

# WGAS Newsletter

Fall 2000

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## From the President:

It is an honor to serve a second term as your president. We have great board members who give of themselves to make sure everything goes smoothly. It is a joy to work with them, and I appreciate all of their hard work. I would also like to thank Charles Clark and the University of Mobile for allowing us to have our fall show in their gallery. I think it's going to be a great show and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's paintings.

We are planning on viewing a video about Winslow Homer, whom some call the Father of American Watercolor, at our fall business meeting. I think everyone will find it interesting, and I hope you'll make it a point to be there.

Allan

## Spring Show Winners

- First Prize: Lynda Smith Touart, "Water Becomes Her"
- Second Prize: Barbara Cline, "Millennium Stars"
- Third Prize: Nanelle Adams, "Sleeping Nude"
- 1st Honorable Mention: Kaye Wall Hoffman, "Orange Angelique"
- 2nd Honorable Mention: Jo Patton, "The Want Ads"

We appreciate WHIL's efforts to publicize the show with a number of PSA broadcasts, and inviting Allan to be interviewed on "Spotlight" with Fred Baldwin.

The judge for the show was William Nolen-Schmidt. The show hung at the Eastern Shore Art Gallery in Fairhope through the month of May. There were only 25 entries in this non-juried show, a rather worrying lack of participation from our members!

We are sorry to announce the death of **Katherine Stuart Bell**, a long-time member of the Society. We were informed shortly after the last meeting by Katherine's daughter, Beverly Walton, and have sent a sympathy card.

**Len Dickey**, another valued member of our Society, died in July. Len was such an asset to our group, and such a tireless worker for us, serving as vice president, in addition to being an outstanding artist, that he will be greatly missed.

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## Fall Meeting 2000

The fall general meeting will be in room 115 of the Visual Arts Building at USA, at 3 p.m., on Sunday, 1 October 2000. **Remember that this is the deadline for the nomination of new members!**

At this meeting we plan to propose a memorial award for Len and Katherine. You can donate at the meeting, at the upcoming exhibition, or by mail to *Jerome Roldan, 1601 Monterey Place, Mobile, AL 36604*. Also, we have been asked to address, among other things: OUR definition of watercolor, whether/how to enforce the rules about attendance and exhibitions, and the question of local judges. *Come put your two cents in!*

In addition, we hope to have refreshments and a short program for your enjoyment.

**And don't forget your dues!**

### From the Secretary:

Updated **membership lists** will be available at the fall meeting. If you have any additions or corrections, any **email addresses**, etc., please contact me *in writing, please* by email at [ltouart@touart.com](mailto:ltouart@touart.com), or by snailmail at Lynda Smith Touart, 3951 Schillinger Rd. N., Semmes, AL 36575.

As always, please be sure to send me any **news** of our membership, so that it can be included in the newsletters.

A plea! We are attempting to organize and document our archive **minutes** and other records to help follow proper procedures, but there are **MAJOR** gaps in our records. Please! If you have any old records let me know.

### From the Treasurer:

Thanks to those members who responded to the recent notice sent about 1999 dues. The following have already paid their 2000 dues (\$15):

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| M.Berg   | A.Festorazzi | M.Rodning |
| L.Bowen  | C.Green      | K.Seawell |
| R.Brooks | J.Harrison   | J.Shaw    |
| J.Brown  | H.Hazen      | M.Shorkey |

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| R.Bruckman  | M.Herndon    | B.Smith      |
| A.Butt      | K.Hoffman    | S.Spotswood  |
| E.Byrd      | L.Hoffman    | M.Stohrer    |
| A.Calagaz   | S.Jenkins    | B.Sumrall    |
| M.Cameron   | J.Livingston | L.Thompson   |
| I.Carlson   | C.Lowery     | L.Touart     |
| J.Cleverdon | F.Marchman   | B.Tucker*    |
| B.Cline     | L.McCauley   | M.Vivar      |
| N.Ensminger | M.Nickerson  | A.Westerberg |
| J.Faust     | C.Newcomer   | S.Wright     |
| A.Fay       | M.Patrick    |              |
| J.Fay*      | J.Patton     | *Honorary    |

### **Member News :**

Lee Hoffman will have a two-person show with Mary Kirk Kelly at Gallery54. The opening will be October 29, 2000.

### **Members Honored**

The late **Len Dickey** was the winner of the Fedella Evans Award in the Eastern Shore membership show.

Even more prestigious, he was awarded honorable mention at the Louisiana Watercolor Society International Show in New Orleans, where only 80 of 350 entries were chosen to exhibit.

**Allan Butt** was awarded the Craftmaster Printers Award at the 59<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition of the Watercolor Society of Alabama.

Also, Allan was commissioned to make paintings of the lighthouses of the United States for an upcoming publication. Congratulations on this exciting undertaking!

### ***And New Members!***

The names of those recently chosen to join our organization are:

- Norma Ensminger
- Jamie Lee
- Carolyn Newcomer

Congratulations and welcome!

### ***Plein Air***

Missy Patrick and Kate Seawell, along with Lydia Host, are co-founders of the *Plein Air Painting Group of Mobile*. Their objective is to encourage outdoor painting and drawing among area artists, and to provide companionship and safety for the pursuit of the opportunity to work in an outdoor environment. Your interest is the only membership requirement.

The sessions will take place on the first two Thursdays, and the last two Fridays of each month beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information and schedules, call:  
Missy Patrick – 342-5927

Kate Seawell – 476-8196  
Lydia Host – 342-4458

### **Directions to University of Mobile's Martin Gallery:**

Take I65 North to the Saraland exit. Follow the signs for "University of Mobile" to College Parkway. Turn at the main sign at the University entrance, follow the entrance road to the loop, which is one way. The last building on the loop is the Martin Building.

For help call the UM Art Dept: 442-2280.

### ***Look on the fourth page for Fall Show information!!***

Like to plan ahead?

Here's your chance:

The spring show take-in of work will be May 1, 2001. The show will open May 4, with a reception on May 6, and end on May 29, with the after-show pick-up on May 30.

### **Art on the Web**

If you would like to submit web sites which might be of interest to our membership; either your own, those of your friends, or any you think noteworthy, we would be glad to pass them along. Here are a few:

[www.tregay.com/](http://www.tregay.com/) Susan Webb Tregay, who taught a workshop for us about four years ago

[www.gulftel.com/leo96/](http://www.gulftel.com/leo96/) Len Dickey's site

[www.gulftel.com/apples/](http://www.gulftel.com/apples/) Shirley Apple Jenkins' web site

[www.touart.com/lynda/lynda.htm](http://www.touart.com/lynda/lynda.htm) Lynda Smith Touart's page