

## **SVFAL**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **Where can I find the SVFAL website?** [WWW.SVFALarts.org](http://WWW.SVFALarts.org)
  
2. **What things can I find on it?** It lists the upcoming events, exhibits, workshops, classes, studio artists, board members, Red House hours, member websites, photos, and how to contact us.
  
3. **What are some regular events?**
  - a. There is a general MEMBERSHIP MEETING with a program (usually a demonstration and sometimes a workshop to follow in the afternoon) for all members to attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 10 am – 12:00 pm at the Red House.
  - b. A monthly FIRST FRIDAY (Open House) at the HISTORIC MONTE VISTA HOTEL (next door to the Red House). Curated art from our SVFAL's artists are featured in 4 shows throughout the year.
  - c. Bi-monthly new ART SHOWS and receptions are held at the Red House during the year. These are member shows. A prospectus with all details for entry is available on our website.
  
4. **What are some upcoming exhibits?** You can find this info on the website but usually there are new exhibits bi-monthly. To enter your work find the prospectus and dates of any upcoming exhibits under *Exhibits* on the website. Show themes for the year are listed on the bulletin board in the break room (by the kitchen) as well as on the website.
  
5. **How do I get a studio in the Red House and how much does one cost?** Cathy Skeen, stanskeen@att.net, is in charge of the studios and maintains a waiting list for them. They are \$225 a month for the whole studio. Many artists are sharing studios and splitting the cost.
  
6. **What about workshops and classes?** This info can be found on the website under *Workshops, Classes and Open Studio*.
  
7. **Where do I find the latest info on the happenings at the SVFAL?** Info can be found on the website and you will receive a monthly newsletter via email or regular mail if you do not have email. Other emails are sent out as members request them.
  
8. **Do we have any members' meetings?** Yes, we have a monthly members' meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 10 am – 12:00 pm. Please check the website or newsletter for timely info about the meeting for that month.

**9. Are there any other meetings?**

- a. Yes, there is a monthly board meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 4 – 6 pm. You may attend board meetings if you like. If you have an issue you want to bring to the boards' attention, contact the president, Jack Williams, color.quill2@yahoo.com, to be put on the agenda. However, if you do not feel a need to attend there are minutes of the board meetings in the library along with the bylaws and monthly meeting minutes.
- b. There is a monthly gallery meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9:30 am. You may attend at any time. New suggestions and ideas are welcome. Contact the Gallery Committee chair to be added to the agenda.

**10. Where may I show my art work?**

- a. Any upcoming members' exhibit at the Red House, check website for prospectus to enter.
- b. The Monte Vista Hotel (next to the Red House) shows featured artists for 3 months at a time, email Susan Hanning, suehanning@aol.com, for more info on how to become a featured artist.
- c. The Elbow gallery at the Monte Vista shows members' work, Marsha Springs, springsmarsha@gmail.com.
- d. Some restaurants in Black Mountain feature some artist's work, contact Susan Hanning, suehanning@aol.com, on how to be featured.

**11. Is there any commission charged when I sell something?**

- a. At the Red House the commission is 20% of the sale.
- b. At the Monte Vista Hotel and Elbow Gallery the commission is 30% of the sale.
- c. Each restaurant sets its own rate.

**12. What are member requirements of the organization?**

- a. To enter your work in an upcoming exhibit you must sit at the reception desk at least two shifts during the exhibit. You will sign up for shifts the day that you drop off your work for the exhibit.
- b. You will also be asked to contribute a food item, beverage item, or contribute a set dollar amount to the opening reception for the exhibit.
- c. To enter your work in an exhibit you must pay an entry fee. Check the prospectus for the charge.
- d. You will be asked to join at least one committee.
- e. You must pay yearly dues that are due in July of each year.

**13. What are the responsibilities of the reception desk?** There is a handout at the desk that explains morning and afternoon shift requirements. The first time you sit please tell the signup sheet worker that you are new so that they can assign you with another person to shadow the first time. Don't worry it is easy!