

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is the new year and Spring is just around the corner. This is a time for contemplating renewal, trying new things and beginning anew. And so this is also time to think about submitting your nominations for new members in the WGAS. Prospective member nominations are due by March 4. Remember that nominations must be made in writing by two current members. They should be sent to WGAS Secretary Lynda Touart, and can be sent by email to ltouart@touart.com or by "snail mail" to

WGAS
P.O. Box 81701
Mobile, AL 36689.

Lynda will then notify the prospective members of the requirement to submit a résumé and two works of art for audition during our Spring juried exhibition at the Eastern Shore Art Center in May and June. Our active members will vote on the prospective members during the reception for the Spring Exhibition.

And hopefully you are all happily painting and working on some new works of art yourself for exhibition this Spring. I'm currently reading a book by Edgar Payne regarding the discipline of plein air painting, written in 1941. His advice is probably the same advice artists have received for hundreds of years and is still timely today: "Art is a lifetime matter. The best any artist can do is to accumulate all the knowledge possible of art and its principles, study nature and practice continually." So, in other words - "Paint, paint paint!" We look forward to seeing the fruits of your labors in the Spring Exhibition!

Happy Painting!
Deanne Brandt

NEXT EXHIBITION

ESAC Juried Exhibition

May 3rd till June 29th, 2013

Take in on Tuesday, April 30th

Reception on May 3 (and June 7?) during the Eastern Shore ArtWalk

Take down will be on Tuesday, July 2nd.

Exact times TBA.

This will be our Proposed Member Exhibition. Cut-off for proposing new members is March 4, 2013. Be sure to send in your re-nominations from last year, if you'd like to give those people another try.

Proposed so far:

Gail Bramer
JoAnn Cox

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 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:

Treasurer
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MEMBER NEWS

- *Updating email addresses*
 - **Jaime Lee**
jlee@mplonline.org
 - **Cecile Lowery**
cecile46@ymail.com
- **Judy Aronson, Frances Ashcraft, Joanne Brandt, Loran Chavez, Derald Eastman, Kathy Friedline, Nancy Hanrath, Conroy Hudlow, Denise Inge, Satomi Kamei, Clare King, Fred Marchman, Karen McGahagin, Ainsley McNeely, Mary Rodning, Kate Seawell, and Lynda Touart** are showing at MAC in January and February 2013, for the MAC Artist Members show.
- **Conroy Hudlow** and Debby Sneed are showing at USA Library in January and most of February.
- **Jaime Lee, Karen McGahagin, Mary Rodning, and Lynda Smith Touart** are showing in the Camellia exhibition in the Semmesonian in February (the Semmes branch of the Mobile Public Library).
- **Clare King** is the featured artist at USA's Baldwin County Campus in Fairhope during the month of February. The campus is on the corner of Magnolia and Summit.
- In the recent BRAG 15th Annual Juried Show:
 - V. B. Corky Goldman** - Best of Show,
 - Ted Burn** - Founders' Award
 - Derald Eastman** – Merit Award
 - Barbara Thomas** – Merit Award
 - Marilyn Ammons** – Honorable Mention
 - Gina McGee** – People's Choice
 - Jane Shaw** was the Judge for the exhibition.
- **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough** and Ardith Goodwin will be exhibiting at the Artists' Place at the Church of the Redeemer, 7125 Hitt Road. The reception is February 17th, from 3-5 p.m.
- Happy 75th Birthday to **Kaye Wall Hoffman** on February 25!
- And a belated Happy Birthday to **Maurine Shorkey** who turned 96 on January 22nd!

*[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 the Treasurer as well.*

A PAINTING OPPORTUNITY

The Mobile Botanical Garden Gallery of Gardens tour is scheduled Saturday, May 4 and Sunday May 5. This year they are looking for plein air painters to paint in the home gardens during the tour. There are 8 home gardens on the tour, and the gardens will be open for visitors between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM each day. If you would be interested in painting in one of the gardens on the tour, please contact Val Webb at 510-9615 or studio@valwebb.com

OUR WEB SITE

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Our sites are now mobile-device friendly.

Check it out!

WGAS SCRAPBOOK

A BIG thank-you to **Barbara Cline** who sent a large collection of news articles to be included in our scrapbook!

[Way to make me work, Barbara! 😊]

Paul Bruckmann, husband of the late WGAS member Ruth Bruckmann, died in December of last year. For the many years since her death, Mr. Bruckmann had given a memorial award in Ruth's name.