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May 2009 NEWSLETTER

From the President

WGAS is looking forward to a very busy Spring/Summer with two shows followed in September by our Fall Members' Show at the Mobile West Regional Library on Grelot Road. The Shared Expressions Show at Mobile Museum of Art is hanging now and our second Spring Juried Show at Southern Art & Framing on Airport Boulevard is coming up fast. See the details in this newsletter. WGAS will be responsible for the reception at Southern Art & Framing so please say "yes" when a committee member calls.

Our last general meeting at Morris Gallery on April 26th was a productive one with several important issues discussed. We will have another general meeting after the opening of the Southern Art & Framing Juried Show to elect new officers. Carolyn Greene is head of the committee to nominate prospective new officers, so if you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone please contact Carolyn (carolyndgreene@yahoo.com) and she will provide the details. The two officers that I know we will be electing are President and Treasurer.

I look forward to seeing you all at the turn-in for our show at Southern Art & Framing. They are excited to have WGAS there for a show, and they have plenty of room so we aren't restricted on the number of pieces we can hang.

Happy painting everyone!

Janie Brown

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

Exhibition Winners in Shared Expressions

- Matt Brown Memorial Award Best of Show: **Bill Morris** Traildust
- Best Watermedia Award: **Lydia Host** Miss Shirley
- Best Graphic Award: **Barbara Thomas** Scape III
- Bea Tucker Memorial Award: **Lynda Smith Touart** Deep End
- Alabama Art Supply Award: **Tom Shields** Red Pitcher
- The Frame Shop Award: **Allan Butt** Canal Sunset
- Honorable Mention: **Ainsley McNeely** Gypsy Selling Flowers
- Honorable Mention: **Peg Udall** Chum Skiffs II

Upcoming Exhibitions

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

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1. **Shared Expressions MMA** exhibit: End of show/pick-up: September TBA
2. **Spring Juried Show**, Southern Art and Framing, June & July 2009:
 - a. **Take in** June 11, 10 – 2; \$20 for 1 *or* 2 pieces
 - b. **Judging:** June 12
 - c. **Pick up** of rejected work: Noon Friday till noon Saturday, during regular business hours
 - d. **Reception:** June 18, 6-8 P.M., *Please bring a dish!!!*
 - e. **End of Show Pick up:** July 18, during regular business hours
3. **West Regional Branch Mobile Public Library:** September 2009
4. **USA Library,** November & December 2010

Member News

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

- **Mary Herndon** - pobox4356@gulftel.com
 - **Allan Butt** – home phone: 662-8314, cell: 895-1638
 - **Kate Seawell** – home phone: 626-9988 cell: 251-510-5505 address: 1905D Main Street, Daphne, AL 36526
 - **Susan Wallace:** - sbwallace@gulftel.com
 - **Veronica Galey** - lgaley1@bellsouth.net (note: Lower-case-L, galey, number-1)
 - **Carole Hagerman** - alyobub@bellsouth.net
 - **Sadie Heath** - sadieheath@comcast.net
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- "...internationally-known Mobile artist, **Mary Rodning**" spoke on the art of Sumi-e at the *Asian Cultures and Food Festival* in Birmingham in April
 - **Fred Marchman** was awarded an Honorable Mention at the ESAC members' juried show in March
 - MAA paintings of the month for March were by **Lolita Dickinson** and **Denise Inge**
 - **Kate Seawell** displayed botanically themed artwork at the Chesser Studio Project through April
 - **Joyce Shields** was awarded the Merit Award for Mixed Media in the ESAC juried members' show in March
 - **Denise Inge** displayed artwork at Barnes & Nobel in April
 - **Derald Eastman** displayed work at Dr. Java Coffeehouse through March
 - MAA Painting of the month for April-May was by **Mary Rodning; Karen McGahagin & Satomi Kamei** also displayed work
 - The work of **Fran Neumann, Marie Nickerson, & Emilee Lyons** was on display at The Section Street Gallery in Fairhope
 - **Ben Shamback** showed 25 paintings on copper in April at LeMieux Galleries in New Orleans
 - **Ainsley McNealey's** pastel drawing of a kestrel won Best of Fauna in the Alabama Flora & Fauna Art Competition, AND she was awarded the *Gene Fussell Memorial Award* established through Community Foundation of South Alabama in memory of Gene Fussell, and administered by MARC
 - **Casey Downing, Jr: A Retrospective** runs from May 22 – September 22 at the MMA

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- **Ernest Kirkland** has been elected new President of the MAA
- **Lynda Smith Touart** & Rita Skiadas have a joint exhibition at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship gallery in May and June
- **Allan Butt** won second place in the UM Juried Exhibition with his watercolor *Umbrellas*
- **Ainsley McNeely** was inducted into the UMS-Wright Arts Hall of Fame
- **WGAS Member Winners in the MAA show:**
 - **Ben Shamback**, Best of Show
 - **Les Thompson**, George Dubina First Place Award
 - **Allan Butt**, Southern Art & Framing Merchandise Award
 - **Janie Brown**, Morris Galleries/MAA Merit Award
 - **Kate Seawell**, Morris Galleries/MAA Merit Award
 - **Charles Swan**, Morris Galleries/MAA Merit Award
 - **Ernest Kirkland**, *tied with himself* for the Oleta Delaplaine Memorial Members Choice 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.]