

GALLERY GAZETTE

Macon County Art Association

<http://www.mcaauptowngallery.org>

MARCH 2010

Gallery Hours: 11 am to 4 pm, Mon– Sat

APRIL meeting – Asheville watercolor artist Ann Vasilick will give a demonstration. She is well known for her street scenes of Asheville and surrounding cities. At 12:30 soup and drinks will be provided. Bring your own sandwich.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The March winds are blowing in an exciting spring at the Uptown Gallery and MCAA! Look over the newsletter carefully (see it online at mcaauptowngallery.org) as we have fundraisers as well as wonderful programs and workshops coming up.

There are also changes planned in our venues to display work, including a juried display at Macon County Airport. The works will be selected from the Gallery exhibits every two months during the summer and fall. Also, if you have works 3 feet by 4 feet or larger, check out the new coffee shop and bakery at 127 Highlands Road and contact Karen Smith if you'd like to display your work there. We also have a chance to display and sell at the Rickman Country Store.

Thanks to our board for all these educational and display opportunities! And now for your part: none of these events will be successful without your participation. We especially need someone - or more than one someone - to coordinate the offsite sales and shows, including the Highlands shows, the shows connected with festivals and other planned and potential shows (such as the Rickman store) in Franklin. Please step up to the plate! I'm afraid these opportunities will slip by if we don't have a coordinator for them. Please, please talk with myself or Carol Rollick.

Two fundraisers are scheduled for this spring. The first is our table at the *Silver Arts Flea Market* on April 10th. We need you to donate items to the flea market, bringing them to the Recreation Center on April 9th and volunteers to price and sort on the 9th and to help staff the table on April 10th. Please sign up at the Gallery. Our second fundraiser is the *Accessorize for Art* sale on May 1st at the Gallery. We need you, your family and friends to donate costume and other jewelry, jewelry boxes, purses, wallets,

belts and other accessories, clean and in good condition. Bring them to the Gallery any time before April 24th; there'll be designated boxes in the back room. We also need small boxes to display and sell these items. We'll need some volunteers to spruce up and sort items on April 24th at 10 a.m. and set up the sale on April 30th at 5 p.m., then to help staff the event on Saturday May 1st at the Gallery.

These events will hopefully make some money for the Association, but they'll also be fun to do, so step forward - and look forward to a good time!

Sue Weathers

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors' meeting is held at 2 p.m. the first Monday of each month. All meetings are open to members.

Membership chairwoman Natalie Bucki – An updated directory has been published. Please check your entry and tell Natalie of any corrections that may need to be made.

VP for Workshops Pat Mennenger - the following contacts have been made: Doug Hubbs for a 2-day hands on pottery workshop, March 20 and 27; **Art Dr.** Workshop for Sat. April 17 10:00-4, bring in your unfinished/less than your best paintings for critique and helpful suggestions (members only and donations will be accepted); Mark Menendez for a **floral/garden** workshop on May 15th; and Susan Cornell Jaeger for a **2-day pastel** workshop this September. Mark's workshop will be \$25 per student at 10 participants.

Details and sign up sheets are at the gallery. These sound like the start of an exciting workshop season. If you have a specific request about a workshop, please call Pat Mennenger at 369-0356. I'll do my best to meet everyone's needs

After two postponements because of bad weather, Natalie Bucki's acrylic workshop came to fruition. It was a full house with ten artists in attendance. As always, Natalie put a lot of work into making everyone feel prepared and eager to learn. She introduced a multitude of new mediums and techniques that help bring acrylics to life. Thank you Natalie for a very productive day!

Gallery Director Carol Rollick – On March 29th we resume our regular hanging schedule for the balance of 2010. Please remove all your work from the Hang-Your-Own winter exhibit after 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 27 or Sunday, March 28th. Please leave your NEW work in the back racks or on the painting tables or leaning against the walls in the gallery. We start early, so will not be able to accept any new work if not brought in by Monday. This exhibit will stay in place until May 2nd. If you do not have a hanging schedule for 2010 please arrange to pick one up at the gallery.

Also, starting April 1st, our hours will go back to 10:00-5:00. If you sit a entire day it will be for 7 hours credit OR you may sign up for 1/2 day shifts @ 3 1/2 hours credit. Please check the calendar for open spots.

Sitters, please read the notice on the front of the chat book and following the instructions, CALL the answering machine each shift to retrieve any messages, then deal with them appropriately. We missed several urgent messages in February because no one took the time to check.

We are asking that all painters bring a large, old bath towel to put under their work on the painting tables. We need to get new covers and if we each take responsibility for our own mess it will help the gallery AND help fellow painters who all to often lay their arms or equipment in other painters wet paint smears. We'll have an "old towel bag" for those who forget. Use, wash and return, please.

Thanks for a handsome "Self Hang" event this winter. We had wonderful comments about the work on display from members and visitors. You all did a great job!

Treasurer Karen Smith - Bills are paid. We are not out of money. Hank Shuler is helping. Hank is a new member and we appreciate her getting involved and helping out. Thanks Hank.

Karen reminded us that the pink slips from the sales ticket book are to be used only for sales. Donations should be recorded in the small receipt book.

Karen further reports that due to an unfortunate incident, a problem with our hanging agreement, the contract to show members art works at the Main Street Pizzeria has been cancelled.

She also writes "SCC exhibit schedule is full for 2010. I have Amy and Mame as the first two exhibitors when the 2011 calendar opens up. Anyone who wants to give me their name will be assigned a month based on order of request. Prefer individuals who have not hung there yet first".

There will soon be a need for an Audit Committee of a couple of members to review our money management and reporting for this year.

Marketing Chairperson Stephen Wayne – Upcoming events include a collaboration with the Franklin Garden Club for a special flower/garden exhibition. We are hoping to have opportunities set up in April and May for you to paint or photograph flowers/gardens produced by members of the club. There is the possibility for a member of the club to make a flower arrangement for further inspiration (see the Mark Menendez dates above).

Display panels are currently being readied for a new exhibition space at the Macon County Airport. The first show is planned for April and art works will be selected by Peggy Milton, manager of the airport. Works for the airport showing will be selected from your entries, with your consent, at that month's hanging. This will be repeated in June, August and October.

Our website is the official location for the MCAA

events calendar and other arts related events in the region. Make it a habit to check this site regularly. Find the web address under the words *Gallery Gazette* in the upper left corner on the front page of this newsletter.

Did you see our AD in the Franklin Press? They ran a special called "21 ways you can spend your tax refund money in Franklin". And, guess what? On February 19th our art classes were listed as the 7th place to spend your tax refund.

Macon County Art Association's Uptown Gallery

Oil Painting with Jon - **every** Tuesday 9-noon, 1-4pm, 5-8pm
Thursday Painter's Open Studio - **every** Thursday - 10am-2pm
Any Medium Painting with Mark - Wed (bi-monthly) 10-noon
Acrylic Painting with Natalie - Thur (bi-monthly) 1-4pm
Bookmaking with Bill - Wed (monthly) 9-noon
Children's art classes with Pat - Sat (monthly) 9:30-noon

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Sue has not received any new response regarding the Strategic Plan since it was published last month. The first efforts in that direction will be:

1. A Membership Drive to entice area additional artists to become members,
2. Continue to improve our Gallery appearance (possibly a new awning, refreshed signage, etc.)
3. Continue efforts to drum up more public support.

These initial efforts will be included in the budget for next year.

An idea concerning #1 above was discussed that might help us appeal to more community artists... the possibility of one exhibit a year for which members and non-members could submit a piece for hanging. A fee would be charged for non-member artists that could be used for prizes. This is in the first stage of discussion, what do you think?

Thanks a Bunch

Welcome and thank you Bryant-Grant Funeral Home for your sponsorship the Macon County Art Association and thus the visual arts in Macon County. They have locations in Franklin and Highlands and you can find them at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com/.



Also, a special thanks to Susan Lizer for her assistance with making this Newsletter possible.

Get Well Soon

Kay Edson, Teresa Register and Shelia Moffitt have all have surgery. Sorry to hear that you have been under the weather and hope you are back with us soon.

Happy Birthday

Natalie Bucki (6th), Pat Dziurgot (17th), Shelia Brown & Mame Lehman & Meta Walton (19th), Mary McClure & Kay Smith (26th), and Jim Steeley (27th).

Did You Know?

Both NC (9) and TN (10) ranked in the top 10 for budgets funding the Arts! These are the highest ranking of all the southern states. Stephen found this website: <http://artbistro.monster.com/careers/articles/9960-states-ranked-by-funding-for-the-arts?page=2>. Check it out to see which region supports the arts the most. But my guess is that you won't want to move there.

The Macon County Art Association, a member of the Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, is now classified as a LEGACY MEMBER.

Announcements

MCAA will have a table at the Seniors Flea Market at the Community Center on Saturday, April 10. Set up will be Friday the 9th. We need volunteers to set up, price on the 9th and to sell on the 10th. ALL money from the items sold will go to the association. We only have one table so please bring decent items (not JUNK) the leftovers that don't sell will be donated to charity.

Also, the board is planning an "Accessorize for Art event" at the gallery on Saturday, May 1st, 10am to 5pm. So start going through those *accessory items* that you need to thin down and donate them to this interesting fundraiser. Donations are due at the gallery on April 24th and set up will Friday, April 30th. Again, we need volunteers to make this event a possibility.

Stephen has found a gallery in the Atlanta area where artists can enter monthly juried shows. The Gallery at Paper Mill Village has art classes, juried shows, group exhibits and workshops. This year their monthly, juried exhibits have been *Georgia Photography* in January, *Southeastern Plein Air* in February and *Mixed Media/Collage* in March. Their April juried show will feature palette knife paintings. See their schedule at http://thegalleryatpapermillvillage.com/uploads/PALETTE_KNIFE_PAINTING_EXHIBIT.pdf.

Franklin's School Academic Foundation is requesting donations for the auction to benefit the school system. The auction will be on March 27th at Cartogachaye School Cafeteria. Please bring your painting or other object d'art for this auction to the gallery.

We have been invited to do an outdoor or indoor show at Rickman's Store. A theme of historical buildings or local landscapes was suggested. There was talk of doing our welcome back for Floridians at Rickman's in conjunction with an outdoor show. We need a contact

person who will organize that activity. Please someone, volunteer.

CLEAN UP DAY – Monday, March 1



Special thanks to Pat Bachor, Jon Hougum, Susan Lizer, pictured above dancing while she worked (remember photos often aren't what they seem), Bill Richardson, Carol Rollick, Jim Smythe, Elsie Spriggle, and Sue Weathers for giving 30 Main Street a good cleaning. Susan, Carol and Sue 'shampooed' the gallery carpet. We had pizza delivered for lunch and five of us stayed for the Board of Directors meeting at 2pm. If you weren't there you missed all the fun and fellowship. Yes, working together strengthens friendships.

SOMEBODY, PLEASE!!!

Once upon a time, there were four people: their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done it in the first place.

EDITOR'S ENDNOTE

Feel free to contact me with any information that you would like to share with the group. My email address and the best way to contact me is jimesmythe@mac.com. Or talk with me in person.

James Smythe, Editor