

Gallery Gazette

Macon County Art Association
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February 2009

Winter Gallery Hours: 11 am to 4 pm, closed Sun & Mon

March 2009 Program: Chris Bell

His experience as Julian Davis' apprentice

Chris Bell is our very own Macon County son and was awarded a MCAA grant in 2008. He is currently in an apprenticeship program under Julian Davis in Asheville. Julian's dynamic paintings have been widely shown in the Highlands area and featured in *Highlands Laurel* magazine. Again, bring a bag lunch on March 9th and enjoy soup prepared by Carol Rollick. Lunch starts at 12:30 PM.

The eating's been good this winter! Lunch for February 9th will be prepared and provided by Connie Richardson. Thanks Connie. And thanks to Carolyn Houglum for the really delicious cheese and broccoli soup she prepared for January's luncheon.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The most important news from the Board is that we have approved a new streamlined organization chart and voted to add a Marketing Director to the Board. At present this must be an *ad hoc* committee position and we have appointed Dana Jane Garner to it. Carol Rollick has agreed to take over as Gallery Director for the remainder of this year. The Board has requested I revise the by-laws and anyone who'd like to help with this task please let me know in person, by email avisan@windstream.net or telephone (706) 490-4740.

Secondly, the Board has met with a web designer, Sharon Solesbee, to revise our website. Sharon is an information technology student and has taken the Arts Council and MCAA on as her senior project, so there is no cost involved to the association. We plan to include artists' statements on the website with links to members' own websites, so please update yours!

The last Thursday of the month is the day during the winter when we'll be putting together the window decor for the coming month, so if you'd like to help come to the Gallery around 11. In February we decorated the trees with hearts and we're participating in the Streets of Franklin Valentine's Day promotion. Thanks Ruth Goodier, Susan Lizer

and the Thursday Painters for your help.

At the last meeting we decided to paint glass Christmas ornaments for a fundraiser; we plan to work on them in October, beginning with a free painting on glass workshop lead by Pat Bachor. However, feel free to work on them at any time –we have a bunch ready to go! And we are putting a fireplace in one window for next winter; Jon Houglum has built a stand for still life painting with a beautiful oak mantel on one side. Thanks, Jon! Thanks also for providing us with a stock of primed boards for minis. In this economic environment it's good to have small pieces of our own to sell, and don't forget cards!

Many members, including the Thursday Painters group, have generously donated supplies to the Gallery; thank you all! I'd like to ask you another favor: when you do so, if possible, would you please bring in the receipt showing your purchase? In that way the Treasurer can add those costs to our operating expenses, and that may be important as we request grant monies. There is a "donation" envelope in the cash box for the receipts; just write a note on the back describing the items. And for donations over \$200 there are tax-deduction forms available in the front filing cabinet.

Thank you all for your help and support,

Sue Weathers



Jon Houglum's one-person show at the Southwestern Community College lobby gallery. This is the first exhibition of our association's commitment to provide art shows at the college this year. The auditorium is to the left of this exhibition and has presented two major productions. In addition, this show has created interest from WCU's artists. There is still time you to show here or share a show with another member. Just contact Karen Smith at 349-7274 or smithalbig@programservices.org.

Detail showing hanging method used for this gallery. Please note the special way of showing the artist's biographic information.



(And yes, someone was spotted taking notes from this!)

NEW MEMBERS

Mark Menendez rejoined this month. He has two handsome paintings that feature wolves currently on display. We welcome Linda McLeroy as a new member; she's already involved with workshops!

GALLERY NEWS

The Board has selected the following themes from those members suggested for exhibits: April – Dreams; June – Happiness; August - No Boundaries (Art produced without lenses or brushes); September – Pathways; October – Sunlight and Shade; November – Coming Home.

WORKSHOP NEWS

1 It was a full house for Pat Mennenger's children's cartooning workshop. "These kids are great," says Pat. February 21st the kids will sculpt a dragon and in March they'll paint them. If you're interested in helping with a children's workshop, call Pat at 369-0356.

Pat also has a wonderful set of art tools (pastels, markers, etc.) donated by an "outsider". "I'll be giving it to one of my faithful students, a 14 yr old boy" she says.

2 Allison's Study Group: "Drawing from the Right side of the Brain" started Monday (1-19) and will continue for several weeks. Anyone can start at anytime for the class. The price is \$3.00 for the class and the public is welcome. We had 9 people at the first class and the class has grown every time!

3 Carol Rollick's workshop "All About Fine Art Cards" was held on 26th January with a full class. It was brilliant, and enthusiastically received. A second class can be held on members' request. We hope more members will now produce fine art cards.



Two new card displays are here. All cards should be in professional Clear Bags; members using small numbers can purchase standard sized bags from Ruth

at the monthly membership meetings and other functions. A price of \$5 or over per package is suggested.

Upcoming Events

"Pool" Painting (members) 2/28, 10 a.m.

Beginner Watercolor Pencils (members) 3/14, 10 a.m.

Maximum Color Harmony (library) 4/11, 10 a.m.

An Itch to Etch (members) 4/25, 10 a.m.

We have the 2009 calendar almost full! **See the MCAA website** for more information.

Happy Birthday

Teresa Register (15th), Sue Weathers (18th) and Ruth Goodier (19th). Those enjoying their birthday in sunny Florida: Janice Mansfield (4th), Barbara McLellan (22nd) and Emily Hoover (24th).

Thanks a Bunch

Pat Coleman of Clayton, GA, has donated many deco items, some of which you will see used in our window displays in February. Thanks Pat for thinking of us.

FROM THE EDITOR

I do not have the correct email address for the following members: Larry Calhoun, Phyllis Duckett, Emily Hoover, Henry Fichner, Meta Walton, Vivian Reinhart, Lois Richardson and Berniece Cain. Please send me an email and type your email address on the message page. See my email address below. Thanks

EDITOR'S ENDNOTE

The deadline for this newsletter is first Wednesday of the month at noon. 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

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