

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I hope you have all been able to make it down to our Members' Exhibition at the Mobile Arts Council and got to see the article in the Mobile Press-Register. I am so proud of our members who made this such a wonderful show.

Congratulations to all our award winners. And welcome to our three new members. It is a tough thing to go through the nomination and audition process, and I hope those that did not make it this year will consider auditioning again in the future. It is indeed an honor to be a member of the Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society and our members shine in many of the other venues in the Mobile area - as demonstrated by the members who also collected several awards in the Colors of the Coast juried exhibit currently showing at the Cathedral Square Gallery. So keep up the good work, and I hope you are able to get some painting time in this summer.

Happy Painting!
Joanne Brandt

THE MAC MEMBERS' EXHIBITION ON EXHIBIT THROUGH JUNE*

Awards:

- Best of Show: **Phyllis J. Henson**, "Little Big Mountain", Watercolor on Paper
- Best Aqua Media: **Allan Butt**, "Along the Silk Road - A Farm", Watercolor on Paper
- Best Graphic Arts: **Lynda Smith Touart**, "Cacti Oh Myyy", Color Pencil on Paper
- Bea Tucker Memorial Award: **Frances M. Ashcraft**, "Days End", Watercolor on Paper
- Southern Art & Framing Award: **Charmaine Neylon**, "Butterfly, Butterfly, Come Play with Me", Ink Drawing on Paper
- Alabama Art Supply Award: **V.B. Goldman**, "Swiss Window Flora", Watercolor on Paper

- Honorable Mention Award: **Clare King**, "Beignets at Cafe du Monde", Watercolor on Paper
 - Honorable Mention Award: **Loran Chavez**, "Scatter!", Watercolor on Paper
 - Members' Choice: **Frances Ashcraft**, "Step Sittin'", Watercolor on Paper
- *Pick up of work will be Saturday June 30, from 9-noon

NEXT EXHIBITION(S)

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

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.

NEW MEMBERS!

Gayle Hall
Ann Pearce
Nancy Winger

Congratulations and welcome!

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

- **Lynne Weeks'** new email address:
lweeksart@aol.com
- **Mary Lou Berg's** new address:
2323 Lake Robbins Dr. #602
The Woodlands, TX 77380-1565
- In the 71st Annual Exhibition of paintings by members of the Watercolor Society of Alabama, in Birmingham, **Judy Aronson, Corky Goldman, Marcy Matherne, and Bill Morris** were juried into the competition, from over 80 works. **Corky** won the Patron's Fine Art Gift Certificate/Merchandise Award #7, Salis International, Inc., Jack Richeson & Company, Inc., Creative Catalyst Productions, for his work "Better Days". The exhibition is at Littlehouse Galleries, 2915 Linden Avenue, Homewood, Birmingham, Alabama, from May 6, 2012, until July 5, 2012. The Exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are:
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday-Friday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday
- **Clare King's** "Eggs and Butter" painting won First Place in the Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival annual juried show in Moulton, Alabama
- **Mary Anne Trovato** has opened a gallery called "SACRED" at Booth C3 in The Marketplace at Five Gold Monkeys, 4350-B Old Shell Road, next to Bruno's. The hours are 9:30 to 5:00, Mon-Fri and 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday. The venue will contain the sacred art and articles of other local, regional and national artists and artisans as well as her own.
- **Carmel Alvis, Nancy Hanrath, Debby Sneed, Rebecca Rouglund, and Debbie Abernathy** held an exhibit at Edward Jones Financial during the month of May
- A *Painting in a Day* with **Loran Chavez** and **Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough** is on exhibit at the ESAC through the month of June
- Quite a few **WGAS members** won awards in the Colors of the Coast exhibition at CSG on exhibit through June:
 - Wintzell's Best of Show: Verna Bryant, *Sand Island*
 - Wintzell's 2nd Place: **Loran Chavez**, *First Time at the Beach*
 - Cathedral Square Gallery 3rd Place: **Lynda Smith Touart**, *Merde de Mer*

- Alabama Art Supply People's Choice Award
Greg Sweeny, *To The Point*
- Cathedral Square Gallery Photography Award:
Mike Carmichael, *Sweet Accents*
- Wine Loft 1st Merit Award: **Ted Burn**, *Ripple Effect*
- Southern Art and Frame 2nd Merit Award:
Ernie Kirkland, *Moonlight Flight*
- Southern Art and Frame 3rd Merit Award
Collette Waite
- Wine Loft 4th Merit Award **Phyllis Henson**,
Sitting on the Dock
- **Lynda Smith Touart** exhibited at the Artists' Place, Church of the Redeemer, 7125 Hitt Road, 639-1948 in June
[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: dunge51@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
So far we have 76 "likes" and 39 "friends".

WGAS SCRAPBOOK

You may have seen our WGAS Scrapbooks – 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.

We regret to inform you that our former member, Sumi Putman has died. We have no further information at this time.

A note from Jane Shaw thanking us for her party at the last meeting!

May 7 2012
Dear Water Color & Graphic Artists
Do you ever get the feeling
that it can't get any better than
this? Such good friends, smart
and talented. I feel very lucky
to know all of you
I loved the party so come to
my 100th 😊
Love
Jane Shaw

Some links of interest:

http://www.al.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2012/06/watercolor_graphic_arts_societ.html

http://www.al.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2012/06/cathedral_square_gallery_showi.html

http://photos.al.com/4464/gallery/cathedral_square_gallery_colors_of_the_coast_exhibit_2012/index.html



Phyllis Henson with her Best of Show:
"Little Big Mountain"
Watercolor on Paper