November 18 the board will present their suggestions for the "budget" after being asked to do this at the AGM. We will make decisions about the suggestions and ratify those that the membership approve. A brief synopsis of the Board Budget: (decisions in this section need to be ratified by the membership at the Nov 18 meeting.) Marilyn reported that we currently have approx. \$2600 with the rent paid up until the end of December. Because we need to make sure we have enough money to cover expenses and have a bit of a cushion, all suggestions brought forward at the AGM were discussed with the following being brought forward to the membership for ratification:

- 1. Workshops already confirmed to go ahead (Nov, Jan, either Feb or Mar). The Board will meet again in the new year to determine how many other workshops will be added for the new year and possibly drawing from within our membership to present new workshops. (If the number of attendees at workshops become an issue, we will have a signup process.)
- December will no longer be a free month. This year there are 3 Fridays in December so the fee will be \$5/week = \$15.3.
- 3. Donations are always welcome from members.

4. The annual fee for membership will go up to \$50 starting in September 2023 for existing members. If we have new members joining after Dec 2022 and before September 2023, they will pay \$25 for the remainder of the year.

Nov 25 Workshop (pastels) with Dan Gray.

I will demo with soft pastels. I use Canson Mi Tientes paper as my surface - a light grey shade.

I use a smooth surface to tape my paper on and a selection of pastels. I work standing, with my work vertical (I know that artists like to sit and work so whatever works for the individuals)

If some want to use pencil crayons, that would be alright.

If your participants get together, they could buy a drawing pad of Canson and share out the sheets (available at Iron oxide) also soft pastels and masking tape

Looking forward to this.

Dan

Dec 2 work on your Christmas cards or other painting.

Dec 9 Book auction

**Dec 16** Christmas party