

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I hope you were all able to see the "Hot Art for a Cold January" exhibit at the West Regional Library. It was not a large exhibit but it was high quality (as usual). Thanks to those who helped pull this together and also to those who shared their art for the show. Spring is the time for new growth, and therefore it is also time for you to submit your nominations for new members in WGAS. Nominations will be due by March 16th. (See below for details on making nominations.) Prospective members will be required to audition their work in our Members' Non-juried exhibit in June at the Mobile Arts Council. Members can enter up to two pieces for this show. This will be a great venue, as we will be part of the LoDa Artwalk festivities in June.

And you might as well also plan ahead for the next juried exhibition in November-December, which will be at the University of South Alabama Library.

It's been a busy year, and as you can see there is much more to come. Our Board Members and Committee members have done a great job in pulling things together, but we'd like to hear from you with any ideas and ways you can help. Be sure to be thinking of what you'd like to see happen with WGAS in the next year and we can discuss at the upcoming annual meeting in May.

Happy Painting!
Jeanne Brandt

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

May 6, at Morris Galleries,
1011 Hillcrest Road
Board meeting 2:30 p.m.
General meeting **3 p.m**

Officers for the upcoming year will be elected at this meeting.

NEXT EXHIBITION(S)

The Members' exhibition will be at the Mobile Arts Council from June 4 - 29, 2012. Take-in will be Friday, June 1st, from 10 - 1 p.m. Two items per member may be entered for \$20. Reception will be at the LoDa ArtWalk on June 8th.

Members will vote on the new members and on the Members' Choice award during the reception. The voting for the Members' Choice will be from 6 - 8 pm.

The judge will be Carol Creel. She recently was a judge for the Shared Expressions exhibition, but there were no awards given in that.

Our annual Juried Exhibition will be at the USA library in November and December. More details TBA.

NEW MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Must be turned in by March 16th. The June exhibition at the Mobile Arts Council will be the proposed member show. Rules for nominating are in the Constitution and By-Laws. (Available at:

<http://www.wgasmobile.org/uploads/5/4/3/3/5433643/constitution2011.pdf>)

Nominations must be submitted in writing by two members in good standing. The prospective member must provide a résumé and submit two works of art for the June exhibition. Send your nominations to:

Lynda Touart, Secretary, WGAS,
3951 Schillinger Rd. N.,
Semmes, AL 36575

or ltouart@touart.com (that's "L" not "one")

OUR WEB SITE

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

The member sign-in is "society48".

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!

WGAS SCRAPBOOK [from Lynda]

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 will need 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 me to do this for you, just let me know.

☞ I would especially appreciate items from the Fairhope newspapers, as I rarely see those.

DUES

Dues (\$20) for the ensuing year were 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

- **WGAS Winners** in "Celebrating Our Maritime Heritage: A Coastal Holiday"
 - Best in Show, **William Morris**, "Dusk on the Delta," acrylic on board;
 - 1st Prize, **Penny Lewis**, "Odd Man Out," oil on canvas;
 - 2nd Prize, **Conroy Hudlow**, "Passing Storm," oil on canvas;
 - 3rd Prize, **Joanne Brandt**, "Live Bait (Mobile Causeway)," oil on canvas
 - Other WGAS Members accepted into the show: **Marie Nickerson, Ted Burn, Lynda Smith Touart, Derald Eastman, , V.B. "Corky" Goldman, Liz Zirlott,**

Ernest Kirkland, Clare King, Ainsley McNeely, Frances Ashcraft, and Lolita Dickinson,

- **Mary Rodning and Lynda Smith Touart** exhibited in the *Semmes Artists* show in the Semmes Library (aka "The Semmesonian").
- **WGAS Winners** in Bay Rivers Art Guild Members Juried Show
 - Best of Show: **V. B. "Corky" Goldman**, "Better Days "
 - Founders' Award: **Marie Nickerson** "Spirit Wings"
 - Honorable Mention: **William Morris** "Reading Signs"
 - Honorable Mention: **Jo Patton** "Making Memories"
- **Ann Calagaz** is showing a collection of her paintings in "Through the Looking Glass with Ann & Frank" at the University of South Alabama Library Third Floor Gallery through - February 29, 2012
- **Joanne Brandt, and Mary Rodning** are featured artists at Cathedral Square Gallery for the month of February, showing animal art with the theme of "All Creatures Great and Small".
- The Artist Place at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer will be presenting the works of **Clare King**, week days from February 4 through March 2 by contacting the church office at 639-1948 or Rob Bearden at 767-8362. Reception: Sunday, February 12 from 3:00pm until 5:00pm
- Among those participating in the annual "Art from the Heart" are **Casey Downing Jr., Kathy Friedline, Lydia Host, Denise Inge, Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough, Clare King, and Satomi Miyahara.**
- **Frances Ashcraft** has illustrated Vincent Cortright's new book, "An Ancient Goddess in Old Mobile"

[Please send all your news to 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