

# WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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## SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

*As I write this I am preparing to travel for a plein air painting workshop with six different instructors. Each instructor has their own beautiful and distinctive style, but all will share how they approach the common traditional methods of looking at light and values, working with a limited palette, and applying principles of composition and design. I am hoping to come home with some helpful tips and suggested techniques from each of them - to help me with my plein air endeavors, and hopefully incorporate into my own personal style. That is what I find to be so rewarding about painting or sketching from life, whether painting outside or sketching with our local figure group. By painting from life you are developing your own way of seeing the world around you and reflecting it on paper or canvas as only YOU can see it. I think this is what one of my painting friends means when she says an artist is "honest" - true to their own style.*

*I hope you are getting in lots of painting time, in anticipation for our upcoming Juried Exhibition in November and December at the USA Library's newly dedicated Mary Elizabeth and Charles Bernard Rodning Gallery of Art.. And be sure to join us on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for our Members' Meeting at the Mobile Museum of Art as we plan for the upcoming year.*

*Happy Painting!*  
*Jeanne Brandt*

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Mobile Museum of Art Board Room  
Sunday, September 23, 2012  
Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m.  
**General Meeting at 2:30 p.m.**  
Be sure to be there!

### **NEXT EXHIBITION**

#### **Juried Exhibition:**

USA Library in November and December.

Take in: November 1, from 10 -1, in classroom 171 (downstairs)

One or two entries for \$20

Reception: November 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

\*Presentation of 20 year pins at this exhibition-If you joined in 1992, it's your year! Please let us know.

\*Attending Members are asked to bring light snacks; The Society will provide cups, drinks, and the like.

Take-down: December 20, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

Judge 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.

### **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  
Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society  
P. O. Box 81701  
Mobile, AL 36689

### **MEMBER NEWS**

- From **Denise Inge:** It's all about me...hahahhah.....:  
-Exhibiting through June at Somerby.  
-Winner of "Artist of the month for September Mobile Art Association" experienced category....and the most fun to be around besides Lynda! :)
- From **Janie Brown:**  
Family and Friends, Please make note of my new email address:  
[janie9100@att.net](mailto:janie9100@att.net)  
Just got U-verse with AT &T so going with a new email

after all these years. Maybe I'll lose some junk mail :)  
can dream can't I?

- **Derald Eastman** has a new email address:  
[deraldo13@att.net](mailto:deraldo13@att.net)
- Due to their recent generous endowment to further the USA Library's arts efforts, the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gallery is now known as the "**Mary Elizabeth and Charles Bernard Rodning** Gallery of Art".
- **Satomi Kamei** is helping with the Semmes Public Library East Asian Art Class for 60 elementary students for which **Mary Rodning** is the organizer. It is funded by The Community Foundation of South Alabama.
- **Mary Rodning** (again!) for about ten years, has created paintings in a traditional Japanese style to inspire haiku for haigaonline. Read about it here:  
<http://www.haigaonline.com/issue13-1/issue.html>
- **Fred Marchman** earned 2nd Place in the Professional Division of the "If I Dream, I Can" Elvis art show at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. His piece is a relief sculpture in cast iron, titled "I Dreamed Elvis Gave Me A White Bible."
- WGAS Members participated in the "Dog Days" exhibition at MAC in July:
  - **Ainsley McNeely**
  - **Carmel Alvis**
  - **Clare King**
  - **Conroy Hudlow**
  - **Denise Inge**
  - **Dodie O. Matthews**
  - **Janie Brown**
  - **Joanne Brandt**
  - **Karen McGahagin**
  - **Kathy Friedline**
  - **Lydia Host**
  - **Lynda Touart**
  - **Mary Rodning**
  - **Penny Lewis**
  - **Satomi Kamei**
  - **Susan Downing-White**
- **Kathy Friedline** and **Mary Rodning** were among those participating in the *20-Pages Book Project* at the Mobile Arts Council in July.
- **Martha Ann Rowan, Carolyn Greene, Karen McGahagin, Joanne Brandt,** and **Ann Festorazzi** worked as volunteers with MARC for their annual silent auction, held on August 2
- **Janie Brown** was featured artist at Kangal Gallery in August
- **Susan Downing-White** offered a Pet Portrait workshop at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer on August 30
- **Ann Calagaz'** artwork, "Jubilee City" was selected for the official artwork for the annual Jubilee Festival in Daphne, to take place on September 29-30
- **Ted Burn, Loran Chavez, Fran Neumann,** and **Barbara Thomas** were featured in the "Our Studio Masters" exhibition in the ESAC through August 25

- Students from the Asian Art Classes at the Semmesonian showed their work at an exhibition at Southern Art & Framing in August. **Mary Rodning** (*yes again!*) was volunteer art teacher and curator of the exhibit
- **Carolyn Greene** has been chosen for the Greater Mobile Art Award for Educator at the September 14<sup>th</sup> ceremony! *A well-deserved honor!*
- Work is finishing on **Jason Guynes'** wonderful mural, installed in the underside ceiling of the Moulton Tower at USA. The mural will be dedicated during homecoming activities Friday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m., as the university celebrates its 50th anniversary. The event is free and open to the public.
- WGAS Members invited to be part of "Artacopia":
  - At Springhill College
    - **Jason Guynes**
    - **Jo Patton**
    - **John Cleverdon**
  - At USA
    - **M. Casey Downing, Jr.**
    - **Lynda Smith Touart**
  - At University of Mobile
    - **Benjamin J. Shamback**
    - **Kate Seawell**
    - **Susan Downing-White**
    - **Lydia Host**
  - At Alabama School of Math and Science
    - **James Conlon**

The show will hang at the 4 venues through September 21, 2012.

RECEPTIONS: USA, 4-6 p.m. Aug. 30; Spring Hill, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 30; UM, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 13; Alabama School of Math and Science, 5-7 p.m. Sept. 14.

- **Fred Marchman** has an exhibition at Koch Gallery in September. Receptions: Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-6 p.m.; and Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 11-5 p.m.
- **Fran Neumann's** "Anna" won the Isabel Jackson Memorial Award in the BRAG Judged Exhibition in August. **Lolita Dickinson** was the judge.
- **Barbara Thomas** has an exhibition at BRAG from September 15 to October 10. The reception is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7 p.m.
- **Conroy Hudlow** is showing at the Robertson Gallery 450 Dauphin Street. Opening reception Friday September 14, during ArtWalk
- A farewell celebration for Thomas Harrison, "**Achy Breaky Art**", will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup> at MAC from 1-3p.m. Any of his fans are welcome to come, and snacks are welcome, but not required. See the event listed on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/404284216304966/>  
WGAS will be making him a small gift of thanks.

- **Lynda Smith Touart** will be exhibiting at Portier Place on Old Shell Road in November. The reception, to which the public is welcome, is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, at 3:30.

*[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 the Treasurer as well.*

### **OUR WEB SITE**

The domain is <http://wgasmobile.org>  
Send your URL to Lynda to be linked from the WGAS webpage. You can refer to the calendar 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. Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society of Mobile [www.facebook.com/WGASMobile](http://www.facebook.com/WGASMobile)  
So far we have 82 "likes"!

### **WGAS SCRAPBOOK**

Please send us 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, which are often missed.



**conroy hudlow**

recent paintings

opening reception Friday Sept 14, during Art Walk 6-9 pm



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We regret to inform you that  
our long-time member,  
**Gay Garrett**  
has died.



At the Rodning reception,  
from left: USA Library  
Dean Dr. Richard Wood,  
USA President Gordon  
Moulton, Mary Elizabeth  
Rodning, Dr. Charles B.  
Rodning and USA Senior  
Vice President for  
Academic Affairs Dr.  
David Johnson.