

Gallery Gazette

Macon County Art Association
<http://mcaauptowngallery.org>

April 2009

Gallery Hours: 10 am to 5 pm, closed Sun & Mon

May 2009 Program: Patsy Gentry- Wood burning, organization and marketing of your artwork.

Patsy Lewis-Gentry, born and raised in north Georgia with a pencil in her hand. She received her education via various mentors and has exhibited her work in almost every reputable venue available in the south. Her work has been published in too many magazines and books to mention, as well having had national exposure. Her current passion is wood burning. With the master ability in drawing she possesses, her burnings are beyond words.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

You'll see in other parts of the newsletter that we are going to be busy this spring (whenever it decides to come, it's snowing here today!) with our usual participation in Silver Arts (thanks to Pat and Richard Bachor for organizing our part) and our volunteers painting the Puppies Room at the Humane Society. We also have the opportunity to promote the Art Association at Macon County Middle School's spring event on Friday May 1. It's an auction and spaghetti dinner to benefit the art programs at the school. Donations of artwork are needed, and the Art Association needs volunteers to help with our information and art card sale table that evening - please call Dana Garner or the Gallery. If you are able to donate a piece of artwork, please bring it to the Gallery; we plan to display the donations before the event (as we did the Zonta chairs - now gracing their owner's dining room). The Board has also agreed to help out with Zonta's Art and Chocolate event the first weekend in August by contributing art (painting, collage or sculpting) to framed mirrors to be auctioned for the benefit of R.E.A.C.H. We'll need to make a start on this soon; more details to follow!

Naturally, all these are worthwhile causes and we trust that all our members will try to contribute as much as possible towards them. They are also ways to "get our name out there" and that's important, as well. Charity events attract people who are likely to be arts-savvy and to have the means to buy art; a donation of a piece gets your work out there where it

can be seen by this (self-selected) audience. And community events bring us to the attention of the people who live here in Franklin. Think they don't buy art? Think again - I have friends with beautiful collections who have lived here for years and had never heard of the Gallery, let alone visited it. To that end, we are actively promoting the Gallery through the Main Street Franklin merchant's association and the Chamber of Commerce. You can all participate in these efforts; please don't say no. And let's hope that this will help us weather this economic meltdown and keep the Gallery open.

Sue Weathers



Carol Rollick's exhibition at Southwestern Community College for the month of April

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The board hopes you are enjoying our revised website that now contains links to the biographies and artwork of several of our members. We owe Dana Garner many thanks to the long hours she has spent making us look good, even with a bum leg. Thanks Dana, you're the best.

As I'm sure you know by now, Ruth Goodier posts a detailed financial statement every month. Our budget takes into account a monthly loss during the winter months of about \$800 per month and this year we are running about \$100 over that for total loses in excess of \$900 this winter. The question is, will we make up this additional shortfall during the summer especially with the current economic situation?

Ruth also announced that this would be her last year on the board as she has served for four years now. Start thinking about the possibility that you could make a contribution in this area. You could start working with Ruth now to learn the simple system that she has set up.

Dana Garner says that our art classes and events are listed in the Arts Council newsletter and the Chamber of Commerce listings.

Camille Tuttrup's recent watercolor pencil workshop was not full but was enjoyed by my members who were able to take advantage working with this challenging medium.

Karen Smith wants to remind the members of the following workshops and programs:

On April 25, 10 to 3, Sandy Essex is presenting "An Itch to Etch" for members and community. (\$15

members/\$30 community plus a \$10 materials fee) Most of us will have seen Sandy's presentation at our April membership meeting and will be able to sign up at the meeting, but don't wait too long to be a part of this experience.

Karen says that only a couple of members attended the **Art About Town** program. No action was taken and the program is currently in limbo until input can be obtained concerning your interest in participating.

Attention! **Silver Arts** is just around the corner. Pat and Richard Bachor announce that May 2nd is set up day, so come help if you can, May 4th at 9am judging begins and the show last until Friday, May 8th. Sing up sheets will be available at the general membership meeting.

Dana announces, "we have been personally asked to donate items for the yearly Macon Middle School Arts and Crafts Auction. The proceeds will benefit the much needed monies for the Fine Arts Department". Arts areas included are art, chorus and band. On May 1, 2009, the evening will start with a 5pm spaghetti dinner and the auction begins around 6pm. Dana and the board encourages members to donate paintings and photos to support the cause. "I would really like to see a big showing of our organization. Letters for tax purposes can be provided. This is a wonderful chance for the Community to see the wonderful talented and generous people we truly are. They will provide a table/booth for us to promote the Gallery and we may get News coverage as well. We are going to be allowed to sell our note cards from the booth and pass out information about the MCAA Uptown Gallery. So get busy on that. Anyone interested in sitting at the Booth that night, please let me know as soon as possible. I will set up a designated area for your art donations in the Gallery, so please start bringing them in ASAP".

The Humane Society has contacted Pat Mennenger about a community service project – painting a mural in the puppy room. The wall has been measured and a preliminary sketch is being developed.

New Members Sue Roberts, Vickie Szydlo and D. L. (Toby) Tobias we welcome you aboard. We are now 74 members strong.

Happy Birthday Cathy Casano (2nd), Phyllis Duckett (15th), and Shelia Moffitt (21st). The Bachors, our long time bride and groom share this month, Pat (29th) and Richard (17th). How cool is that?

Condolences Two long time members of the association, Christine Johnson Ordway and Liz Poole, recently passed away. Ruth Goodier writes "Chris was a member for a long time . . . Chris was only 45 and went to the hospital on Wednesday with some liver problems and died Thursday". Mame Lehman writes that Liz "passed away on February 28 following a severe stroke. She had dealt in antiques, was a china painter, quilter and talented oil painter." Thanks Mame for keeping our former members plaque up to date. You can find it hanging in the studio area.

Natalie Bucki's husband Hank is not doing well and is now on home hospice. We will keep them in our prayers.

Because Natalie will be unable to continue teaching her pastel, portrait painting classes the following arrangements have been made: Wednesday, April 15, Allison Wunder will conduct the class and all class session after that will be conducted by Jim Smythe until further notice. Jim will give short demonstrations and show work he has produced in the area. Interested artists are welcome to join at any time.

We regret to report also that the brother of Mark Menendez has passed away.

EDITOR'S ENDNOTE

Feel free to contact me with any information that you would like to share with the group at 828-586-4508 or jimesmythe@mac.com

James Smythe, Editor

