



From the President:

It hardly seems a year since the member-ship elected me president. I am still humbled that I am at the helm of the ship we call the WGAS. The membership meeting will take place at Alabama Art Supply at 2:00pm Sunday March 12th. Parking will be at the back of the building. We will be discussing several things pertaining to our Show at the Mobile Museum of Art. Our spring show promises to be a wonderful experience. I know that everyone will be putting their best pieces in the show to allow us to shine at the MMA! Happy painting!

Loran Chavez

Winners in the Juried September Exhibition at ESAC

Jo Patton, Best of Show (Ruth

Bruckmann Memorial Award), "*Down Two Runs*"

Lee Hoffman, 1st Place, "*Slab Pour*"

Ann Calagaz, 2nd Place, "*Is it Gumbo Yet?*"

Jeff Knighton, 3rd Place, "*Samuel Allen, Jr.*"

Lynda Smith Touart, Alabama Art Supply Award, "*Persian Shield*"

Carolyn Greene, John H. "Bubba"

Jones Memorial Award, "*Birches at Sunset*"

Marie Nickerson, Members' Choice

Award (for the second time in a row!), "*Mango Mania*"

New Members:

J.D. Crowe

Lolita Dickinson

Orrin Kickliter

Sandra Krause

Ben Shamback

Rivers Sherrod

Charles Swan

Congratulations and welcome!

Next Meeting:

Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Alabama Art Supply, 1001 Downtowner Blvd. (around the back). Board meeting at 1 p.m.; General meeting at **2 p.m.** *At this meeting we will be electing officers for 2006-2007.*

In addition to the business meeting, we will have a **door prize** of a gift certificate from Alabama Art Supply, and an opportunity to experiment with watercolor crayons, as well as other information about new products.

Please plan to attend!!!!!!!!!!

With regret, we report the death of

Patricia Marco

in October 2005, of lung cancer.

A memorial award will be given in her memory at the next exhibition.

Membership Exhibition

The next Member Juried Exhibition will be at the Mobile Museum of Art from April 7 to July 9, 2006. The opening reception will be held in conjunction with *Poetic Expressions of Immortality: Figurative Ceramics from the Porter-Price Collection, The David and Inger Duberman Collection of Chinese Cloisonne: A Gift to Mobile, and Paul Stankard: A Floating World* exhibitions. The reception will be on Thursday, April 20, 2006, from 7 – 9 p.m. Voting for the Members' Choice Award will be at the reception, as well as the presentation of the other awards.

The judge will be Holly Collins, Gallery Director at the University of West Florida. She also teaches museum studies and 2-dimensional design at UWF. She holds a MFA with concentration in drawing and painting from Northern Illinois University. Holly Collins moved to the Florida Panhandle in 1998, bringing with her both teaching and gallery experience from the Chicago area. She maintains affiliation with ARC Gallery/Educational Foundation in Chicago. With numerous juried exhibitions to her credit, her work is part of private and corporate collections throughout the United States, Cyprus and Japan.

Ms. Collins works in mixed media on paper. Vivid pigments are combined in unusual ways. She paints, draws, and scratches through her layered work causing variations in the surface quality and revealing new color combinations. This work is intense with energy and light

"The color and texture of my work express my feelings of energized hope. My work is inspired by simple landscapes affected by wind, water and light. My abstract landscapes

are revealed by drawing through the layers of gouache and acrylic pigments. Colors emerge like daybreak emerges from nights....These drawings contain reference to my own belief that the natural environment can regenerate and reclaim itself..." explains Ms. Collins.

This year the awards will be:

- Best of Show - \$800
- 1st - \$500
- 2nd - \$250
- 3rd - \$150
- Alabama Art Supply Merchandise - \$100
- Patricia Marco Memorial - \$100
- Members' Choice \$100
- *And others - TBA!*

Work will be received on Monday, **April 3**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 for up to 2 pieces. Judging will be April 5th, and pick up of declined work will be on Thursday, April 6, noon until 2 p.m. Please be sure to affix your entry label (included in this newsletter) to the back of your work and bring the remainder of the form with you. If you should lose your copy, the staff will have extra copies at the site. **Your dues must be paid to enter the show!**

Member News:

- **New/Corrected Addresses, Email, & Phone:**
 - **Ainsley McNeely**
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Mobile, AL 36608
 - **Carolyn Greene**
28 Westminster Way
Mobile AL 36608
 - **Kate Seawell** kdseawell@usouthal.edu
 - **Fred Marchman**
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- **Participating in the *Very Special Arts of Alabama Art Partners Mobile* in July were:**
 - **Loran Chavez**
 - **John Cleverdon**
 - **Norma Ensminger**
 - **Carolyn Greene**

- **Lydia Host**
- **Jeff Knighton**
- **Jaime Lee**
- **Mary Rodning**
- **Kate Seawell**
- **Bill Morris** has donated his painting of Mother Theresa to the Vatican and a gicleé print to Victory Health Partners. The painting is temporarily on loan to the MMA.
- **Sara Spotswood** was featured in the September *Mobile Bay Monthly*.
- **Casey Downing** was presented the "artist's" award in the *Greater Mobile Arts Awards* selection.
- **Ben Shamback** received first prize out of a field of 562 submitted works in the 20th annual Combined Talents Florida International 2005, at FSU, for his painting "Sheep 2"
- **Missy Patrick** and **Peg Udall** were featured in the special *Women in the Arts Section* of the Mobile Register's 2006 season supplement
- Jon and **Lydia Host** have a new son: *Cullen Phineas Host*, born 9/19/05 at 5:59 p.m., 9 lbs – 2 oz, 23 inches, a.k.a."The Barnacle". Lydia is now teaching at the University of Mobile
- **Norma Ensminger's** works were on display in Mobile Arts Council's Skinny Gallery through the month of October
- **Ann Calagaz** donated several of her paintings to The Little Sisters of the Poor -- Sacred Heart Residence's 34th annual Lawn Party
- Members juried into the 2005 *Saltline Biennial* were **Loran Chavez, Barbara Cline, Lolita Dickinson, Fred Marchman, Mary Rodning, and Kate Seawell**
- **Peg Udall** and **J.D. Crowe** were among those invited to exhibit in the *Arts Phantasy* for the benefit of the new Fairhope Center for the Arts.
- **Jo Patton** was among the 10 featured artists at the Ashland Gallery's November show.
- **Nanelle Adams, Emilee Lyons, and Martha Ann Rowan** were featured in the *Together Again* exhibit at the ESAC in November '05, curated by **Martha Ann Rowan**
- **Missy Patrick** was the featured artist at Gallery 54 for the month of November.
- **John Cleverdon, Casey Downing, Peg Udall, Fred Marchman, Dave McCann, and Lyn Yonge** participated in *OIL*, curated by **Lyn Yonge**, a continuation of the annual "protest" exhibits at GULF ArtSpace, through November '05
- **Allan Butt** and Bess Rich were featured at the Victorian Teal Gallery in December.
- From "Yesterday's News", *Mobile Register*, December 16, 2005:

Friday, Dec. 16. 1955 - "University, Ala. -- **John Cleverdon**, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cleverdon of 1860 Dauphin Street, has been chosen as 'Student Artist of the Week' at the University of Alabama.

"A senior at Alabama, John is majoring in painting. His work, a drawing, was chosen for its interest and design."
- **Jo Patton** was invited to the GREEN exhibition at Gulf ArtSpace in January.
- **Kaye and Lee Hoffman, Jo Patton, and Casey Downing** were invited to the Art of Transportation exhibition at Space 301 in January, which **Casey** also curated.
- The *Lost and Found* exhibition at Gulf ArtSpace in March includes **Casey Downing** and **Orren Kickliter**

- **Loran Chavez** will be one of three featured artists at CSG for March. The Opening/ ArtWalk is March 10 5:30-8:30
- **Janie Brown** and **Carolyn Greene** are exhibiting with the *Mama Lisas* at Barnes & Nobel in April and May
- **Loran Chavez** designed the MOT's coin for 2006 Mardi Gras

From the Secretary:

- Please 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!*
- The updated list of active members is included with this newsletter.
- Please send me any member news you may have so it can be included in the newsletters. (Email works best!)

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From the Treasurer:

Dues (**\$20**) were due on **June 1st** for the ensuing year. Please send your payment **to the treasurer:**

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Mobile AL 36619
Phone: 251-633-3538
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Your dues must be paid to enter the next show!

Also of Note:

- Please **don't** send correspondence to the WGAS post office box. Although it is our "official" address, we sometimes do not check it regularly. It is more timely to contact officers directly at their home addresses
- Special thanks to **Peg Udall** for our new masthead, a version of the logo she originally created for us
- Questions have often arisen about allowing works on board or canvas in our shows. We will be discussing a possible amendment to our constitution in the near future.
- The next exhibition, at the Eastern Shore Art Center, will be in September of 2006. Nominations for new members must be received (with bios) by July 1, 2006. Those nominated for, but unable to show in, the "Katrina Exhibition" will be automatically re-invited.