

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY OF MOBILE

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NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

GREAT job with the turn out for the fall show; it turned out to be a great venue and had a ton of daily walking traffic. So proud of our members, looking forward to seeing you all at the members' meeting. Happy holidays to all! NOW GO PAINT!



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

December 7, 2014

Mobile Museum of Art, 3 PM

[Board Meeting at 2 PM]

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Details to follow...

- May 2015: ESAC
- October 2015: Mobile Arts Council

WINNERS IN THE WGAS FALL EXHIBITION AT THE URBAN EMPORIUM

- Best of Show: **Lynda Smith Touart**, *Still Waters* [Comment: Artist is obviously very experienced and has mastered the medium. Best in ANY show!]
- Best Aqua Media: **Barbara Rettig**, *Feeling Crabby* [Comment: Great composition and application]
- WGAS Best Graphic Arts: **Janet Hinton**, *Coggs Hill Farm* [Comment: Great atmosphere and execution]
- Downtown Mobile Alliance Award: **Joyce Shields**, *Into the Light*
- Ashland Gallery Leila Hollowell Memorial Award: **Barbara Rettig**, *Summer in the Market: Watermelons*
- Southern Art and Framing Award: **Janet Hinton**, *Fort Gaines*
- Alabama Art Supply Award: **Monique McFarland**, *Tarnished Reflections*

- Honorable Mention Award: **Clare King**, *Coming Home*
- Honorable Mention Award: **Lynda Smith Touart**, *All Chairs on Deck*
- Judge's Merit Award: **Satomi Kamei**, *Autumn Premonition*

[Judge Grady Byrd's comment: Real good show, watercolor hard to judge, so many good. ...]

WGAS MEMBERS WIN BIG IN THE FALL MAA SHOW!

- Best of Show - **Ernest Kirkland** for "Headed for the Water Hole"
- Southern Art and Framing \$100 Mdse. Award - **Monique McFarland** for "Daisy"
- Alabama Art Supply - Mobile - \$50 Merchandise Award - **Penny Lewis** for "Protecting Her Den"
- Daugherty's Gallery & Frame Shop \$50 Mdse. Award - **Joanne Brandt** for "Beachcomber Trawler"
- George Dubina Memorial Award for People's Choice (\$100) - Lydia Christian for "Parisian Portrait"
- Merit Awards of \$50 each - Harriett Gibson for "Lady Gator", Tutta Greer Cone for "Hammer, Smalti, and Drinking Dove", Kent Lynam for Royal Doulton Peaches, and **Barbara Rettig** for "Peace on Earth"

MEMBER NEWS

- **Karen McGahagin's** new email address is karenmcgahagin@gmail.com
- **Mary Rodning** and **Phillipe Oszuscik** are showing work in the Semmes Artists Local Art show at the Semmes Library branch, through January 3.
- **Joanne Brandt**, **Ainsley McNeely**, **Satomi Kamei**, and **Karen McGahagin** took part in the *plein aire* group painting during the Longleaf Alliance National Conference at Mobile Botanical Gardens on October 23rd.

- **Lynda Smith Touart** was one of the judges for the inaugural Vigor High School Student Art Show and Competition.
- **Gail Bramer, Mary Rodning, and Karen McGahagin** are exhibiting in the Shibui Chapter show through November 29, at the West Regional Branch of the Mobile Public Library.
- **Ainsley McNeely** won "Best of Show" at the Greater Gulf State Fair
- **Ainsley McNeely** and **Carmel Arvis** are showing "Our Southern Heritage" at the History Museum of Mobile in November
- **Ardith Goodwin** was named Alabama Middle School Teacher of the Year.

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

WGAS GOOGLE CALENDAR

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

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Let everyone know what you are doing!

We have received word that Virginia Dekle died earlier this year.

Our beloved Maurine Shorkey died in October.



Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough is shown with her Oyster, newly installed at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds



Corky Goldman at his show at Optera in October

