



Report from Janie Brown, 1st Vice President

We have some exciting news to share with the WGAS membership regarding our Spring 2007 show. Actually, I should say “SHOWS”. To bring you up to date, the Eastern Shore Art Center could not accommodate us in '07 due to some conflicting show schedules. Your WGAS board has been busy locating a new venue and, with special thanks to our, “always in the right place at the right time” secretary Lynda Touart, we will be having two shows this spring.

First, we have been asked to participate in the Community Arts Festival at the Mobile Museum of Art with four other Mobile art organizations. Our space will accommodate about 30 pieces. This will be a juried in/out show and will run from June 29th – September 16th. We are working on the details and will discuss them at the general membership meeting on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Alabama Art Supply.

The other spring show in the works will be a members' show at Mobile Arts Council's Skinny Gallery on Dauphin Street downtown. The space is not large, but we will have the gallery to ourselves and the show will run from early July (exact date to follow) through July 27th. There will be a reception on Friday, July 13th during ArtWalk.

I've probably left you with more questions than answers, but the details for both shows are being worked out at this time. I hope you will be excited about “something new” for our group and plan to enter one or both shows. Please plan to attend the membership meeting and we will discuss these shows and other WGAS business at that time.

Keep painting!

Janie

Fall Exhibition Winners:

- BEST OF SHOW: Calab by **Bill Morris**
- FIRST PLACE (Ruth Bruckmann Award) WATERCOLOR: Maters by **Peggy Lawrence**
- FIRST PLACE GRAPHIC: Patrick McNeal at 16 by **Jeffrey Knighton**
- SECOND PLACE: Sunflowers & Gourd by **Lee Hoffman**
- THIRD PLACE: The Model by **Libby McCawley**
- JEAN ZAREMBA MEMORIAL AWARD: Landscape in Red by **Martha Ann Rowan**
- ALABAMA ART SUPPLY AWARD: David's Cactus by **Lynda Smith Touart**
- JOHN H. "BUBBA" JONES AWARD: Rooster in the Garden by **Jane Shaw**
- MEMBERS' CHOICE: *A Tie!*
 - Patrick McNeal at 16 by **Jeffrey Knighton**
 - Intense Black by **Kate Seawell**

New Members!

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Michael Brugh
Derald E. Eastman
Susan Gardner
Nancy Lee Hanrath
Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough
Monique McFarland
Kathy Thomson
Congratulations and welcome to all!

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be On March 18th, 2 p.m., in the back all-purpose room of Alabama Art Supply. We will have quite a number of items to discuss regarding the upcoming shows. Also it is at this meeting that we will elect officers for the upcoming year. (New officers will take up their duties on May 1st, but since the upcoming shows will still be in the works, they can expect the current Board to assist them.)

Dues!

Dues (\$20) for the ensuing year will be owed on June 1st. You must be paid up to enter any exhibitions.

Send your checks to the Treasurer:
Marsha Corner
7180 Wynncliff Dr.
Mobile, AL 36695

Upcoming Exhibitions

We have planned three exhibitions for 2007:

- 1 · The Mobile Arts Council Skinny Gallery in July
- 2 · The MMA from June 29th through September 16th
- 3 · The Fall Exhibition (wherein we choose new members) in November at the BRAG Gallery in Daphne

Be sure to attend the meeting to get the details about all these exciting exhibitions!

News

- Kaz Zaremba has generously sent us a check for \$500.00, to be used for \$100.00 Jean Zaremba Memorial Awards in each of the next five years' exhibitions.
- Dr. Richard Wood, Dean of University Libraries at USA, has agreed to a WGAS exhibition in the third floor gallery of the main library for November and December of 2008. *Mark your calendars now!*

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Member News & Lots of It!

- **Marsha Corner**, your Treasurer, has a new address & email:
7180 Wynncliff Dr.
Mobile, AL 36695
mecorner@comcast.net
- **Bill Morris** has a new email address: williamcmorris@bellsouth.net
- **Jerry Roldan's** "new" email address: jerryroldan@bellsouth.net
- **Fran Neuman's** ditto: fneumann13@earthlink.net
- **Frederick Marchman's** illustrations were published in a new textbook in Spanish, *Guía Básica de la Crítica Literaria y del trabajo de Investigación* by Dr. Frieda Blackwell Wellhausen of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. It was published by Thompson Healy, Boston, on September 29, 2006. *Dibujos* (drawings) por Frederick Marchman. (\$29.95)
- **Fred** also showed paintings, prints, and cartoons at the Lyons Share Gallery in Fairhope, as part of the Jubilee Art Show in September.
- Not to mention that **Fred**, as a Boy Scout achiever has been frequently mentioned in *Yesterday's News* in the *Mobile Press Register* several times lately!
- **Mary Rodning** won the Yatsutomo Award for her contemporary calligraphy work at the National Sumi-e Society of America, in Bloomington, MN, in September.
- **Frances Mutchnick** was featured in the October issue of *Mobile Bay Monthly*
- **Vicki Barber**, a long time member who resigned in 2004, died in October of 2006.
- **Ann Calagaz** was the featured artist in the main gallery of the Performing Arts Association in Foley in October.
- **Kate Seawell** was one of the featured artists at Ashland Gallery's *Art Fest* celebration
- **Judy Aronson** and **Mary Rodning** were two of the featured artists at the October *Artoberfest* at Cathedral Square Gallery
- **Fred Marchman** was among the artists in the *Mysteries* exhibition at Gulf ArtSpace in October
- **John Cleverdon** was invited to show in the Gulf ArtSpace annual Protest show, "Iraq", curated by **Lynn Yonge** in November
- **Bill Morris's** painting of Mother Teresa was presented to the Pope on November 8th in Rome. Bill and Joanne traveled to the Vatican for the ceremony
- **Elaine Byrd** won first place in the MAA's 2006 Fall Show
- Featured in *Art Fest II* at Ashland Gallery for the month of November were **Martha Ann Rowan**, **Libby McCawley**, and **Jo Patton**.
- **Missy Patrick** was the featured artist at Gallery 54 for the month of November
- Work by **Kate Seawell's** Professional Practices class in the University of South Alabama Visual Arts Department was shown at the Mobile Art Council's Skinny Gallery in December.
- Bruce Larson invited **Fred Marchman** and **Casey Downing**, and University of Mobile students under instructor **Lydia Host**, to show in Gulf Space in December.
- **Madeline Busby**, **Jane Shaw**, and **Suzanne Wright** were featured at Cathedral Square Gallery in December.
- **Casey Downing**, **Ben Shambeck**, and **Bill Morris** were accepted into the *Drawing on*

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- Alabama exhibition at Biggin Hall in Auburn. The show was up during January.
- **Lynda Smith Touart** was the featured artist at Chesser Gallery in January.
 - In February the ESAC exhibition Pride/Hubris featured **Fran Neumann, Jerry Roldan, Lynn Yonge, Orren Kickliter, Peg Udall, and John Cleverdon**
 - **Maurine Shorkey** was featured in the February issue of *Mobile Bay Monthly*
 - *Happy 90th Birthday, Maurine!*
 - **Casey Downing** was the featured artist at Chesser Gallery in February
 - **Jane Shaw** and **Bea Tucker** are featured in the April issue of *Mobile Bay Monthly*

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