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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Members! I'm very pleased to serve as President of the Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society.

We've had some fantastic presidents in the past and I hope that I can meet the challenge.
Thankfully, we have some wonderful board members to guide me through this unfamiliar territory, and the record of the past from which to chart a path.

We artists are a little like cats; beautiful, with some common characteristics but also quite independent, with our own notions of what is ideal. I know that there is no formula that will meet everyone's desires but with your input I think we can stay true to the mission of creating greater interest in our art, support each other's efforts, provide good exhibition opportunities and participate in educational events that will enrich us all.

Thanks for the opportunity to work towards are common goals. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

NEW OFFICERS

President - Clare King

1st Vice President - Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough

2nd Vice President - Hunter Cobb

Treasurer - Debbie Guy

Secretary - Lynda Touart

NEW MEMBERS

Doris Amster Harriett Cain Lisa Johnston Hancock Jeff Johnston

Congratulations and welcome to all!

NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS

August 3, 2017, 6 p.m., at the Garden House December 2, 2017, 9 a.m., at the Garden House March 3, 2018, 9 a.m., at the Garden House

NEXT UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Fall: October 2017, CSG

Fall 2018, Mobile Arts Council

With regret we note the death of Denise Inge, First Vice-President 2015-16

The Members' Choice Award at the ESAC was a Memorial in her name. A number of people have contributed to this, and we will continue to accept money for this award in future.

MEMBER NEWS

- A Merit Award went to Philippe Oszuscik for "Dome Over Cube Basket" in the MAA Spring Members' Show
- Lynne Weeks exhibited at the prestigious historical venue at Montedomini in Florence, Italy, the "Florence exhibition 2017 ARTOUR-O II Must!
- Kate Seawell's "Bronze and Green" won the Montgomery Art Guild Board Award in the recent Montgomery Art Guild Exhibition.
- Ainsley McNeely had a piece selected for the "best of" show at the Forgotten Coast plein air Quickdraw event.
- Janie Brown had a show at the Church of the Redeemer in May.
- Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough was the judge for the Singing River Art Association's Spring Show in May.
 She was the featured artist at Weeks Bay Plantation in Fairhope Al for June. Her work was included in the First Responders Hat Show at the Mobile Arts Council.
- During the month of June the Artists' Place Gallery at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer will be exhibiting the works of Monique McFarland
- Members in the Hats III show at MAC were Judy Aronson, Frances Ashcraft, Lydia Host, Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough, Sandra Krause, Karen McGahagin, Ainsley McNeely, Lynda Touart, and Carol Wiggins
- Carol Wiggins, Karen McGaghin, Doris Amster and Mary Rodning have a painting in the national Sumi-e show in Tallahassee, Florida, for the month of July.

DUES

(\$30) for the ensuing year are owed on June 1st. You must be current to enter any exhibitions or to vote. You may pay at the meeting or at the exhibition take-ins, or send your checks to:

Treasurer, Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society P. O. 81701 Mobile, AL 36689

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AWARD WINNERS IN 2017 SPRING SHOW

Best of Show, Ruth S. Bruckmann Memorial Award

Corky Goldman: Colors of Spring

Watercolor

Best Aqua Media

Barbara Rettig: Intermission

Watercolor

Best Graphic Media

Gail Bramer: Spring Snow Melt

Sumi-e

Members' Choice Denise Inge Memorial

Award

Lynda Smith Touart: **Bonus**

Colored Pencil

Ashland Gallery Leila Hollowell Memorial

Award

Libby McCawley: *New Orleans*

Watercolor

Southern Art & Framing Award

Lynda Smith Touart: *Man of the Earth*

Colored Pencil

Alabama Art Supply Award

Susie Wallace: White Wine in Waiting

Watercolor

Honorable Mention Award

Satomi Kamei: Saukt Gilgen, Austria

Watercolor

Judge's Merit Award

Marie Nickerson: Light on My Shoulder

Watercolor