WGAS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2003

Fall Show Winners

(The judge for the show was Robert C. Knutson.)

- Best of Show: Lee Hoffman
- *First Place*, Thompson Engineering and Testing Award: **Sumi Putman**
- Francis Palmer Ward Award: Maurine Shorkey
- Alabama Art Supply merchandise award: Patricia Marco
- John H. "Bubba" Jones, Jr. Memorial award: Missy Patrick
- Bea Tucker graphics prize: **Jim Conlon**
- Bea Tucker watercolor prize: Mary Anne Trovato
- Members' Choice, for which all members vote: Patricia
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Spring Show

The dates for the spring show are on a separate page so that you can save them and post them on your refrigerator or *wherever* so that you remember!

Your board has decided to lower the entry fee to encourage participation. This time you may enter $\underline{3}$ works for the \$15.00 entry fee. Since we are in the Whiting

Gallery (the BIG room) again, you should be assured of two works in the show. ESAC was disappointed with our last show, and that is why we were not offered a showing there last year. In order to reclaim our Spring Show in that gallery, we need to be sure that *this* show is an exceptionally good one. Also, the entry fees will make up our prize money, so that is another reason to encourage participation.

Please note that the opening reception will be the same night as the ArtWalk in Fairhope, which should assure us of a good turnout.

Kate will announce the judge for the show at the general meeting.

The awards will be:

- *Best of Show*: \$150
- 2nd place: \$75
- 3rd place: \$50
- Hon Mention: \$25
- Members' Choice/AL Art Supply Merchandise Award: \$100
- John H. "Bubba Jones Award: \$100

We would like to institute the mailing of publicity postcards for our shows, beginning with the next Fall Show, and your board suggests that we feature the

previous show's winner on them. We will need to discuss this at our meeting to decide how to compile a mailing list.

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Spring Meeting:

The spring meeting will be held in Fairhope at the Eastern Shore Art Center, 13 March, at 6:30 p.m. This arrangement has been made to accommodate our Eastern Shore members. Be sure to attend, because we have *much* to discuss, not to mention the election of new officers, which will take place at this meeting.

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Member News:

- Maurine Shorkey and Anita Westerberg had terrific onewoman shows at the ESAC in February!
- **Bill Morris** placed 14th in the federal migratory waterfowl stamp contest. This is the largest art competition in the world. The contest has drawn more than 1500 artists vying for the top prize.
- Norma Ensminger has been asked to show her painting work at the Alabama Arts Council Gallery, January 25-March 21st. The show is entitled "Across Alabama, New Work: Paintings and Sculpture". The Gallery is open during the week, and weekends with special arrangement.

• **Jo Patton's** painting is the poster for the Festival of Flowers this year. Jo and **Tricia Bryars**, (a.k.a Patricia Patton-Bryars) are sharing a booth at the Festival, Mar.20th-23rd, 2003.

Also our good wishes go out to Bill Patton, Jo's husband, who had a stroke recently. Get well soon, Bill!

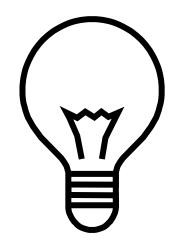
- Missy Patrick is giving art lessons to children and adults in her home. Call her at 342-5927, or email: missypat@comcast.net
- The mother/daughter team of Jane Shaw and Suzanne Wright have a show at the Bay Rivers Art Guild through March 28th.

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From the Secretary:

Membership lists will again be available at the meeting. <u>Please</u> tell me if you need your listing changed or corrected. I especially want to get correct email addresses from those who have them so that we can contact you in this easy, cheap, and *quick* way.

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Don't forget!!!!!!!!!! WGAS Spring Dates

Thursday, March 13, 2003 - Spring General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at ESAC

Tuesday, April 1, 2003 - Bring work to the ESAC between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The fee for up to three pieces is \$15.00. Your dues must be paid up in order to enter.

Thursday, April 3, 2003 - Judging

Friday, April 4, 2003 - Opening Reception, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003 - pick up work after the show

Don't forget!!!!!!!!