in need of financial support from all members. The league has been unable to meet the note payment for the building. Jo Rowell has personally loaned the league money needed to pay the note for the last two years. The economic times and lack of membership has taken its toll on the gallery. There also has been a lack of volunteerism as well and many projects have not done as well as they should have. By completing the 501(C)3 there is

hope for money grants and by joining cyberspace the gallery will be seen by the world. It's going to take hard work in 2009 to bring the league back to what it once was and I believe can be again. The budget and finance committee is preparing a schedule of events for 2009 to raise the funds needed for operation. If anyone has suggestions, please attend the regular schedule business meetings, (second Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m.), or call the gallery at 870-405-6316 during business hours and talk to a volunteer. Hope to hear from you all.

Workshops, paint-ins, and guest speakers are being planned. So get out your paints and mark your calendar, for the fun coming in 2009. If you're available for volunteering at the gallery, even once in a while, it would be helpful. We need to extend the hours to six or seven days a week. Currently we are only open Thursday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Volunteers Jo Rowell, Sally Meyer, Dan Cohee, Bobby Jo Cohee, Evelyn Smith and Dorothy Anderson are the only volunteers helping out at the gallery. THANK YOU GUYS!