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CURATOR REPORT – July 19, 2016

This has been a busy summer and we are already planning the fall exhibits in the Frederick Gallery. The August Regional Exhibit juried by Carol Iglesias will be followed by the September “Faces & Figures” National Exhibit juried by Margery Goldberg, owner/director of Zenith Gallery in Washington, DC. The October “North Windsor Artists” Exhibit will feature new work by this group of regional artists who continue the legacy of their founder and mentor John S. “Jack” Darling (1911-2007). Artists are reminded that it is not too early to be planning and executing work for the November “Touch of Blue” National Exhibit and the December/January “Power of Small” holiday season exhibit.

I enjoy working with our wonderful jurors who make the difficult choices of selecting work for exhibits. Each juror brings special expertise and experiences which result in shows that reflect their individuality and aesthetic sensibilities. When the installation crew finishes arranging an exhibit, it is amazing how all the work comes together in a cohesive show—thanks to thoughtful selections of the juror and the expert arrangements directed by Donna Coley, Bob Worthy and Elizabeth Shumate. I thank all the artists who submit their work for jurying and then graciously accept the outcome of the selection process. I recognize the difficulty of assigning awards to a few from an already select group, and I respect the jurors who make those choices which recognize work that is especially significant to their practiced eye and search for excellence. I encourage all artists to enter juried exhibits and “put your work out there” for the personal challenge that competition presents and for the many rewards of being able to share your work with an appreciative audience. The FCCA is proud to present the work of many emerging and professional artists, both regional and national, who offer a wide variety of exciting visual treats in our gallery each month.

FCCA will continue the tradition of “Seurat Sunday” plein air day at Caledon State Park on Sunday, September 11, 10 am to 4 pm. This free event is open to all artists and photographers with pre-registration requested by Friday, September 10. Transportation will be provided to and from scenic areas of the park. Phone the Caledon Visitor Center at 540-663-3861 to register—provide number attending and your contact name with phone number. A light refreshment reception for participants will be held in the Visitor Center from 3:30 – 4 pm for viewing the day’s work.

The FCCA will be partnering with the downtown “Art Attack” event on Saturday, September 17, and will host the artist reception in our Members’ Gallery and Garden from 4 – 8 pm. Find details when you register to participate.

The FCCA Frederick Gallery webpages will be undergoing changes in the near future. Our webmaster Maura Harrison has been working on redesigning our FCCA website and Iryna Hamill is working on redesigning our electronic entries page to simplify the process and reduce data entry errors, with an added feature for attaching artwork images. The FCCA juried exhibits will continue to welcome and accept hand-delivered entries.

Contact the Curator at 540-760-6928 or curator-frederick-gallery@fccava.org with your ideas and suggestions. Carrol Morgan