

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

<http://wgasmobile.org>

JULY/AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Your Board Members and Show Co-Chairs have been especially busy this summer with our two juried exhibitions. I hope you will check out the Shared Expressions exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art, which will hang until September 25th. Not only is WGAS one of the featured organizations for this exhibit celebrating the Bay Area arts community, but the three featured retrospective artists also included in the exhibit all are/have been WGAS members: Lee Hoffman, Jack Sanders, and Frances Mutchnick.

Don't forget that the take-in for our Members' Juried Exhibition at the Eastern Shore Art Center will be on Monday, August 1st, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This show will also serve as the audition show for prospective members of the society. Members may vote for the prospective members during the opening reception on Friday, August 5th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will also be honoring our 20-year members at that time, so you will definitely want to join us for the reception.

And if this is not enough excitement for the summer, on August 20 we will be participating in the Mobile Arts Council Arts Expo in the morning (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), and a "Hands On Educational Opportunity" in association with the Mobile Museum of Art Shared Expressions exhibition in the afternoon (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.), both at the Mobile Museum of Art. Ernest Kirkland will be leading a demonstration in watercolor techniques for this program (Thanks, Ernie!). We will also host a "gallery walk-through" of the WGAS portion of the Shared Expressions exhibit that afternoon. We would welcome additional volunteers to help with either the watercolor demonstration and/or the gallery walk-through. Just let me know if you are willing to help. Come join us for the fun! And thanks

to those who have helped pull all these activities together!

Joanne Brandt



FROM THE-2ND VICE-PRESIDENT: UPCOMING EXHIBITION

August 2 – 28: Members' Juried Exhibition at ESAC

- **Take-in:** Monday, August 1, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m
- **Entry:** Two pieces
- **Entry fee:** \$20.00
- Juried in/out and judging for awards on Tuesday, August 2
- **Reception:** August 5, 6-8 pm during First Friday ArtWalk
- Juried by Paula Payne from Pensacola, who is a signature member of both the Florida Watercolor Society and the Louisiana Watercolor Society. Here is a link to her website:
<http://www.paulapayne.biz/>
- Artists will be notified of juried out artwork on August 2-3; artwork may be picked up at ESAC during their normal hours.
- Remember that ESAC will collect a 25% commission for any sales as a result of this exhibit; and that no art may be removed until the close of the exhibit.
- **Take down** will be Tuesday, August 30.

Note: This is also the **Proposed Members** show. Per the Constitution, New Members will be chosen by secret ballot at the reception by those current active members present.

Proposed members are:

1. Ted Burn
2. Dianne Burn
3. Conroy Hudlow
4. Clare King
5. Martha (Marcy) Matherne
6. Charmaine Neylon
7. Kathie Stabler
8. Patti Vickery

Also at this show, we will be presenting the 20-Year pins to those who have achieved that standing.

Marie Nickerson & **Jo Patton** volunteered to act as Co-Chairs for this show. **Kathy Friedline** and **Karen McGahagin** are working with them.

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### **VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **DON'T FORGET 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 and we'll try to make it so.

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!

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FROM THE TREASURER

Dues (\$20) for the ensuing year were owed on June 1st. You must be current to enter any exhibitions or to vote on proposed members.

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

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### **MEMBER NEWS**

- **NEW EMAIL:**

**Veronica Galey** - [GaleyFamily@gmail.com](mailto:GaleyFamily@gmail.com)

**Judy Aronson** - [aronson10@gmail.com](mailto:aronson10@gmail.com)

**Joyce Shields** - [joy.shields@att.net](mailto:joy.shields@att.net)

**Tom Shields** - [Shields.Tom@att.net](mailto:Shields.Tom@att.net)

- **Betty Walker** has a "new" snailmail address: 200 Rochester Place, Mobile, 36608
- **Mary Rodning** was accepted into the Sumi-e 2011 exhibition. 80 works were accepted from over 250 entries. The exhibition can be viewed online. <http://sumieshow.org/artists/>
- WGAS was well-represented in the recent Colors of the Coast juried exhibit at Cathedral Square Gallery:
  - o Best Watercolor, **Victor "Corky" Goldman**
  - o Best Graphic, **Lynda Smith Touart**
  - o Merit Award, **Kathy Friedline**
  - o People's Choice Award, **Frances Ashcraft** and **Carmel Alvis**
- **Janie Brown** is a featured artist in Kangal Gallery for July
- **Tricia Bryars** has rejoined WGAS. Welcome back!
- **Bill Morris** and **Satomi Kamei** are featured artists for the month of July at The Artist's Place at the Church of the Redeemer.

*[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)