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## Newsletter

December 2023 J.Warnes

Autumn seemed like a short season and now winter is almost upon us! However, Dartmouth Visual Arts Society always has activities planned to keep us distracted from the 'blahs' which are often generated by cold wintry weather. ***It all begins by renewing your DVAS membership!***



Membership fees are **\$30** paid annually running for a calendar year at the beginning of January.

Mail a cheque made payable to Dartmouth Visual Arts Society and addressed to:  
**DVAS Membership, c/o Beatrice Milner,  
130 Regal Road, Dartmouth, NS. B2W 4H8**

or send an e-transfer to Beatrice Milner at:  
[treasurer@DartmouthVisualArts.ca](mailto:treasurer@DartmouthVisualArts.ca)

Please Include your full mailing address, phone number, and email address.

Payment for Membership can also be made in person on Thursday mornings from 9:00 until 12:00 noon at Studio Group. Receipts issued upon request.

## DVAS Programs:

**Studio Group:** Joel Fraser organises 3 sessions a year which are held on Thursday mornings in **Conrad Hall** at the **Findlay Centre** on **Elliot Street**, Dartmouth.

Here's Joel, inspiring us with her beautiful artwork which she has finally completed! We watched her eagerly, week-by-week, as she painstakingly painted these pansies.



The DVAS Studio Group Program provides a **unique** opportunity for artists to paint in the ambiance of a relaxed, mutually supportive social setting in a lovely bright and spacious studio environment. **There's nothing comparable in HRM** and for a mere \$3 a week, DVAS members have so much to enjoy.

Plus, the parking is free and there's always a fresh pot of coffee brewing!

The Fall session of Studio Group concluded last week. The Winter session starts in the New Year at 9am on [January 4<sup>th</sup> 2024](#) and will run until [March 28<sup>th</sup>](#) for a total of 13 **Thursday** mornings (March 14<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to March Break) and the cost is **\$39.00**. Joel will accept payment in person at the first session, by **cash** or **cheque** made payable to [Dartmouth Visual Arts Society](#).

Payment can also be made by **e-transfer** at: [treasurer@DartmouthVisualArts.ca](mailto:treasurer@DartmouthVisualArts.ca)  
[Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone number.](#)

Participation in Studio Group is limited to 31 and is on a 'first come first served' basis. For more info, contact **Joel** at: [studiogroup@DartmouthVisualArts.ca](mailto:studiogroup@DartmouthVisualArts.ca)

**Workshops:** Violet O'Connell has organized and hosted two successful workshops already this fall with more planned for the New Year. These full-day workshops are also held at the Findlay Centre on Elliot Street, Dartmouth. Whilst the cost to non-members is **\$70**, workshops are offered to DVAS members at a reduced rate of **\$50**

For more info, contact Violet at: [workshopregis@DartmouthVisualArtsSociety.ca](mailto:workshopregis@DartmouthVisualArtsSociety.ca)

**Gallery Shows:** Andrea Landry will be organizing our annual group show in June at the Craig Gallery at Alderney Landing. Other venues for shows are currently being explored. Keep checking your email for updates on this process.

For more info, contact Andrea: [exhibits@DartmouthVisualArtsSociety.ca](mailto:exhibits@DartmouthVisualArtsSociety.ca)

**Special Event:** On 15th September, Joel Fraser organized an **ART APPRECIATION DINNER** to which *all* members were invited to attend and bring a painting for display/critique.



A full turkey dinner was prepared and served by the Sackville Ladies Auxiliary. The entire costs of the event were covered by DVAS.

Here's how it went, in Joel's own words:

"If you didn't attend the DVAS Art Appreciation Dinner on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sackville Legion, you missed a great evening. Over thirty artists were in attendance enjoying interesting artwork, engaging conversation and a delicious turkey dinner.



Many thanks to Ginger Allan who provided pretty floral centerpieces for each table from her flower gardens.

Lynn MacLellan won the DeSerres gift card door prize.

There were lots of positive comments about the evening with many artists expressing the hope it would happen again."



Joel Fraser

Many thanks to all our hardworking Board Members and volunteers who devote so much of their time and energy to organize events and run our programs:

### **DVAS Executive Members**

President, Sandra Grebeldinger

Treasurer, Beatrice Milner

Secretary, Judy Hammond

### **DVAS Chair Persons**

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**DVAS Newsletters** are now published four times a year in March, June, September and December. With these dates in mind, feel free to submit items of interest to the DVAS membership for publication in the Newsletter to Janet Warnes at: [warnesworld51@gmail.com](mailto:warnesworld51@gmail.com).

**DVAS Website** can be accessed at [www.dartmouthvisualarts.ca](http://www.dartmouthvisualarts.ca)

Thanks to Mary Lou Whitehorne, our Webmaster, who continues to provide us with an up-to-date reliable source of information.

Fully interactive, it provides a plentitude of information and serves as an excellent resource for our members.

She has recently posted a directive about the policy for submitting your artwork for publication in the Gallery of the DVAS Website; well worth the read!

In addition, she is currently spearheading the initiative to update the DVAS by-laws and policies, an on-going process which is well overdue!

Thank you again Mary Lou for keeping us all on track.

Best Wishes to you and your families for the Holiday Season and throughout 2014.

See you in the New Year!

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