

# High Plains Art Club learns more about DeGrazia's work

Fritz Ostmeyer presented a program about artist, Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia, when the High Plains Art Club held its regular meeting at South Wind Plaza on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Ostmeyer informed the group that DeGrazia was born on June 14, 1909.

"He was the son of a copper miner from Italy. DeGrazia was talented in art and music and worked

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as a bandleader during his college years at the University of Arizona," Ostmeyer said.

"DeGrazia studied in Mexico under Diego Rivera and Jose Clemente Orozco and his highly acclaimed works were featured in an art exhibit at Mexico City's Palacio de Belles Artes there in Mexico.

After that, his reputation continued to grow."

According to Ostmeyer, DeGrazia's works were of the people and landscapes of the Southwest and often depicted portions of Southwest history.

DeGrazia both wrote and illustrated many books on the Southwest and that he designed and built the 10-acre Gallery in the Sun on North Swan Road in Tucson, Arizona.

"He also wrote, produced, and acted and his own films and often sought solace in the Superstition Mountains of Central Arizona," Ostmeyer said.

At the close of her program, Ostmeyer noted that DeGrazia died on Sept. 17, 1982, at the age of 73, after battling prostate cancer for nearly two years.

He is buried at his Gallery in the Sun beside the adobe chapel he de-

signed and built in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe, who's statue often appears in his paintings.

As usual, the art club members had gathered at South Wind Plaza earlier that morning to work on their individual projects and then had lunch together at a local restaurant. After their afternoon program their president, Marlene Carpenter, called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer Bev Kern informed the

group that the McCook Art Guild is offering a painting workshop on Feb. 19 and 20.

The instructor will be Don Dernovich and they will be painting from a model who will be wearing a costume commemorating the Lewis and Clark journey. Fee is \$80 and participants are to furnish their own materials.

For more information they can contact Kern.

Carpenter reminded them of the juried art show in Oberlin at Gateway on April 8, 9, and 10. Entries are to be in before Feb. 15. Fee is \$15 for two entries and \$5 for each additional entry. Contact Carpenter for more information.

Art club member voted to contribute individually to the Band Ambassador's Club for the trip some of the high school band members are taking to Europe this summer rather than contributing as a club.

Dessert was served by Ruth Hughes, hostess for the day. The February meeting was held on Tuesday and also at South Wind Plaza with Hughes as program chairman and Carpenter as hostess.

# Wife refuses husband's plea to perform in his road show

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Wilmer," and I are in our mid-50s. We've been married 35 years, and for the most part we have gotten along great. However, for about the last 12 years, Wilmer has been on this kick that when we're on a road trip, he wants me to "flash" truckers. At times, he has even tried to get me to show everything.

I was raised to be modest and have told my husband repeatedly that I don't want to do it, that the mere suggestion makes me uncomfortable. He says I'm not getting any younger and I'll regret it someday. Last weekend, we were on the road again, and he wanted me to do the trucker thing. When I refused, I got the silent treatment for the rest of the trip.

After we returned home, Wilmer and I were in our hot tub, and he said another trip had been "wasted" because I wouldn't cooperate.

I am not a prude. I enjoy sex with my husband, but I'm not an exhibitionist. I have thought about talking to my pastor, but Wilmer would just say he's on my side because I believe in God and my husband is an atheist. Please help me. I don't think our sex life needs a third party.

— UNDERCOVER WIFE IN S.C.

DEAR UNDERCOVER WIFE: Neither do I. What your husband is suggesting could cause a fatal accident. Please remind Wilmer that indecent exposure is a crime and that he is going to have to get his kicks somewhere other than Route 66.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and a junior in high school. For the past year and a half, I have been taking ballroom dancing lessons and was assigned a teenage dance partner. To



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• Dear Abby

make a long story short, I fell for him. It was a schoolgirl crush for a while, and I would call him daily.

A few months ago, he finally decided to date me. It didn't last long. After six weeks we broke up. It turned out that he didn't really like me. We have sort of gone back to being friends.

Is there any way I can get over him quicker? I can't pretend he's dead or anything. How can I get the pain to stop so we can just be friends? I have to ballroom dance with him every week, and it hurts to waltz with someone you know doesn't reciprocate your feelings.

— TAKES TWO TO TANGO

DEAR TAKES TWO: The obvious answer would be to ask your teacher to assign you a different partner. However, if the two of you are dancing in competition and it's not practical, then you'll have to readjust the way you think about the young man. When you go to the dance floor, take a mental step backward. Tell yourself he is your business partner, because in a sense that's what he is. I'm not saying it will be easy to do. But it might give you a different perspective—and that's a "step" in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: I am recently engaged to a wonderful man whose wife died a year and a half ago. My problem is that he is thinking about inviting his wife's sisters and their families to our wedding next year.

I don't believe it would be proper, nor do I want them at my wedding. Please help.

— MIFFED IN FLORIDA

DEAR MIFFED: There is nothing improper about your fiancé's wish to invite his former in-laws to the wedding. It is evidence that he had a happy marriage and a good relationship with the family—which is why he was open to marrying again. Please rethink your stance on this. You cannot erase his past, and you will have a much happier marriage if you curb your insecurity and don't try to isolate him.

DEAR ABBY: I am 40 years old and have a close friend whom I have known since elementary school. She has been married for many years and has a beautiful home and family.

Abby, my friend is addicted to painkillers. She will cut herself or burn herself just so she can go to the

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ER to get pills. She goes to different hospitals and urgent care centers each time.

I have an ongoing medical condition, and she has begged me for my pills (which I need), offered to buy them from me and become irate when I refused. She has even told me that she offers to pay for other people's prescriptions if they'll give her half their pills.

This is putting a damper on our friendship, and I'm not sure what to do. Your thoughts, please.

— WORRIED IN WICHITA

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