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DECEMBER 2017 * * * * *

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Happy Holidays everyone!

We are about ready for our December show – lots of entries so it should be a good one. Our next event will be the Christmas party on the 16th at the church.

Later on we will hold a fundraiser for the schools. Some suggestions have been received and we want more. We have rented a vendor's table at the church for the February Art Festival. Think about how we can make the best use of this opportunity. Continue your good work and we will have a successful year!

SEE YOU AT THE DECEMBER ART SHOW FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.

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Executive Board 2017-2018

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JANUARY 2, 2018

BOARD MEETING

10 a.m.

Congregational Church

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Artists' Quotes

"If I were called upon to define briefly the word ART, I should call it the reproduction of what the senses perceive in nature, seen through the veil of the soul." **Paul Cezanne**

"The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web." **Pablo Picasso**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

DIRECTORY – Esther Dirlam

GREETER – Molly Horton

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WE WILL HAVE A CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE PLAN TO BRING A \$5-\$8 WRAPPED "FUN" GIFT MARKED MAF OR FFMALF

AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, JANE MOODY WILL DEMONSTRATE A FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL BE WON BY RAFFLE IN ADDITION TO OUR 50/50 RAFFLE.

A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
(You may pick up their personal information at the meetings)
KRISTINE CURRID – SYLVIA PAISLEY-GEE – RICHARD SCHUCHMAN



I try to comprehend this world
with all the changes as they are.
Such disdain for each other now;
criticism has gone too far.
So judgmental we've all become
at every word that we hear.
Our children are desensitized,
not to know what they should fear.
Women waiting years to speak
of abuses so long ago.
Not to help another soul,
Just to ruin some names we know.
I'm so confused how we all think.
Ladies love to dress to please.
Yet, if a man take notice of,
He's labeled as a sleaze.
Morals aren't important now,
for right and wrong's the same.
We fight for things not worthy,
and don't feel any shame.
Manners left us years ago,
and people have lost their way.
The news is all political,
and filled with such dismay.
Shootings happen every day,
and nobody thinks it twice.
Just move on to the next big thing,
and speak of nothing nice.
It's a sad world we have today
with leaders who don't lead.
Criminals have the upper hand,
and all the fuel they need to feed.
I hope I get to see a change
before I leave this crazy earth,
to return to kindness like long ago,
when we valued each other's worth.

Susan E. Stinebiser - 11/16/2017
(Molly Horton's daughter)

**When you cannot control what's happening, challenge
yourself to control the way you respond to what's
happening. That is where the power is.**

FORT CHRISTMAS GALA EVENT

"MOLLY AND HER MUSIC MAKERS" played on the Brown House porch, from one of the four homes of the 1800's all decorated as they were in those days. Vendors supplied a variety of good foods, and music delighted visitors all day long. Molly has been going here for years. Sorry this publication has not been soon enough to apprise you ahead of time in case you had not read any notices of the events. Keep this in mind for next year's holidays. Fort Christmas is located in Christmas, FL, just off State Road 50, twenty miles east of Orlando enroute to Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, and Canaveral National Seashore in Titusville. The history of Fort Christmas with its early Indian settlers is intriguing.

A synopsis of this history is available from Molly or Esther.

**BE ALERT FOR NEWS IN JANUARY ISSUE REGARDING HARRY
MESSERSMITH AND HIS CRITIQUE OF MEMBER PAINTINGS.
GET YOUR WORK READY FOR THE JANUARY 20 MEETING.
A NOMINAL FEE MAY BE CHARGED FOR EACH WORK TO BE
CRITIQUED TO OFFSET EXPENSES OF THIS MEETING. AT THE
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY, PLEASE NOTIFY ESTHER OF
YOUR INTEREST IN HAVING ONE OR MORE OF YOUR
PAINTINGS CRITIQUED BY OUR GUEST OF HONOR.**

**"Conflict cannot survive without your participation."
Wayne Dyer**