

WGAS Newsletter

Summer 2002

From the President:

My thanks to the members for electing me to be your president in 2002-2003. My goal is to bring the organization back as viable. We are looking hard to find ways to make major changes. First we intend to raise the bar for our shows by increasing member participation and by increasing community awareness of our exhibits. Our goal is to increase both the prestige and the prize money in our shows. To do this we will need the help of every member. To this end we are inclosing a survey about suggestions the membership may have. *Please* help by returning your survey in a timely manner to:

William C. Morris
1011 Hillcrest Road
Mobile AL 36695

Or, you can drop it by the gallery at the above address.

Thanks,
Bill

Officers for 2002-2003:

President: Bill Morris
Treasurer: Mary Rodning
First VP: Kate Seawell
Second VP: Les Thompson
Secretary: Lynda Smith Touart

WGAS Spring Show Winners:

First Place: Frances Mutchnik - *Deserted*

Second Place: Lynda Smith Touart - *Harvest*

Third Place: Anne Festorazzi - *From my Sketchbook*

John H. "Bubba" Jones Award: Adele B. Fay - *Downtown Mobile*

Special thanks to Phyllis Boyd, manager of Southern Art and Framing, for hosting our show, and to Ms. Chris Tuggle of the Blue Dolphin Gallery in Pensacola for judging.

New Members!

The following people were selected to receive an invitation to join the Society:

1. Marsha Corner
2. Deborah Jones
3. Jeff Knighton

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4. Patricia Marco
5. Mary Ann Trovato
6. Liz Zirlott

Congratulations and welcome to all!

Member News and Lots of It!:

- In February **Mary Rodning** exhibited in Los Angeles with the *ART of INK* group, in the Korean Cultural Center.
- **Fred Marchman** had a one-man show, “Alabama Back Roads”, at the Hawthorn Gallery in Mountain Brook, Alabama in March.
- Several members were in the Gulf Gallery Self Portrait show “Me, Myself, and/or I” in March:
 - **John Cleverdon**
 - **Jim Conlon**
 - **Norma Ensminger**
 - **David McCann**
 - **Kate Seawell**
 - **Wanda Sullivan**
 - **Lynda Smith Touart**
 - **Lynn Yonge**

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- **Maurine Shorkey** had a one-person show of paintings at the Bay Rivers Art Guild in Daphne in March.
- **Allan Butt** won a Merit Award for his watercolor in Art with a Southern Drawl at the University of Mobile. **David McCann** and **Mary Rodning** were also accepted into the show.
- **Kate Seawell** had a one-person show at the Springhill College Eichold Gallery in April.
- The following members won awards in the MAA show in April:
 - **David McCann:** Best of Show AND Third Place
 - **Adele Fay:** Merit Award
 - **Norma Ensminger:** Memorial Award
 - **Mary Anne Trovato:** William P. Weaver Award
- **David McCann** has been elected president of the MAA and **Adele Fay** has been elected vice-president. (Adele was also chosen president of the Mobile Branch of the National League of American Pen Women.)
- **Jean Adams** has informed us that she is moving to Pittsburgh, PA, and must

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withdraw from WGAS membership. She said she 'loved being a part of WGAS and will miss everyone'. We will miss her!

- These members and their spouses were invited to show in the “2by2” show at the MMA in May:
 - *John Cleverdon*
 - *James Conlon*
 - *Kaye Wall Hoffman*
 - *Lee Hoffman*
 - *David McCann (again!)*
 - *Mary Rodning*
 - *Lynda Smith Touart*
- The following members exhibited in the Plein Air Painting Group show at Gallery 54 in May:
 - *Weezie Brabner*
 - *John Cleverdon*
 - *Carolyn Green*
 - *Kaye Wall Hoffman*
 - *Lee Hoffman*
 - *Lydia Host*
 - *Missy Patrick*
 - *Jo Patton*
 - *Martha A. Rowan*
 - *Kate Seawell*
 - *Maurine Shorkey*
 - *Anita Westerberg*
- We are sorry to report that *Wanda Sullivan*'s father died in May.
- We are also sorry to report that *Sumi Putman* has fallen and fractured a vertebra.

From the Secretary:

- At the fall meeting the updated membership lists will be distributed. ***Please*** let your secretary know before that time if your address, phone number, or email address needs to be changed. (*Are you listening, you former @home and @zebra people?*)
The address is:
Ltouart@touart.com or
Lynda Smith Touart
3951 Schillinger Rd. N.
Semmes, AL 36575
- Thanks to everyone who contributed member news for this newsletter. Keep it up!

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From the Treasurer:

- Thanks to all members who have become current. It has been wonderful to reconnect with you. June 1, 2002, began the fiscal year for 2003-2003. Your \$15.00 dues may be sent to

Mary Rodning,
4500 Cavalier Drive
Semmes, AL 36575

(From the Treasurer, cont'd.)

- Regretfully, we have recently had to drop seven members for non-payment of dues, *so do it now before you forget!*
For information call **649-8586** or email maryink@juno.com
- We have determined it to be in the best interest of the Society to renew our CD for 12 months when it comes due in June.
- The following members have *already* paid for 2003-2003* (*Thank you!*):
 1. Nanelle Adams
 2. Leta Bowen
 3. Weezie Bancroft-Brabner
 4. John Cleverdon
 5. Barbara Cline
 6. Marsha E. Corner
 7. Jane Crandall
 8. Adele B. Fay
 9. Robbie Fischrupp
 10. Gay Garrett
 11. Courtney Hays
 12. Sadie Roberts Heath
 13. Mary Herndon
 14. Kaye and Lee Hoffman
 15. Lydia Host
 16. Shirley Jenkins
 17. Deborah Jones
 18. Sharon Lyn Jones
 19. Ernice Kirkland
 20. Libby McCauley
 21. Ainsly McNeely
 22. Patricia M. Marco
 23. Francis Mutchnick
 24. Carolyn Newcomer
 25. Marie Nickerson

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26. Susan S. Perrine
27. Martha Ann Rowan
28. Mary Rodning
29. Sylvia Russell
30. Jack Sanders
31. Jane Shaw
32. Maurine Shorkey
33. Bobbie Smith
34. Sara Spottswood
35. Leslie Thompson
36. Lynda Smith Touart
37. Mary Anne Trovato
38. Suzanne Wright
39. Jean Zaremba
40. Elizabeth Zirlott

**If you have recently paid and do not see your name on the list, it's probably just that this newsletter had "gone to press" already!*

Fall Show Dates

The fall WGAS exhibition will again be held at the Morris Gallery. Bring in your work on Monday, October 28, 2002. The show is planned to run from November 2nd through 23rd, with the reception tentatively scheduled for Saturday, the 2nd. Details will follow as they are worked out.

We need *everyone's* participation!!!