

2025 President's Report

Overview

2025 proved to be another successful year for the FCA-COC. Our membership base continued to demonstrate strength and stability, reflecting the ongoing appeal and engagement within our community.

Financial Performance

The organization maintained solid financial health throughout the year, bolstered by a generous grant from the City of Kelowna. This support played an important role in ensuring the successful operation of our fall show, Kelowna Artscape.

Member Meetings and Demonstrations

We hosted excellent demonstration artists at our member meetings, providing valuable learning opportunities and inspiration for all attendees. Meeting attendance remained high during the first half of the year, though there was a noticeable decline in participation during the fall months.

Exhibitions and Events

Our summer exhibition, “Oasis,” took place at the Peachland Art Gallery and attracted a strong turnout for the month-long show. The quality of the artwork on display was particularly impressive, highlighting the talent within our organization.

In the fall, we introduced a new event, “Kelowna Artscape,” at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. This open show welcomed works from artists across the Okanagan region, including both FCA members and non-members, resulting in a diverse and vibrant exhibition. The event also included craft sales and artist demonstrations.

Social Gatherings

We held a well-attended social event in June, fostering connections and camaraderie among members. The year concluded with a festive Christmas party, providing a joyful close to our activities.

Executive Team Changes

The executive welcomed a new member this year; Paulette Deyholos as Secretary. We also extend our thanks to Anne Willsie, Dianne Postman and Jenny Wright, who stepped down from their roles after dedicated service.