

# WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

<http://wgasmobile.org>

## NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

### ***FROM THE PRESIDENT:***

This fall and winter seem to be offering lots of opportunities to show and sell your artwork, and I just wanted to bring a few to your attention.

Because of the long break between our juried show last August at the Eastern Shore Art Center and the next scheduled members' show in June 2012 at the Mobile Arts Council, the Board has arranged for a special exhibition in January 2012 at the Mobile Public Library West Regional Branch. The title of the show is "Hot Art for a Cold January" - an exhibition of colorful artwork to warm up the winter season and welcome the New Year. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

A number of additional local exhibits are coming up as well, including another opportunity to show your artwork in the Mobile Museum of Art special exhibit celebrating Mobile's maritime heritage in December. I hope the Museum will continue to provide a venue for regional shows of this nature.

The Alabama Miniature Art Society will hold its Spanish Moss juried exhibition in March at Cathedral Square Gallery and has just issued a call for artists. This is an international show, but also includes miniature art by some fine local artists.

And our members' judged show is coming up in June at the Mobile Arts Council. This will also be the venue for prospective members to audition their work. We will be accepting nominations for new members over the next few months. If you know of other exhibit opportunities coming up, please be sure to share with Lynda or me and we will try to get the word out. And if any of you want to help with the upcoming WGAS shows, please

contact Kathy Friedline, chairperson of the Exhibits Committee.

I hope you are able to squeeze some painting in along with the other holiday festivities, and will look for you at the opening reception on January 5th at the West Regional Branch Library.

Happy painting! And enjoy the holidays!

*Joanne Brandt*  
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### ● ***HOT ART FOR A COLD JANUARY***

In order to bridge the gap between our WGAS juried show last August and the next scheduled judged members' show next June, we will hold a members' non-juried and non-judged show in January 2012. This exhibit will be for show and sale only - no awards will be given. The show will be held at the Mobile Public Library West Regional Branch. Due to space limitations, each member will be limited to one entry. Entry fee will be \$10 per artist. Our normal WGAS rules for entries will apply.

- **TAKE-IN:** Artwork will be accepted on Wednesday, January 4th, 11 AM - 1 PM (entry materials will be available at registration).
- **RECEPTION:** An opening reception will be held at the library on Thursday, January 5th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. All members are requested to bring an appetizer and/or finger food for the reception. WGAS will provide paper products, cups, and drinks.
- **TAKE DOWN:** The show will hang through the month of January, with take-down scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st, 11 AM - 1 PM.

Help us take the chill out of January by sharing your art for our show.

## ● ***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!

## ● ***FROM THE SECRETARY:***

If you attended the ESAC opening reception, you may have seen our WGAS Scrapbook – 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 will need 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 me to do this for you, just let me know.

## ● ***FROM THE TREASURER***

Dues (\$20) for the ensuing year were owed on June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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  
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## ***MEMBER NEWS***

- ADDRESS/EMAIL UPDATES
  - **Kathie Stabler:** [stablerk@chbss.org](mailto:stablerk@chbss.org)
  - **Evonne Bilbo:** 9617 Chariot Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532, Ph 251-210-4256, cell 300-0731
- 13th Annual Bay Rivers Art Guild Juried Show 2011 Award Winners
  - Best of Show: **Monique McFarland** *Citrus I*
  - Rachel Thomas Award: **V.B. "Corky" Goldman** *For Rosa*
  - Merit Awards/Honorable Mention Awards
    - **Ted Burn** *Fishing Lesson*
    - **Nancy Wininger** *Copper & Cloves*
    - **Marilyn Ammons** *Granny's Bowl and Fruit*
- **Mary Rodning's** contemporary calligraphy scroll is on its way to Thailand for the Art of Ink in America show in Thailand opening November 6th. There are about 45 works by 30 calligraphers in the show.
- **Corky Goldman** won an Honorable Mention in the Watercolor Society of Alabama Members Showcase held in September for his piece, *Venetian Light*
- WGAS Members won *most* of the prizes in the Art of Reading Exhibition, at the West Regional branch of the Mobile Public Library:
  - Mobile Public Library Purchase Award:  
**Derald Eastman** - "*8 PM and Ben May is Closing*" (Acrylic on Canvas)
  - Friends of Mobile Public Library Purchase Awards:
    - **Doret (Dodie) Matthews** - "*Tall Tales*" (Watercolor on Paper)
    - **Barbara Cline** - "*Jack and the Beanstalk*" (Mixed Media on Paper)
    - Honorary Merit Award: **Fran Neumann** - "*Reading Ishiguro*" (Watercolor on Paper)
- The artwork of **Fred Marchman** is on view Nov. 3 in Fairhope through Dec. 1 at wmCM Studio, 323 de la Mare Ave., Suite 1. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday.\*
- **William C. Morris** is showing at the Bay Rivers Art Guild, 1704 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Daphne, AL 36526, 251-621-0659

Exhibition Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 AM – 4 PM, until December 14th, 2011.

- **Kathy Parsons Friedline** is the Featured Guest Artist at Art(ology) for the month of November.
- **Mary Rodning and Lynda Smith Touart** are exhibiting in the *Semmes' Artists Show* in the Semmes Library (aka "The Semmesonian") 9150 Moffett Road. Through January 31st.

*[Please send all your news to [L.touart@touart.com](mailto:L.touart@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)

Tom Shields,  
a WGAS member,  
passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
of this year.  
He will be missed.  
Our sympathy goes out to his wife,  
Joyce, also one of our members.

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[http://blog.al.com/entertainment-press-register/2011/11/fred\\_marchman\\_an\\_artist\\_to\\_the.html](http://blog.al.com/entertainment-press-register/2011/11/fred_marchman_an_artist_to_the.html)