

# WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

<http://wgasmobile.org>

## APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*It's amazing how quickly a year can go by – as they say, time flies when you are having fun, and it has been a fun and busy year for WGAS. The summer months were especially busy as WGAS participated in the Mobile Museum of Art "Shared Expressions" show from July thru September; our WGAS Juried Exhibition at the Eastern Shore Art Center in August; the Mobile Arts Council Art Expo and the Shared Expressions Hands-On Workshop both at the Mobile Museum of Art also in August; and our Members' non-juried/non-judged "Hot Art for a Cold January" exhibit at the West Regional Public Library in January.*

*We are also actively planning activities for the upcoming year, including the Members' Show in June at the Mobile Arts Council and the Juried Exhibition next fall at the USA Library. Please be sure to join us for our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, as we hope to get your input in shaping our activities for next year and into 2013. We have such a great group of member artists, that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this past year. We would not have been able to accomplish so much without the efforts of the other Board Members and our committee members, as well as the volunteer support from you members. Thanks to all!*

*Happy Painting!*  
*Jeanne Brandt*

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**NOTE CHANGED LOCATION!**

**May 6, 2012**

Southern Art and Framing,  
4693 Airport Blvd, Suite 140, Mobile, AL.  
1 251.460.2539

Google Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/dxktu3r>

Board meeting 2:30 p.m.

General meeting **3 p.m**

Officers for the upcoming year will be elected at this meeting. The Auditing Committee will report on the results of a long-overdue audit of our financial records. We also have several other items to discuss regarding plans for the upcoming year, so please plan to be there!

### NEXT EXHIBITION(S)

#### 1. The Members' Exhibition

- a. Mobile Arts Council from June 4 - 29, 2012
- b. Take-in will be Friday, June 1st, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Two items per member may be entered for \$20.
- c. Reception will be at the LoDa ArtWalk on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Members will vote on the prospective members and on the Members' Choice award during the reception. The voting for the Members' Choice will be from 6 – 8 pm. The MAC will close at 9 p.m.
- e. New Members will be announced after a letter has been sent to each candidate.
- f. The judge will be Carol Creel of Baton Rouge, LA. We had previously asked her to judge for our Shared Expressions exhibition, but since she did not have to jury or judge for that show, we have asked her to return and she has agreed to be our judge for this Members Exhibition.
- g. Awards (provided by WGAS unless noted):
  - Best of Show - \$500
  - Best Aqua Media - \$200
  - Best Graphic - \$200
  - Bea Q. Tucker Memorial Award (from Denise Inge and Lynda Touart) - \$150
  - AL Art Supply - \$100 in merchandise
  - Southern Art - (merchandise award-PENDING)
  - Members' Choice - \$100
  - Honorable Mention (2) - \$50

2. **Juried Exhibition:** USA Library in November and December. More details TBA.

3. We have contacted **ESAC** about hosting our juried exhibition in May and/or June of 2013, but this has not yet been confirmed.

**Note:** *Anyone is welcome to sponsor or donate funds toward an award at our exhibitions, and many people have done so in the past, especially as memorial awards.*

## **DUES**

Dues (\$20) for the ensuing year are owed on June 1st. You must be current to enter any exhibitions or to vote on proposals. You may pay at the meeting or at the exhibition take-ins or

Send your checks **to the Treasurer:**

Denise Inge, Treasurer  
Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society  
P. O. Box 81701  
Mobile, AL 36689

## **MEMBER NEWS**

- **Susan Downing-White** had an exhibition at Cole Pratt Gallery (3800 Magazine St, New Orleans LA) *Songs for the Gulf Coast: Recent Paintings*, in March.
- **Satomi Kamei** won 1st Place Watercolor in the recent ESAC Members' Juried Show, for "Tree Tunnel"
- "The Art of **Elaine Byrd & Ainsley McNeely**" is at the University of South Alabama Library (Third Floor Gallery) through April 27, 2012
- **Barbara Cline; Ainsley McNeely; Frances Ashcraft;** and **Joanne Brandt** were juried into the Spanish Moss Miniature Art Show held at Cathedral Square Gallery during the month of March. **Ainsley McNeely** and **Joanne Brandt** won Alabama Art Supply awards; and **Joanne** also won a purchase award sponsored by the Nall Foundation.
- The following WGAS members won awards in **The Mobile Art Association Spring Members Exhibition:**
  - **Judy Aronson** (Southern Art and Framing Award);
  - **Derald Eastman** (Alabama Art Supply Award);
  - **Ernest Kirkland** (Members' Choice Award).
- **Karen McGahagin** is serving as Chairperson for the upcoming "Colors of the Coast" Exhibition to be held at the Cathedral Square Gallery. Contact her for a prospectus: [jrmkdm@comcast.net](mailto:jrmkdm@comcast.net)  
Turn-in is June 1, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **Denise Inge** won 2nd Place Watercolors - 15th Annual Art in The Pass, Pass Christian, Mississippi, March 31st - April 1.
- **Clare King's** "Eggs and Butter" painting was accepted into the Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival annual juried show in Moulton, Alabama, called The Rooster Call; and she has had another painting accepted into a juried show in Boulder, Colorado for artwork associated with bicycles.

*[Please send all your news to [ltouart@touart.com](mailto: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 to Denise as well:*

[dinge51@hotmail.com](mailto:dinge51@hotmail.com)

## **OUR WEB SITE**

The domain is <http://wgasmobile.org>

Everyone who has their own website should send their URL to Lynda to be linked to the WGAS webpage. We will try to keep up the calendar so that you can refer to it for dates and times of events. And if you have pictures you'd like posted, send them along.

In addition to our "official" website, we also have a Facebook page; anyone who is on Facebook is encouraged to "like" it and post news and photos! Anyone can post to this site. (78) Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society of Mobile  
[www.facebook.com/WGASMobile](http://www.facebook.com/WGASMobile)  
So far we have 67 "likes" and 34 "friends".

## **WGAS SCRAPBOOK**

You may have seen our WGAS Scrapbook – still (always!) under construction. We could really use articles and photos that might be lying around in your boxes and files. It's not necessary to give up your originals for the cause; they can be scanned or copied. Please note, however, that we would like good quality for this. [To copy a newspaper article without seeing the back side bleed through, put a black piece of paper behind it.] If you would like Lynda to do this for you, just let her know.

☞ We would especially appreciate photos and items from the Fairhope newspapers.