

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

From the President

Our next WGAS general meeting will be **Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m.*** at the Morris Gallery, 1011 Hillcrest Road.

When the board met two weeks ago we discussed making this meeting a party celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Society. When we started planning and digging into old records, we quickly realized that in order to make this event as special as it deserves to be we would need a bit more time. Therefore, and in spite of the nice announcement in the Living-Arts section of the Mobile Press-Register on Sunday, February 10th, the 60th Anniversary party WILL NOT be part of the WGAS meeting on March 9th. We will be discussing the party at the meeting, deciding on a date (probably in April), getting your ideas, and lining up volunteers to help. Please give this important event some thought and be ready to help us make it something special that we will all enjoy.

We will also be discussing our upcoming Spring Show at The Eastern Shore Art Center in June. You'll find all the important details about the show in this newsletter. Later in the year we'll be going to the University of South Alabama for our Fall Show but, let's talk about that later - it's only February and time goes by fast enough doesn't it? I guess it's not too late to say "Happy New Year" to you all and wish you lots of time to be your creative best in 2008. I hope that all of our members made "attend meetings and get involved" one of their New Year's resolutions because we need everyone if we're going to be a strong "art" presence in Mobile for another 60 years. I look forward to seeing you all on March 9th.

Happy painting,

Janie Brown

*Board Meeting @ 1p.m.

Winners in the Fall Exhibition at BRAG

- Best of Show - **Charles Swan** - "Story Teller"
- First Place - **Martha Ann Rowan** - "Canna Study"
- Second Place - **Lynda Smith Touart** - "Lemme Out"
- Third Place - **Fran Neuman** - "Wisteria Cottage"
- Bruchmann Award - **Ernest Kirkland** - "The Matriarch"
- Zaremba Award - **Derald Eastman** - "Bethany 2"
- Ala Art Supply - **Carolyn Newcomer** - "Colorful Rooster"
- Hillcrest Framing - **Marie Nickerson** - "Under the Loquat Tree"
- Southern Art & Framing - **Lee Hoffman** - "West on Conception"
- Honorable Mention:
 - Les Thompson** - "St. Paul's"
 - Jo Patton** - "A Good Day for a Jubilee"
 - Susie Wallace** - "Pumpkins Squash"

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New Members!

- Marilyn Ammons
- Evonne Bilbo
- Lani Buckner
- Claire Evangelista
- Veronica Galey
- Denise Inge
- Penny Lewis
- Karen McGahagin
- Barbara Thomas

Congratulations and welcome!

Upcoming Exhibitions

Note: For all upcoming shows, entry forms will be provided at the receiving of work rather than mailed out ahead of time.

¹ · **ESAC** in June 2008.

Take in: June 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday

Judging: June 3, Tuesday

Reception: June 6, 6-8 p.m., Friday

Pick up: June 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday

² · **USA Library**, third floor gallery of the main library for November *and* December of 2008. Details TBA.

[Note: This will be our annual Proposed Members exhibition, so be sure to get your nominees' names in eight weeks before the show!]

³ · Repeat of the **Shared Expressions MMA** exhibit in July of 2009

From the Treasurer

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

Send your checks *to the Treasurer*:

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Member News

● **New/Corrected Addresses, Emails, etc:**

○ **Martha Ann Rowan**

4400 The Cedars Avenue

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- **Betty Walker's** phone is now 380-0382
- **Susan Gardner:** onoarts@yahoo.com
- **Carolyn J. Newcomer:** cjn1art@bellsouth.net
- **Sara Spotswood** has returned to her old email address: SaraSMob@aol.com
- **Elaine Byrd:** ebyrdlady@aol.com

- **Mary Rodning** had two calligraphy scrolls in the Ulsan, South Korea, "Art of Ink in America" show in September
- **Charles Swan** is serving as President of the Mobile Art Association as well as 2nd VP of WGAS
- **Jo Patton** was featured in the August issue of Mobile Bay Monthly
- **Casey Downing** designed and produced the 2007 Greater Mobile Arts Awards trophies
- **Fred Marchman's** "Belles, Babes, Angels, and Muses" exhibition was featured at the Mobile Arts Council Skinny Gallery, in September
- **Kate Seawell** illustrated the book, Reuben's Mobile, written by Sue Walker
- **Madeline Busby** was a featured artist in "Cool Hues", Cathedral Square Gallery's September exhibit
- **Judy Aronson** and **Mary Rodning** were featured in Cathedral Square Gallery's October exhibit, "Fall Shades"
- **Missy Patrick** was featured in the October issue of the Mobile Bay Monthly magazine
- **Jane Shaw** and **Suzanne Wright** were two of the featured artists in the CSG's November show, "Joyful Tints"
- Several WGAS members won awards in the MAA show
 - Morris Gallery Best of Show: **Ben Shamback**
 - First Place: **John Cleverdon**
 - Second Place: **Elaine Byrd**
 - Alabama Art Supply Award: **Ainsley McNeely**
 - Members' Choice Awards: **Ainsley McNeely & Ernest Kirkland**

(*What's the matter, guys? Couldn't manage to take third place, too?*)
- **Martha Ann Rowan** was a featured artist in the Art in Miniature exhibition at Ashland Gallery in November
- **Mary Rodning** and **Marian Stohrer** were part of the Sumi-e exhibition at the USA Library main gallery in January
- **Carolyn Greene** was the featured artist at the Cathedral Square Gallery in January
- The following members are participating in the *Pears & Chairs* exhibition:
 - **Janie Brown**
 - **Lolita Dickinson**
 - **Adele Fay**
 - **Anne Festorazz**
 - **Carolyn Greene**
 - **Lydia Host**
 - **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough**
 - **Karen McGahagin**
 - **Mary Rodning**
 - **Kate Seawell**
 - **Charles Swan**
- **Anne Festorazzi** has the MAA Painting of the Month for February
- **Bill Morris** will be the MAA guest speaker on February 17
- **Lee Hoffman, John Cleverdon,** and **Jim Conlon** will be in the Emeritus Faculty Exhibition in the new USA Visual Arts Gallery through February 28

[Please send all your news to Lynda – lyouart@youart.com – so that it can be included in the next newsletter! And don't forget to send new email addresses, snail mail addresses, and phone numbers! More and more of our announcements are going out via email, so please be sure I have yours!]

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