



Blue Mountain Foundation **for the Arts**

Members' Forum Report Wednesday 1st November 2017

Thank you, Yvonne on behalf of all Members, for all her time, effort and hard work over the past three years as BMFA Chair, and a warm welcome to Dave Saunders, who has stepped up as our incoming Chair. Dave is also continuing his role for the moment as BMFA Treasurer while we seek a new Treasurer to fulfil this role – please do come forward if this is a position you would be willing to consider.

It was a very disappointing turnout to our 1st November Members' Forum Meeting – so, to flag up in good time, our **next Members' Forum gathering will take place on Wednesday December 6th, from 10.30 am** to include a demonstration to produce a Christmas table centre piece by Richard from Blue Mountain Flowers and a **POT LUCK LUNCH** – please bring your contributions to the Meeting and plates and cutlery and of course any ideas/information you want to share with other Members.

Susan Cook reminded us that our **2nd Annual Story Telling Festival** concludes this coming **Saturday, 4th November**, with **Collingwood Improv artists** presenting an evening of words, comedy and music at The BMFA Arts Centre at 7.30 pm – tickets at the door \$17 (or \$15 in advance from Theatre, Collingwood). Licensed bar.

Our **Christmas Open House** will be on Saturday 25th November, with a brilliant live band and a cash bar.

The 2018 Members Show will take **place Wednesday January 10th to Sunday 25th February**. Entry information/submission application available online and in our Arts Centre imminently. Volunteers are urgently sought to help to ensure its success please on four fronts:

Intake: Monday 8th January 10am to 2pm.
Hanging: Tuesday 9th January 10am to 2pm.
Take Down: Sunday 25th February Noon to 2pm.
Reception: Saturday 13th January 3pm to 5pm.

Please contact Stella Cairns, who has kindly agreed to co-ordinate volunteers for this event, by email or phone at the earliest opportunity if you can help: cairnsstella@hotmail.com. 705-443-9330.

Winter Workshops: The Education Committee is currently busy planning our Winter Workshop Programme:

Suzette Terry – Drawing one-day Workshop end of January 2018

Sharon Barfoot – Abstract Acrylic two-day Workshop in February 2018.

Sue Miller – Abstract Workshop – details to be confirmed, early/mid-February.

Helen Steinberg – Possible Craft Workshop – to be confirmed.

CAMF: Yvonne Gibson, outgoing BMFA Chair and Chair of the Collingwood Arts and Music Festival briefly outlined to those present that The Town of Collingwood has generously facilitated CAMF's move to The Eddie Bush Arena from next year, August 4th and 5th 2018 (set up from 4pm August 3rd), enabling the entrance fee to the event to be reduced and ensuring the success of the event is not affected by severe weather. Entrance fee for BMFA members will be \$55 (non-Members \$75) and online application is currently being set up: <http://www.bmfa.on.ca/index.php> or see flyers. Artisans and crafters are called to apply to the CAMF Juried Event. (Spacing remains at 10' x 10' – 2 photographs and a 50 word bio should be forwarded to john.kerr01@sympatico.ca).