

## September 2008 NEWSLETTER

### *From the President*

Let me begin by thanking Peggy Lawrence and Charles Swan for serving on the Board last year. Our newly elected board members are Judy Aronson, 1st VP, and Derald Eastman, 2nd VP. To Lynda Touart and Marsha Corner, thank you for agreeing to serve again. No one takes minutes like Lynda or keeps up with our money like Marsha - we are lucky to have them.

I sincerely hope that everyone had a great summer and, especially, found time to take a workshop, visit some galleries, and just paint. On a personal note, I was able to attend a Watercolor Portrait Workshop in Santa Fe in July with Jane Angelhart. It was a wonderful experience, and I fell in love with Santa Fe and hot salsa on scrambled eggs :) I also took a local workshop with Bill Thompson. I encourage you to take workshops when you can, especially one that gets you out of your "comfort zone". You will come away with some little treasure to apply to your own art.

Enough reflections! WGAS has exciting things just around the corner. Plans for our Fall Members' Exhibition and the special reception highlighting our 60th anniversary are underway. As always, we need more members to volunteer, so please give a board member a call if you can help in any way. Thanks to those who are already helping. Sixty years is no small feat, and we should all be proud to be part of one of the oldest art organizations in Alabama. We will be honoring those who have been members for twenty years or more at the show reception, as well as welcoming the prospective members. Please read this newsletter for show information and plan to attend the next general meeting on Oct. 12th. We will certainly have much to discuss and need everyone's input for a successful event. Your board and those who are already helping with the show/reception are excited about celebrating our 60th anniversary with our best show ever.

Happy painting,

**Janie Brown**

With deep sadness we report the death of **Bea Quigley Tucker** on 19 May 2008. Bea was our last surviving charter member, from 1948. Over the years Bea had been an enthusiastic supporter of WGAS, often filling in gaps in our history, and for many years donating prizes in our exhibitions.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to WGAS. These monies will be used to give memorial awards in Bea's name. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, please send it either to the official address:

PO Box 81701, Mobile, AL 36689,  
or to Marsha Corner, WGAS Treasurer.

### *Winners in the Spring Show at ESAC*

- Morris Gallery Best of Show: **Ernest Kirkland**, Loving Hands
- Best Watercolor: **Marie Nickerson**, Dance of the Flowers
- Best Graphic: **Lani Buckner**, Intense Beauty-Cleome
- Bea Q. Tucker Memorial Award: **Peg Udall**, Skeeter

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- Alabama Art Merchandise Award: **Derald Eastman**, Duffy's Oak
- Southern Art & Framing Merchandise Award: **Lynda Smith Touart**, Swan Down
- Honorable Mention: **Martha Ann Rowan**, First Light
- Honorable Mention: **Monique McFarland**, Citrus Bowl

### ***2008-2009 Officers:***

President: Janie Brown  
1st VP: Judy Aronson  
2nd VP: Derald Eastman  
Treasurer: Marsha Corner  
Secretary: Lynda Smith Touart

### ***Upcoming Exhibitions***

Note: Entry forms will be provided at the receiving of work as well as included in the email newsletters.

<sup>1</sup> • **USA Library**, third floor gallery of the main library for November and December of 2008.

*Take-in of work:* October 31, 2008, 10-4

*Judging:* by Jeffrey Bass, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)

*Opening reception* which will also be our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. November 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*End of Show Pick-up:* December 22,

10-2

Note: This will be our annual Proposed Members exhibition. Those nominated are:

1. Frances Ashcraft
2. Ann Chantel
3. Pat Cohen
4. Susan Downing-White
5. Pat Ernst
6. Lia Frederick
7. Jason Guynes
8. Carole Hagerman
9. Satomi Kamei
10. Jean King
11. Joyce Shields
12. Tom Shields
13. Kathy Sykes
14. Leenderf Tapper
15. Dee Turner

<sup>2</sup> • Repeat of the **Shared Expressions MMA** exhibit in July of 2009

### ***Next General Meeting***

October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. (with a Board Meeting at 1 p.m.) at Morris Gallery, 1011 Hillcrest Rd.

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*This will be a very important meeting regarding our next exhibition and our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, so make plans to attend!*

### *From the Treasurer*

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

Send your checks *to the Treasurer*:

Marsha Corner  
7180 Wynncliff Dr.  
Mobile, AL 36695

### *Member News*

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

- **Jaime Lee** requests that all emails be sent to: [cqi143@bellsouth.net](mailto:cqi143@bellsouth.net)
- **Jo Patton's** new email is: [smjpatton@yahoo.com](mailto:smjpatton@yahoo.com)
- **Michael Brugh:** 251-662-043 - [michael@michaelbrugh.com](mailto:michael@michaelbrugh.com)
- **Jeri Harrison:** [2summers@mchsi.com](mailto:2summers@mchsi.com)
- **Maurine Shorkey** can be reached at her daughter Margaret's email: [evans0552@bellsouth.net](mailto:evans0552@bellsouth.net)

● From **Mary Rodning**: "I will do the Age of Wisdom, curated by Tracy Host the month of June in the, I don't remember the name, the wine shop on Old Shell near Naman's near Florida!!! is that close enough to a name!!!"

● WGAS was well-represented in the MAA show at West Regional Library in June:

- MAA Category Award, Watercolor and Acrylic: **Peggy Lawrence**
- MAA Category Award, Oil: **Benjamin J. Shamback**
- MAA Category Award, Collage and Mixed Media: **Fred Marchman**
- MAA Best of Show Award: **Benjamin J. Shamback**
- Alabama Art Supply Merchandise Award: **Lani Buckner**
- The Oleta Delaplaine Memorial Members Choice Award: **Elizabeth Zirlott** (presented by Delaplaine's Great Granddaughter, Elanor Swan)

● **Carolyn Newcomer** had an exhibit in May at St. Vincent's Hospital Art Gallery in Birmingham

● **Allan Butt's** art was featured in the Japanese magazine *Megumi no Ame* in June

● **Casey Downing** and **Lynda Smith Touart** won Press-Register/CLA awards in the People's Art exhibition at Space 301. **Jo Patton, Martha Anne Rowan, Barbara Thomas, and Peg Udall** won merit awards.

● **Jerome Roldan** will exhibit with his former mentor and teacher, Professor Alvin Sella at Space 301 in the month of September.

● **Judy Aronson, Denise Inge, Penny Lewis, and Bill Morris** are featured artists at the CSG in September.

● **Kate Seawell** is the recipient of the MAC's *Artist of the Year Award*

*[Please send all your news to Lynda – Ltouart@touart.com – so that it can be included in the next newsletter! Don't be shy! And don't forget to send new email and snail mail addresses, and phone numbers. ]*

### *Other Things:*

- At Charlie Swan's suggestion, we had a banner made to hang at all of our functions. It is our logo printed on heavy-duty vinyl, and it looks great! The first use of it was at the ESAC exhibition.
- We have purchased the domain name "[wgasmobile.org](http://wgasmobile.org)", so we will have it for the future. ("wgas.org", etc., were

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already taken.) At this time we only have a very minimal (that means free) site, but hope to have a better one in the future. Send Lynda the address of your personal web site, so she can put a link to it from the WGAS site – eventually. Also, photos of the group at openings, etc. would be welcome. Suggestions will be considered, but no promises!