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AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

From the President

Dear Fellow Artist,

I am very honored to serve as your president and also honored to serve with my fellow board members.

We look forward to an exciting year for our organization. We as a board would like to make this general statement. This represents a mission statement on our behalf (no decision will be made by this board that affects the entire membership that has not been voted on and passed by the membership).

I look forward to serving with our new second vice president, Ernest Kirkland and treasurer, Denise Inge. I am also anticipating enjoying the experience of working with our first vice president, Judy Aronson and the long time experience of working with secretary, Lynda Touart. With this kind of support it will be almost impossible not to have a great year.

We had a wonderful board meeting over breakfast on a recent Saturday morning. Some wonderful new concepts derived from that meeting that we hope to bring forth to our membership for discussion. We generated a tremendous amount of excitement and some wonderful ideas for the betterment of WGAS.

I would also like to mention the upcoming show this September and hope that everyone will make a concerted effort to be a part of the show. Participation in the organization is something that we hope to stress this coming year. We have a great number of members participate however we would like to see more participation by different members who for different reasons choose not to participate on a regular basis. We are a selected membership and in being so we should be excited about being able to display our selected work by selected artists (DON'T BE BASHFUL). Let's all support our wonderful organization.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Janie Brown, our past president, Marsha Corner, Treasurer, and Derald Eastman, vice president all of whom dutifully served our organization over the past few years.

Yours in art,

Bill Morris

Officers for 2009-10

President - Bill Morris
1st VP - Judy Aronson
2nd VP - Ernest Kirkland
Treasurer - Denise Inge
Secretary - Lynda Smith Touart.

Next General Meeting

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Will be held in October soon after the end of the next exhibition

Exhibitions

Note: Entry forms will be provided at the receiving of work.

- 1 · Shared Expressions MMA Exhibit**, End of show/pick-up: *Wednesday September 16, 2009 from 12 to 4pm.*
- 2 · West Regional Branch Mobile Public Library: September 2009**
 - *Take-in:* 29 August, Saturday, from 10-2; entry fee \$20 for 1 piece due to space considerations, but as this is the Members' show, no work will be juried out
 - *Reception:* 3 September from 6-8, Thursday; Members are asked to bring finger-food.
 - *Awards presentation* at 6:30
 - *End of show pick up:* TBA
- 3 · ESAC Spring Juried show**
 - Take-in 4 May, 2010
 - Reception 7 May
 - Pick up 25 June
- 4 · USA Library, November & December 2010**

Winners in the Southern Art Exhibit:

BEST OF SHOW - **Allan Butt** "3 Waiters"

BEST WATERMEDIA - **Bill Morris** "Air Surfing"

BEST GRAPHIC - **Barbara Thomas** "Susan I"

BEA TUCKER MEMORIAL AWARD - **Satomi Kamei** "Morning Market"

ALABAMA ART SUPPLY (Gift Certificate) - **Norma Ensminger** "Grey Sky - Yellow Water"

SOUTHERN ART & FRAMING (Gift Certificate) - **Lynda Touart** "To Joe"

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HONORABLE MENTION - **Ainsley McNeely** "Mountain Man"

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Member News

- **Mary Rodning's** sumi and watercolor on rice paper, Bidden or Not Bidden. God is Present, is included in the January *Art of Ink* exhibit in Miami
- **William Morris** and **Lynda Smith Touart** will each have one of the smaller galleries in the ESAC from August 7 - 29, 2009
- **Karen McGaghin, Mary Rodning, & Charles Swan** are included in the "*Semmes Artists and Friends*" exhibition at the "Semmesonian Art Space" in the Semmes Library July 16 – September 15.
- **Mary Rodning's** artwork will be displayed in the Mayor's Office at the Government Plaza downtown. The exhibit is called LOCAL ARTISTS OF MOBILE: Organized by the MMA, it runs from June 2009 to July 2010.

[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.]

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*:

Denise Inge

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