

2018 Convention Report

Hello Fellow China Painters,

Jacque and I have done some work on 2018 Convention arrangements and we would like to update you on events. There are a few changes and arrangements that will be different. We hope you like some of the things that we are planning for you. WE invite you to contact us if you have any suggestions or comments. We would love to hear from you. So – Here is what we are cooking up!

Thursday March 22, 2018

- Set up for Vendors and Displays will be on Thursday from 9:00 to 5:00
- Group Displays will be in the Vendor room. We are limited to 8 8' tables. Maybe a combination slide show and actual display pieces? We will update you later on this.
- Instead of a Featured Artist, we are planning on a Workshop on Thursday. Workshop attendees will bring their paints and brushes for a fun 4 hour long session with Mary Denny. Estimated time will be from 10:00 until 3:00 with an hour lunch break.
- Auction Preview will be set up in the workshop room and later in the Banquet room.
- EOC meeting will be immediately following the workshop in the same room.
- Thursday night's catered banquet will be the General Meeting, Election of officers, Installation and Auction.
- Because of all the activities happening at the Thursday banquet, we plan to auction off fewer items at the banquet. We will be conducting silent auctions on Friday and Saturday by the entry table. These would be extra and last minute donations. The plan would be to have the Thursday Auction items photographed, listed, sorted and slide show created before the convention. Last minute donations would be photographed for the Newsletter and placed in Silent Auctions. No last minute scramble to photograph, arrange and fix the slide show! Should be much more enjoyable.
- Thursday Banquet will be planned for 6:00 until 10?

Friday March 23, 2018

- Convention & Group Displays from 9:00 until 5:00
- Hospitality Entry table with Raffle and Silent Auction pieces
- 2 demo rooms with Schedules to be announced

Saturday March 24, 2018

- Convention & Group Displays from 9:00 until 3:00
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- 2 demo rooms with Schedules to be announced

Other Arrangements

- Show theme is "**We Have It All!**" Please see the poster.

- We are pleased to announce that Gloria McCarthy will be the 2018 CAPA Honored Artist.
- There is free parking directly outside the lobby door across the street
- Facility Team has arranged a block of rooms for California Association of Porcelain Artists at the Best Western Inn directly across the street. 2 queen beds will be \$127.99 and 1 king bed will be \$121.99. The hotel offers free breakfasts from 7:00 until 9:00.
- We plan to have a listing of local eating and activities with when you arrive at the convention. (Hospitality package?)

Time is really short because of these late arrangements coming together. It is just before the Summer Vacation and Holidays. We do not have a tremendous amount of time to create! Please review the timeline for your team when it arrives and make sure we are getting ready what we need to.

At this time, we do not have an Advertising or Auction team. Please plan to paint something for the Auction. It is for a good cause and it allows us to bring home some beautiful pieces that we love. Also – if your group would be willing to step up for one of those jobs, it would be awesome.

I will be letting you know the details as the teams come together.

As nice as the Clovis Veterans Memorial District facilities are – it would be great if we re-used them in 2019. Thank you to Jacque and the Fresno group for finding them!!

Looking forward to working with you for a fun Convention – Best wishes and happy painting!

Linda Hartshorn – 2018 CAPA Show Chairman