

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

From the President

2009! Another year well underway for us all. As artist, I hope we can grow in our art and become more creative by doing more creative work. An artist I admire said, "Good work habits and daily painting routines will lead to your next best work." The daily painting routine is my personal goal for 2009 - what is yours?

You will have to excuse my artistic musings above but I've been in a great workshop all weekend and I'm still on "artist cloud nine."

Down to business. The WGAS 60th Anniversary Show at the University of South Alabama library was a great success, and congratulations to all the winners who are listed in your newsletter. We also have twelve eager new members who were voted in at this show, and we welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better.

Many, many thanks to each committee chairman and every person who helped with this show. It was a special event that required more time and legwork than usual, and everyone did an excellent job.

WGAS will be part of the Shared Expressions Show at Mobile Museum of Art which will also be our juried Spring Exhibition. The show runs from May 15 - September 13, 2009. Everyone will remember what a great show this was several years ago featuring Mobile's best art organizations all in one venue. WGAS is happy to be invited again. We will discuss this show along with other business at the upcoming general meeting on Sunday, April 26th at Morris Gallery. Please try to be there we need everyone and it's a good time to visit with your artist friends and catch up on what's happening in your organization.

Here I go again - humor me! Robert Burridge also said this past weekend, "The overall outlook today can certainly be discouraging to us all but, this is no time for artists to slow down or give up - Painters, go out there and paint." See you all on April 26th.

Janie Brown

60th Anniversary Members Exhibition Winners

- Best of Show, Morris Gallery/Bea Tucker Memorial Award: **Allan Butt**, *Cinque Terra*
- First Place Watercolor, Ruth Bruckmann Memorial Award: **Sandra Krause**, *Scarlet Amaryllis*
- First Place Graphic, WGAS: **Veronica Galey**, *Hali*
- Second Place, Jean Zarembo Memorial Award: **Susan Wallace**, *Butterfly Ginger*
- John Fay Memorial Award: **Michael Brugh**, *Harlequin Romance*
- Alabama Art Supply Award: **Nancy Hanrath**, *Erfurt, Germany*
- Honorable Mention: **Lynda Smith Touart**, *Strung Out*
- Honorable Mention: **Penny Lewis**, *Sandi, My Sandi*

New Members selected from the USA Exhibition:

Frances Ashcraft
Ann Chatel

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Patricia Ernst
Lia Frederick
Jason Guynes
Carole Hagerman
Satomi Kamei
Jean King
Joyce Shields
Tom Shields
Leendert Tapper
Dee Turner

Congratulations and welcome to all!

Upcoming Exhibitions

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

1. Repeat of the **Shared Expressions MMA** exhibit: May 15 – September 13, 2009
 - a. Entry fee: \$20 for one piece
 - b. Take in: Tuesday, May 12, 10-4
 - c. Reception: TBA
 - d. End of show/pick-up: TBA

2. **USA Library**, November & December 2010

Next General Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 2009

General meeting 2 p.m.; Board meeting 1 p.m.

Morris Gallery, 1101 Hillcrest Road

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:***

Marsha Corner
7180 Wynncliff Dr.
Mobile, AL 36695

Member News

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

- **Evonne Bilbo:** ebilbo-artist@comcast.net
- **Madeline Busby Gall:** madbuzzz@comcast.net

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- **Fred Marchman** has a new book in print titled: WORD IN SPACE & DUETS WITH ERATO - It's available online at 15% discount from xlibris.com bookstore
- **Lee Hoffman** was featured **big-time** in the Mobile Bay Monthly magazine for October
- **Peg Udall** exhibited at the MAC in November
- **Evonne Bilbo** was a CSG featured artist in November
- **Jason Guynes** and **Lynda Smith Touart** were accepted into the *Drawing on Alabama* exhibition in Auburn and at Space 301
- **Veronica Galey** was featured in the Baldwin Press-Register *People to Know* in November
- **Ann Calagaz**, **Madeline Ann (Busby) Gall**, and **Satomi Kamei** were CSG featured artists for December
- **Denise Inge**, **Mary Rodning**, **Lynda Smith Touart**, & **Liz Zirlott** exhibited in the Barnes & Nobel Hallway Gallery in January
- **Lynn Yonge** exhibited in the two-man *Art/Side* show at Springhill College's Eichold Gallery in January
- **Jaime Lee**, **Mary Rodning**, & **Lynda Smith Touart** exhibited in the Semmes Branch of the Mobile Public Library Grand opening in January
- **Lydia Host** & **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough** had a show in January and February at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Fairhope
- **Martha Ann Rowan** exhibited in the *Art from the Heart* fundraiser for Mary B. Austin School, in February
- After a lengthy absence, **Susan Downing-White** has rejoined WGAS
- **Derald Eastman's** work was on display at Dr. Java Coffeehouse in February
- **Casey Downing**, **Susan Downing-White**, and **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough** exhibited at Chesser in February
- **Lolita Dickinson**, **Denise Inge**, and **Karen McGahagin** all had MAA Paintings of the Month in February
- **Lolita Dickinson**, and **Fred Marchman** showed new work at the Patina Gallery in February
- **Emilee Lyons**, **Fran Neuman**, and **Marie Nickerson** exhibited at the Section Street Gallery of Fine Art
- **The last BRAG show:**
 - **Veronica Galey:** Best of Show *and* Honorable Mention
 - **Marie Nickerson:** Merit Award
 - **Fran Neuman:** Honorable Mention
- **Janie Brown**, **John Cleverdon**, **Lydia Host**, **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough**, **Fred Marchman**, **Bill Morris**, and **Charles Swan** will be in the *Divine Bovines* exhibit at the West Regional Library. The exhibit runs from March 2 through April 24, with the reception on March 5th, from 6-8 p.m.
- **Casy Downing's** sculpture of Joe Langan and John LeFlore will *finally* be installed at the new Unity Point Park
- **Judy Aronson**, **Frances Ashcraft**, **Allan Butt**, **Loran Chavez**, **Lolita Dickinson**, **Denise Inge**, **Mary Rodning**, **Les Thompson**, **Lynda Smith Touart**, and **Mary Ann Trovato** are part of an ongoing exhibition at Southern Art and Framing
- **Denise Inge** was featured in the February 22 edition of the Press-Register
- "...internationally-known Mobile artist, **Mary Rodning**" will speak on the art of Sumi-e at the *Asian Cultures and Food Festival* in Birmingham on April 4

[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.]

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