

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello Members!

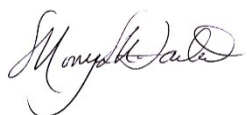
And just that fast, summer's almost over! I hope you've all had a wonderful time, and have had the chance to do a lot of painting!

I've been busy the past few weeks lining up a fabulous venue for our Fall Juried Members show. The Mobile Downtown Alliance has been very gracious in offering our organization space in their storefront, The Urban Emporium, 260 Dauphin Street, for our Fall Show to be held in conjunction with Mobile's LODA Artwalk! So, mark your calendars for the week of October 10th for completion of all artwork that you'd like to submit. We will have a reception that evening to announce awards, and our artwork will remain hung at their venue thru November 10th. They've agreed to handle all sales of our work, in house, and are able to do credit card transactions as well. We will be giving them 15% of all sales, in return for their efforts. Members will be allowed to submit two pieces each, and the work will be juried to under 40 pieces because of space limitations. I believe this will be a wonderful opportunity for us, not only for possible sales, but for visibility of our organization right in the center of all the Artwalk excitement! I've also been working on other exhibition/show opportunities downtown, amidst the growing art scene there.

I want to thank you all again for having elected me to this position. I will continue to strive to make our organization something you can all be proud of belonging to!

Have a blessed day....now Go Paint!!

Sincerely,



EXHIBITION INFORMATION

- **October 2014** Urban Emporium
Take-in: Saturday, Oct 4th, 10-1
Opening reception Oct 10, 6-9 (during ArtWalk)
- **May 2015:** ESAC
- **October 2015:** Mobile Arts Council
Details to follow...

MEMBER NEWS

- Several Members won awards in the 2014 Colors of the Coast exhibition at Cathedral Square Gallery in June:
 - **Lynda Smith Touart**, Wintzell's Best of Show
 - **JoAnne Brandt**, Greer's Markets 2nd Place
 - **Penny Lewis**, Dr. Eric Leonhardt 3rd Place
 - **Judy Aronson**, Merit Award
- The recent Newsletter mailed to **Betty Walker** was returned. Does anyone have a new address for her?
- Several Members including **Joanne Brandt, Kathy Friedline, Carolyn Greene, Karen McGahagin, and Kathy Spaulding** participated in the MARC Art painting project in July.



- **Judy Aronson's** work was shown in the History Museum of Mobile in July
- **Fred Marchman** is showing "8 groovy works" at the Pub on Fairhope Ave (now called Courtyard 311) July-Aug-Sept 2014. "Go see & go buy!"
- **Jane Shaw** is doing better, back at home with her daughter **Suzanne Wright**.
- **John Cleverdon** is recovering from surgery.
- **John** and Mickey **Cleverdon** have been named as the Lifetime Achievement Award winners in the Greater Mobile Arts Awards. This year, the awards will be produced by **Kate Seawell**, another Member, who was a 2008 Greater Mobile Art Awards recipient. The awards will be presented in a ceremony Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the 1927 Room at the Saenger Theater with a reception honoring the recipients immediately following. The event is free and open to the public
- **Monique McFarland** has been invited to show in the "Paper" exhibition at the MMA. The opening reception is on Thursday, August 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The show will hang till Oct 5th
- In August, LoDa ArtWalk will become LoDa ArtRide. A number of galleries and venues will display bike-related art: Mobile Arts Council, Art(ology), Cathedral Square Gallery, Fry Building windows, History Museum of Mobile, Lunatix & Co., Optera Creative and Identity Signs, and 505 St. Louis St. A number of WGAS members have been painting the large community mural at Delta Bike Project. The work has been led by a core group of artists including **Clare King, Kathy Friedline, Joanne Brandt, and Conroy Hudlow**. Many "guest" artists have come to work on the mural for a few hours or a few days. Members who have helped with the mural include **Satomi Allier, Ernie Kirkland, Karen Spaulding, and Karen McGahagin**. Members will have art at many of the various venues so be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, August 8th, and come celebrate bicycles in Mobile. The show at Optera is called "I Am Mobile, I Ride a Bike" and consists of about 40 bicycle posters. Members **Kathy Friedline, Clare King, Conroy Hudlow, and Joanne Brandt** are among those featured.
- **Lynda Smith Touart** will be the featured artist at Optera, 5 North Jackson Street, for the September ArtWalk



FROM THE TREASURER:

WGAS donated \$1,000 from our treasury and \$405 in Individual Member contributions to the MMA 50th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to all who contributed!

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

TO CHECK THE WGAS GOOGLE CALENDAR

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wgasmobile.org%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

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