

Gallery Gazette

January 2009

February 2009 Program: Sharon Grist - Spinning and natural dyes

Sharon, a lover of Scottish textiles, had had a passion for weaving and the various weaving crafts since she was a young girl. Besides producing quality hand woven textiles, she has taught weaving, demonstrated weaving at various venues, exhibited widely throughout the area, as well as designing and producing garments, home accessories and one of a kind pieces. She is a member of the Scottish tartan Society and the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association.

Remember that eating is a big part of our winter meetings so bring a bag lunch and enjoy soup prepared by Carol Rollick. Lunch starts at 12:30 PM.



Our annual Christmas cover dish dinner was held at noon on our regular meeting day. During dessert we were entertained by a local chorus of ladies and were lead in a special "who am I" game lead by our new 2nd Vice-president, Karen Smith.

Instead of exchanging gifts, members donated 120 pounds of food and related items to CareNet.

Happy Birthday Henry Fichner (18th) and Karen Smith (20th).

Remember that there is no ARTIST OF THE MONTH SHOW during this time of our individually controlled art displays, now through March.

The board has established the following window display themes: January, art work by board members; February, "seeing red"; and, March, "Spring has Sprung". Do you have art work that fits one of the last two themes? Contact Dana Garner and get on the list to show and she will give you the details. Act now because as you know there is limited space.



The Uptown Gallery window display made ready for Window Wonderland and the Christmas parade.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT:

A very happy - and hopefully prosperous - 2009 to you all! You know the old pun about the penniless artist who was totally Baroque because the Monet wasn't there? Hold that thought!

The good news from the Association is that we *almost* made our budget for 2008, despite lower sales for the year. So we won't be asking for a government bailout anytime soon! We *are* asking for your input into next year's budget, though. *Budget?? Me??* What we're asking you to do is come up with ideas and let me, or the appropriate Board member, know. Then we'll see if we can come up with the money! We're keenly aware that those "professionals" amongst you may have a lower income this year or may be concerned about your future income; how can the Art Association help you? The Budget Committee will meet on Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King holiday) at 1 p.m. at the Gallery and you are encouraged to attend. Call **Ruth Goodier** to let her know you're interested. Or e-mail your proposal to the appropriate Board member or to me so that it may be considered.

And as far as the Baroque goes, you should all be experts after Jon's talk at our January meeting! We had a great time at his lecture at the library last month; sorry, but those of you wanting the sequel will have to wait until fall. Jon is the featured artist at SWCC in Webster this month; we are still looking for artists for summer months and October; please call or e-mail **Karen Smith** to sign up - it just takes eight or ten photographs or paintings 16 x 20 or bigger (a few more if smaller) and Karen will be there to help you with the hanging. She and I are both familiar with the space, so call either of us if you have questions about it.

If you were unable to make the January meeting: please make sure you're up-to-date on **credit card procedures** before you sit - double swiping a rejected card costs all of us a lot of money. Call the Gallery Director, **Dana Garner**, with questions. And the Board has curtailed the Gallery's open times for the next

three months, as it did last year, to five days a week with a later opening time of 11 a.m. Summer hours will resume in the spring. If you are an all-year-round artist, please try to get your sitting hours in before the seasonal artists arrive in the spring or after they leave this fall. Dana's gallery committee is beginning to meet, so if you have thoughts on the gallery's policies and procedures, or if you'd like to serve on the committee, contact Dana or myself. And again, all ideas are welcome - we're looking for opportunities to improve!

If you are enjoying warm, sunny weather near a beach as you read this: I am trying to get your input! Those who live in Franklin all year round can corner me anytime, but those of you who retreat from the winter also have my attention, so please take advantage of that. What are cell phones for, if not for talking with distant friends? Warmest New Year Wishes, *Sue Weathers*

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

Susan Lizer reported that we have 59 active members, 8 life members and 3 honorary members. New member Dan Quigley joined in December when he had a special display of his paintings.

Ruth gave an optimistic report about our financial status at the end of the year. Gallery sales dropped about \$10,000 and outdoor show sales were up about \$4,000. This, of course, was anticipated and the raise in dues saved the day. Her treasure's report is posted in the gallery.

Dana brought several issues before the board for action: 1) gallery hours January through April will be 11am to 4pm, Tuesday through Saturday, 2) artists must display certificates of authenticity on the back of all multi-prints, including photographs, and 3) artists cards must be displayed in clear bags designed for this purpose.

The board approved the purchase of an additional card display rack as researched and recommended by Carol Rollick.

A sample certificate of authenticity will be developed and displayed on the web site for exhibiting members to use or they can develop their own.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

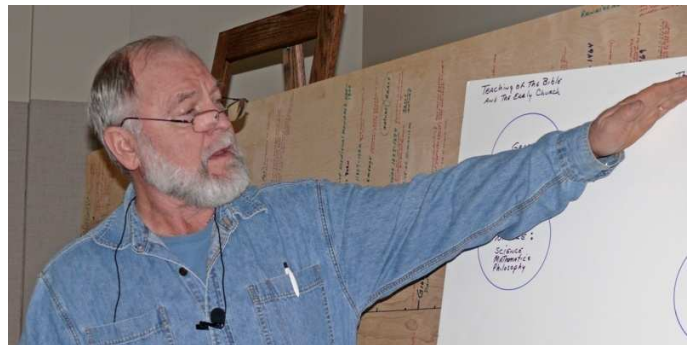
The following letters are in response to my comment that "several non-board members suggested that the newsletter be trimmed to a single page, front and back, mainly to save on the cost of printing. Thus statements by the president and gallery director have been discontinued as has the Ongoing Events section." Thank you for your letters.

"... it is my opinion the President, who has the overall picture of what is going on, and the gallery director who has the responsibility of managing the gallery, are two of the most important cogs in the wheel that keeps our association running, and thus, any information they think we should have should certainly be included in our newsletter."

Janice Mansfield

"I think the gazette needs to have the next month events as well as a link/web address to see the whole calendar every month. To that end I am suggesting that we include February's special events (not ongoing ones) in the January gazette."

Karen Albright Smith



December 13th 1st VP Jon Houglum gave the opening talk in the Association's new lecture series organized by 2nd VP Karen Smith. The series is being held on Saturday mornings at the Macon County Library. On alternating months Karen is scheduling hands-on demonstrations. Learn about these events on the calendar on the bulletin board at the back of the gallery.

