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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the board had a great retreat this past weekend. We achieved a lot and have put in place some initiatives to attract new members, provide more stuff for our members such as opportunities to show and sell your work as well as seminar and art education opportunities.

We started by clarifying our Vision and Mission – now they read as follows:

Vision

The Windward Artists Guild will be an organization of active visual artists that is highly regarded by the arts community, patrons, and the community at large.

Mission

Through education, collaboration, encouragement and exhibitions, the Windward Artists Guild encourages, supports and promotes the production and appreciation of the visual arts, with emphasis on the Windward side.

You will start to see some changes in our newsletter. For example, we will be providing a calendar of events so you can have accurate and timely information about upcoming events in order to have quality work ready to enter. We are also seeking additional venues for our artists to show their work both on the Windward side and in Honolulu. We intend to hold our workshops and art instruction activities on the Windward side to provide additional convenience to our Windward members and attract more members from this side. There are plans to improve our website to enable new members to join and existing members to complete their entry forms electronically. This will save members both time and money.

We have looked at the organization, and we are seeking to involve more members at the board level to manage some of these exciting events. We will provide coaching and training, which will add to your skill set and make your volunteering efforts so much more rewarding.

Next month we will let you know the date of our Winter Holiday party and General Meeting at Mid-Pacific Country Club.

So its time to get to work on pieces for the WAG Fall show at Ho'omaluhia on September 30 – a show truly designed for all Windward Artists Guild members. Those of you who have never shown your work before, now is the opportunity. For our more experienced artists, this is an excellent opportunity to support WAG's commitment to artists at all skill levels. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow artists who work in a wide variety of media. If any of you want to know more, or have any comments please don't hesitate to contact me at frances-hersh@hawaii.rr.com.

Aloha,
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