

## Signature Show Report 2018

On September 29th and 30th we had 15 of our talented artists exhibit their beautiful artworks at the Plex. We had a fairly good turnout but it came and went in waves. It is always nice to interact with the public and hear their opinions about the show. On the whole I think our display looked great and the calibre of art was awesome. Each artist had a lot of space to showcase their work and talk easily to groups of people who came to admire and appreciate the art.

A great deal of thanks go out to our friends and spouses who dragged and carried our creations, gridwalls and bags for us. I'd also like to thank the Shoreline Members who not only helped us by carrying and helping to set up, but by staying to talk and encourage us all.

There were a few things we figured out along the way. The hours were too long...too early, too late. So a suggested time of 10-4 o'clock may be implemented next time , replacing the 9-5 times we had this year.

Though it was lovely to have art students there to support us and show their work, the sales of cookies and pop were not so lucrative. Also, we have tried this show twice at the same time as Pumpkinfest and , while we thought it might bring more people our way, I don't think it did. Next year, the show being in August, may prove to be the better timing.

I still feel very strongly about making this a bigger event , with an opening night. A big part of our show is to have an opportunity to show our work and hopefully spark more interest in our group. I think more advertising is necessary and a game plan.

Despite some concerns about the Plex as our venue, and the time of year, I hope the participating members enjoyed the weekend. I especially hope that next year, as we move our big show to Westlinks, that we have more members willing to participate. I understand that the effort to transport artwork, grids and all the 'stuff' we need is great! But even if you can participate by bringing a few art pieces, people will see that we are not a group of 15-20 but double that! Let's make an impression ...let's keep those 'Waves of Inspiration' coming!

Thanks to all the work Lorraine put in to this years Signature Show.....couldn't have had this show without her!

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