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From the President

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you all having a great summer, not melting and having a little "studio time". With two major shows hanging at the same time WGAS members deserve a little break...not too long though because the Fall Exhibition & New Members Show at the West Mobile Regional Library will be here before we know it.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Southern Art and Framing Exhibition. We had a wonderful reception with lots of good eats and we appreciate our members bringing such a tasty assortment. If you haven't already seen the show, go by Southern Art and Framing on Airport Blvd. and take a look - it will make you proud to be part of this talented group of artists.

Our next general meeting is an important one. We will be electing new officers to serve WGAS for the next year. Please try to come to the meeting so that you can vote and be part of the direction WGAS will take for the next year.

Let me go ahead and say that I have enjoyed serving WGAS as president for the past two years. Personally, it was a difficult two years for me and I appreciate so much all the kindness and support I received from you all. Getting to know many of you much better has been one of the highlights of my time as president and I look forward to working with the new WGAS president and board as we all work together to improve our organization and grow as artists.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 12th!

Happy painting!

Janie Brown

Next General Meeting

Sunday, July 12, 2009

General meeting 2 p.m.

Board meeting 1 p.m.

Morris Gallery, 1101 Hillcrest Road

- *We will be electing **NEW OFFICERS** for the upcoming year, so please be present to vote!*
- *At this meeting nominations for **NEW MEMBERS** are due. If you cannot come to the*

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meeting, you may mail your nominations to the Secretary:

Lynda Smith Touart
3951 Schillinger Rd. N.
Semmes, AL 36575 or
Email to: Ltouart@touart.com

Two active members must nominate each proposed member in writing. Send their complete name and address, phone, and email in your nomination.

Upcoming Exhibitions

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

1. **Shared Expressions MMA** exhibit: End of show/pick-up: September TBA
2. **Spring Juried Show**, Southern Art and Framing, *end of show pick up*. July 18, during regular business hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
3. **West Regional Branch Mobile Public Library:** September 2009
4. **USA Library**, November & December 2010

Winners in the Southern Art and Framing 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 Award - **Norma Ensminger** , "Grey Sky - Yellow Water"
- Southern Art & Framing Award - **Lynda Smith Touart**, "To Joe"
- Honorable Mention - **Ainsley McNeely**, "Mountain Man"
- Honorable Mention - **Ernest Kirkland**, "Glorious Morning"

And Ann Calagaz was honored as our latest Member to achieve the 20-year membership mark!

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Member News

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

◦ **Maurine Shorkey:** MargaretSEvans@Gmail.com

- **Barbara Thomas** was awarded Honorable Mention in the BRAG juried show in January and in the ESAC juried member show in March
- **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
- **Lynda's** artwork will also 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.
- Opening July 16th, 6:00-7:00 at the "Semmesonian", art space in the Semmes Public Library will be "Semmes Artists and Friends". Showing will be Gertrude Powell, Tracy Host, Teani Parker, **Mary Rodning**, Larry Godfrey, **Charles Swan**, Dodie Matthews, **Karen McGahgin** and Phyllis Henson until September 15th. The Semmes Public Library is at 9150 Moffett Road, #645-6840. Public is invited.

[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:*

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