



## A Message From The President

Winter has finally settled in. For me, that means more time at home with a brush, paint, and razor-knife. I hope you all are, likewise, using the cold winter months to advance your art.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 23, at the usual time, 7:30 pm. **PLEASE NOTE**, we will meet at **St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 45 W. Winter Street.**

Following a brief meeting with the normal officer and chairperson reports. We will tour St. Peter's Lenten art exhibition, *Were You There?*, presenting a visual meditation on those who witnessed the Crucifixion. The display features 32 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpted pieces by contemporary artists from 15 countries.

Our speaker will be John Kohan.

I'm looking forward to seeing you, at the meeting.

Ken Hildebrand

The Delaware Cultural Arts Center, otherwise known as The Arts Castle, will be hosting a "Sense of Self" exhibit, March 9-April 24, 2015 that showcases the work of local artists and their self portraits and the "selfie" as an art form. This exhibit will be in conjunction with the annual Third Grade Project, a program sponsored by Honda, Inc., that allows local students from surrounding elementary schools to view current exhibits and participate in creative activities during their visit.

We are asking you to participate in this exhibit by loaning us your version of a self portrait that you have created. A submission of 1-3 pieces is requested. All work should be mounted and ready to hang at the time of installation. Please see the attached submital form for all details pertaining to this exhibit. (Select local community leaders will be providing the selfie portion of this exhibit, as their public position ties in to the student course curriculum for social studies.)

We look forward to having you join us in this endeavor to further our mission in bringing the arts to the community and enriching the lives of all who support the arts. Your participation is always appreciated. Please forward all correspondences to me via email at [exhibits@artscastle.org](mailto:exhibits@artscastle.org) or I can also be reached via cell at 614-203-7307.

Thank you,  
Paula Blosser  
Exhibits Coordinator  
The Arts Castle

## Were You There?

**Lenten Art Exhibition February 15-April 5**

*Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?*  
19<sup>th</sup> century African-American Spiritual

During the season of Lent, St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 45 W. Winter Street in Delaware, Ohio, will hold the art exhibition, *Were You There?*, presenting a visual meditation on those who witnessed the Crucifixion. The display features 32 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpted pieces by contemporary artists from 15 countries.

*Were You There?* opens with images of the crowd gathered on Golgotha, including a chromolithograph by Bible Illustrator James Tissot, depicting what Christ might have seen from the Cross. The second section presents the Skeptics and the Scoffers, viewed in sullen close-up in a mixed media print by American Artist Abraham Rattner. The Roman Soldiers and the Centurion are the subject of the third section, casting lots for the robe of Christ in Irish Artist Brian Whelan's painting, *The Die is Cast*. The Holy Women feature in a fourth display, whose highlight is an oil on canvas portrait of the Virgin Mary at the Cross by French Artist Michel Ciry. (There is also a trio of images of those who were *not* at the Crucifixion--Judas, Barabbas, and St. Peter.) The exhibit ends with an exuberant scene of the Cross as a place of hope, reconciliation and community by the contemporary Cuban painter, "Pelly" Pedro Blanco Aroche.



*Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Hyland Kolb  
editor*