



Chisholm Trail Art Association December 2020 Newsletter

The year in Review:

2020 has been a year we will certainly never forget.

Art shows and workshops all over were postponed, rescheduled and then canceled.

Here's to 2021 being a great year and everyone needs to use all those art supplies that we stocked up on this past summer!



CTAA Christmas Party

December 10th - 6 pm

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship Hall

617 W Wise Street, Bowie, TX

**\$15 per person / \$20 limit on gift
exchange; Catered by Sweet Boys Diner,
Bowie, Texas). No Alcohol Allowed.**



CTAA Minutes for November, 2020 Larry Lemons opened meeting @ 6:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen stated the balance for CTAA was \$ 2005.12 **Old Business:** Mystery Art Fest..\$ 1/4 of income from previous year. Online virtual show not a good result.

Larry Lemon's art submission went into auction level. **New Business:** *Christmas Party.* Permission granted to use Seventh Day Adventist church (Jesse Coulson). Starts at **6:00 pm,**

December 10th. • Discussion on refreshments... catered or potluck. Decision: catered by Sweet Boy's Restaurant-\$ 15 per person... choice of 2 meats • Chinese gift exchange \$ 20 limit **Members' Art Show & Critique in lieu of Guest Artist:** We had a surprise feature to this art show based on Jennifer Hammer's former presentation on the features of artwork framing and presentation. There was a members' vote for "*back of artwork*" as per framing skills. **Jennifer Hammer, # 5** was the winner! "*Pie Filling*" **Winner of the Members' Art Show:** Ernie Lewis.." *Unbridled*" (image of calf roping event in rodeo arena) Oil on Canvas, 24 x 30". Award- \$50 gift certificate to Cheap Joes' Art Supplies. Rule: Members could not vote for his/ her own painting/ photos. **Page 2** Each member was invited to present their own entry for "constructive" critique & discuss what he/she liked or needed to improve.

Critiques are a way to see through the eyes of other artists what is needed for self improvement. Several artists contributed their ideas according to the basic elements of art/ photography. **Basic Guidelines for Judging (according to photography/ basic art values):** A list of 12 guidelines was presented by Pres. Larry Lemons. Following is a summary of those guidelines for members. • *Impact:* The "wow" factor..compelling, emotional • *Creativity:* Originality in idea, message, thought • *Style:* specific genre, light, use of color, etc. • *Composition:* design, using all the visual elements to express purpose of image • *Presentation of Artwork:* (if a print, mats & borders should support, not detract from art; if painting, the frame should not overwhelm the painting but enhance it) • *Center of Interest* (focal point)..Should be primary & secondary centers of interest. Sometimes the center of interest is the entire subject matter • *Lighting:* (use/ control of light-photography)..refers to how dimension, shape, roundness define an image. In painting, the direction, time of day dictates the progression of the image. It also defines an emotional reaction to artwork • *Subject matter:* Does the subject portrayed relate to the title? • *Color Balance:* (pertains to photography)..supplies harmony to an image. Can be used to evoke emotional responses to artwork or photos • *Technical Excellence:* print quality of image... IE..., sharpness, exposure, printing, mounting, correct color all speak to qualities of physical print. (Not too light, dark in value) • *Storytelling:* the ability to evoke imagination... each viewer might interpret message personally. Does the art/ print "have" to tell a story each time? **Page 3 Prospective Programs for 2021:** President Lemons invited members to suggest new programs for the New Year (2021). Suggestions included: • Demo on Photoshop (Jesse Coulson) • Prismacolor Demo (Larry) • Children's book Illustration (Vonnie Kohn) **Conclusion of Meeting:** Larry concluded meeting at 7:40 pm. Respectfully

submitted by Vonnie Kohn, 11-24-20



CTAA Member Only Art Show Winner

Ernie Lewis



Congratulations to Ernie! His oil painting titled "Unbridled" about a true and talented

cowboy who "didn't need no stinkin' bridle." Ernie also won the November Artist of the Month and a \$50 gift card from Cheap Joe's.



January 14th



**First Chisholm Trail Art
Association meeting of the
new year!**

**The annual "Show & Tell"
meeting. Bring something
to share that you've done,
are thinking about doing,
anything!**