WGAS NEWSLETTER

Fall 2004

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From the President:

Thanks to the considerable help of David McCann, the Advisory Board of the CLA has recommended hosting the WGAS Juried Exhibition for 2005 in Gallery 301, beginning in the month of June. There are several details to be worked out regarding this show, but I have every confidence that the WGAS can work closely and successfully with the staff at the Center for the Living Arts.

Since the Membership Show for 2005 is now scheduled for September at the Eastern Shore Art Center, and the Juried Exhibition for 2006 is scheduled at the Mobile Museum of Art for the months of April - June, our organization has a firm exhibition schedule for the next year and a half, and we can begin to do the kind of advance planning that will insure the success of our public exhibitions. This also means that the WGAS desperately needs a Programs and Exhibition Committee to work with Martha Ann Rowan and Kate Seawell with the tremendous amount of work associated with each exhibition. Hopefully, we'll have enough volunteers at the next general meeting to address this need.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 21, at 3:00 p.m. in one of the Art History Auditoria in the Visual Arts Center on the USA Campus. Please make every effort to attend this meeting! There will be a number of items on the agenda that deserve the input of as many members as possible.

Jim Conlon agagag

New Members!

Chosen by membership vote at the Members' Show.

- Judy Aronson
- Ruth Belasco
- Casey Downing
- Terry Hartzell
- Frank Vogtner

Congratulations and welcome to all!

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Winners in the WGAS Membership Show at the ESAC:

- First Place: **John Cleverdon**, for his monoprint *Woodland 1*
- Second Place: Maureen Shorkey, for her watercolor <u>Coastal Living</u>
- Third Place: Lynda Smith Touart, for her acrylic <u>2bas</u>
- John H. "Bubba" Jones Award: Betty Boykin Walker, for her watercolor Ginger Lilies and Sand Pears
- Alabama Art Supply Merchandize Award: Norma Ensminger, for her watercolor Horn Island Gray
- Members' Choice Award: Lynda Smith Touart, for <u>2bas</u>

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Next General Meeting:

Sunday, November 21, 3:00 p.m., at the University of South Alabama Visual Arts Center Art History Auditorium.

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Member News:

- Peg Udall was curator of and an exhibitor in the recent <u>It's About Time!</u> show at Page and Pallette.
 Terry Hartzell was also in the show.
- Casey Downing curated both the <u>Orange Alert</u> exhibition at Space 301, and <u>Welded Steel II</u> at Art Off Centre.
- Missy Patrick and Allan Butt were selected to be in the Southeastern Juried Exhibition.
- Adelle Fay was accepted into the November <u>Mobile International</u> <u>Festival (MIF)</u> exhibition.
- The following members were included in the <u>MAA Membership Juried</u> <u>Show</u> at the West Regional branch of the Mobile Public Library:
 - Ainsley McNeely, Gene Fussell Memorial Award
 - Frances Mutchnik, William Bush Memorial Award
 - John Cleverdon, Mobile
 International Festival Award
 - Norma Ensinger
 - Fred Marchman
 - Mary Rodning
 - Frank Vogtner
- Barbara Cline, Jim Conlon, and Mary Rodning have work on display at the University Library Art Gallery at the University of South Alabama through January 31, 2005...
- Many of our members contributed to Phantasy of the Arts in Fairhope, including:
 - o Madeline Busby
 - o John Cleverdon
 - o Jennifer Faust
 - o Jeri Harrison
 - **O Emilee Lyons**
 - Fred Marchman
 - o Lutie Mumford
 - o Carolyn Newcomer
 - Kate Seawell
 - Peg Udall

From the Treasurer:

Dues (**\$20**) were due on **June 1**st for the ensuing year.

Please send your payment to:

Marsha Corner 8925 Heid Place Mobile AL 36619 Phone: 251-633-3538

Your dues must be paid to enter the next show.

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From the Secretary:

- <u>Please</u> tell me if you need your membership listing changed or corrected, especially email addresses. (If you have email, and are not getting emails from me regarding meetings and such, I must not have your correct address!) At the next meeting I should have the updated membership lists for those who want them, so please try to remember to get that information to me ASAP.
- And please send me any member news you may have so it can be included in the newsletters.

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• Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank the members for giving me the Members' Choice Award at the last show. It means more to me than I can say.