

GALLERY GAZETTE

Macon County Art Association

<http://www.mcauptowngallery.org>

JUNE 2010

Gallery Hours: 10 am to 5 pm, Mon– Sat

JULY meeting – Jon writes “Pam Haddock, Water Color demo. Marvelous lady, marvelous colors. Great brush technique and washes”.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – The June meeting will be on **Monday, June 21 4-7 p.m.** at the Macon County Airport. Members are requested to bring finger food (see sign up sheet at gallery) and the board will ‘rustle up’ soft drinks/punch and wine.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark your calendars for our next two meetings! This month’s meeting will be later than usual, on Monday 21st June at 4 p.m. at the Macon County Airport. We’ll be welcoming returning members and new members and hosting a reception for our community, whilst celebrating the success of our exhibition at the airport. Next month’s meeting will be back to the usual time and back to business. It will include the discussion and vote on the strategic plan and proposed by-law changes. It’s important for the future of MCAA that your voice be heard.

You need also to speak up and say yes to taking a part in the committee and Board work for the association. Several important positions, including the President, VP for Education and Gallery Director are becoming vacant this year and the MCAA needs your help in filling these important positions. This is a time when the association could continue to flourish or could wither and die, depending on your willingness to serve; it doesn’t depend on anyone else but you. There’s three months built in to the process for you to become acquainted with the duties of an office and to “shadow” the retiring officer, so being new is not an excuse! Please ask how you can help; Jim Smythe is heading up the search this year (see his notice on the committee later in the newsletter).

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.

VP for Workshops Pat Mennenger -

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS are held monthly from 9:30 to Noon at the Uptown Gallery in Franklin, NC. Instructor is Pat Mennenger. Students must be at least eight years old. Pre-registration with payment is required. All supplies are furnished. Tuition is \$15. For

more info call the gallery 828-349-4607 or the instructor 828-369-0356.

Saturday/June 26 is the next scheduled workshop.

PENCIL RENDERING - Saturday/July 24, 9:30-Noon at the Uptown Gallery located across from People's Dept. Store on Franklin Main Street. Subject to be announced. Instructor Pat Mennenger. All supplies are furnished. Pre-registration with payment required - Members \$15/Nonmembers \$30. For more information call the gallery 828-349-4607 or the instructor 828-369-0356.

Treasurer Karen Smith – All bills are paid – we are starting to earn money rather than break even. More details in the reports posted at the back of the gallery.

We are in great need for individuals with LARGE works to submit pictures by email to Karen (Smithalbig@programservices.org) for the July to October display at the Bakery on Highlands Road in Franklin. If we cannot produce work I will need to tell the owners so they can be prepared to obtain their own art. I have gotten NOTHING from anyone for this next display.

Stephen Wayne Clark is exhibiting this month at the SCC lobby. Art McClelland is scheduled for July and Kay Smith for August.

Gallery Director Carol Rollick - On Friday, July 30th, we will be hanging the AUSUST show that is our planned THEME month, *In The Garden*. This exhibit will kick-off our combined effort with the Garden Club.

Also, the July hanging precedes our first Highlands Outdoor Show on July 3rd, which should be a great weekend for us. Plan your work accordingly as we must put on our VERY best face both in the Gallery and in Highlands in July! For any newcomers interested in participating in the Outdoor show, please get with me or any of the long-time members who can help you plan for the outdoor show. It is an organized and orderly event, so we want everyone to know the how, what and where.

Marketing Chairperson Stephen Wayne – Visit Uptown Gallery on Facebook!!! Click the "LIKE" button and send request to become fans to your friends.

Editor’s Note: This is a handsomely defined and well-illustrated page. It contains a brief note on who we are just under our logo. The following announcements are all accompanied with a photo: The Accessorize for Art Sale; the July 31 reception for the *In the Garden* art show; links in members in the news; and, a photo album. You can upload some of your art like Janie has done.

Taste of Scotland is Saturday, June 19. The Gallery will be selling minis, cards and browse box art on the sidewalk. (I’ll be in my kilt) LOL. If anyone would like to paint in the gallery that day you are more than welcome. Please come out and support the town and tell your friends!!

The gardens in downtown Franklin are just beautiful and changing weekly - please get out to see

them - take photos and most of all PAINT! You have just over a month before the Gallery celebrates the Franklin Garden Club at our "In the Garden" reception on Saturday, July 31 from 6-8pm.

New Members

Amanda Fullerton, 437 Nantehola View,
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Cell 828-557-8714

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www.amandafullerton.info

Zoe F Schumaker, P O BOX 582, Hiawasse, GA
30546, 706-896-8971 and 317-695-5754

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Welcome, its nice to have ya'll with us.

Happy Birthday

Susan Lizer (1st) and Carol Rollick (27th).

Condolences

Sue writes - During the lightning storm Saturday, May 15, Sheila Brown's house was hit and subsequently burned to the ground. Sheila and George lost their dog and three cats and Sheila lost all her family mementos, collections and a lifetime of paintings. Please keep Sheila and George in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you Jon and Carolyn Houglum for coordinating the donations going to Sheila and George Brown. Sheila sends many thanks and says that, in the dramatic change in their lives, they are thankful for family and friends.

Member News

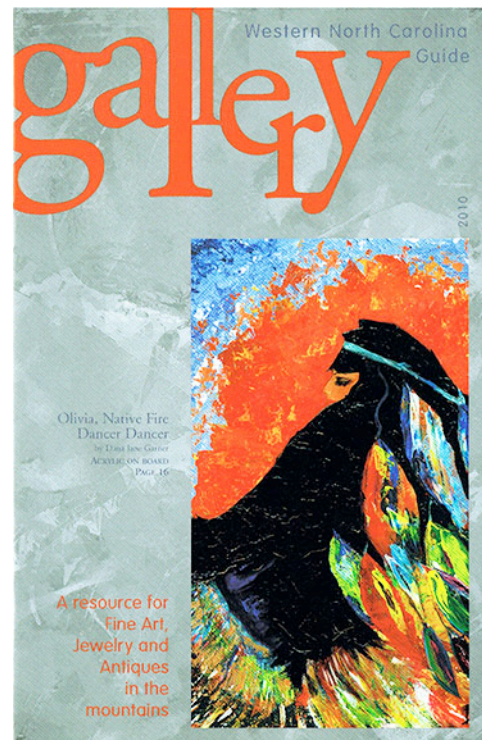
John writes - Brethren and Sister'en: I guess that this is a big enough deal to let you know about it.

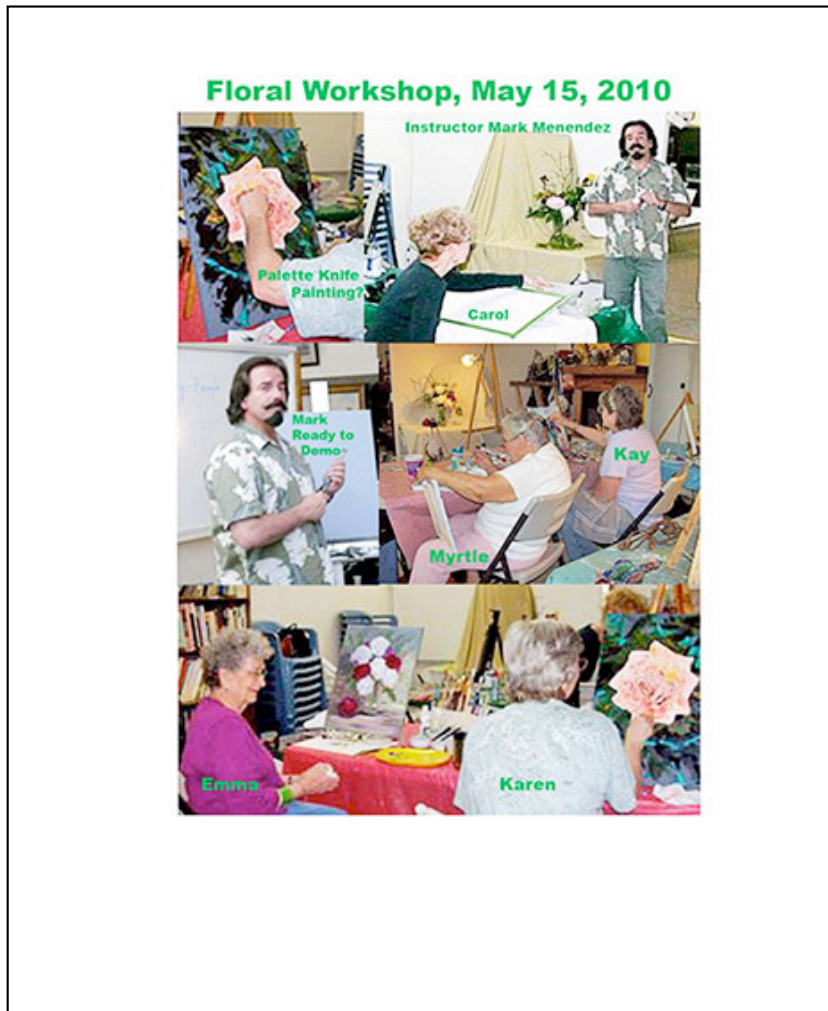
Yesterday Carolyn and I were over at Burnsville for the "Paint Out" sponsored by the Toe River Arts Council. The Western North Carolina Plein Air Painters, which I'm a member of, had a big push for involvement. Plein Air painters arrived from Charlotte, Greenville, Atlanta, Tennessee and from all over western North Carolina. We had to register at 8 a.m. at which time the backs of our canvases were stamped by the promoters. We had until 5 p.m. to complete at least one painting to turn in for judging. We could turn in as many as three if we got that many done. I turned in two. The first one was of a lovely stream which I had scoped out a week ago today when Carolyn and I went over there to Burnsville for that purpose. Having completed that painting before noon, I decided to go to the other side of the stream and paint the view looking back at the spot where I stood to paint the first view. Both paintings turned out quite nice. When it came time for the judging, there were 31 artists that participated. I'm guessing that

there were maybe 50 paintings turned in for judging. The judge is a lady from somewhere in Tennessee who has been featured in American Artist and other art magazines. Anyway, she gave me the top place prize for the second painting I did. The blue ribbon included a very nice cash amount that made the trip well worthwhile.

While at the reception, I met a number of really good Plein Air painters. One for sure, a lady from Atlanta, has agreed to come talk and demonstrate at our meeting sometime next year. We may actually see a couple of them as presenters next year. There were some really good painters there. Like I said, once in a while a blind hog finds an acorn, I guess it was my turn this time. Thought you'd like to know, *Jon Houglum*

Congratulations to Dana Garner for being featured in the Summer and again in the Fall 2010 issue of the Gallery Guide. Not only is there an article on her work, in both seasons, her painting "Olivia Native Fire Dancer" is this Summer's Cover Painting. The Gallery Guide editors found her through her own website that she designed and maintains. She is registered with Twitter and Facebook that she feels made a difference in getting exposure locally and non-locally. Way to go Dana! Sue Weathers





Photos by Sue Weathers

Saturday morning was a scramble at the gallery. Disappointed with the flower arrangements supplied by the Garden Club (they used artificial flowers), everyone rallied and put together beautiful arrangements with flowers purchased at the Farmer's Market, flowers from personal gardens, and even some very special blooms purloined from gardens that shall remain anonymous. Thanks to Mark Menendez's flexibility, the workshop happily got underway late, but great.

Participants included Pat Mennenger, Carol Rollick, Sue Weathers, Teresa Register, Myrtle Shields, Susan Lizer, Stephen Clark, Kay Edson, Karen Smith, Emma Charlan and Mary Jane Albertus.

Pastels and palette knives flashed and watercolor splashed as each student worked on producing a picture worthy of the upcoming Floral exhibit.

Once again, Menendez came through! And special thanks to Ruth Goodier for watching the store and helping to train new member Janie Owens.

Even if you didn't attend the workshop, get started on a floral picture for the exhibit. With a reception that includes the Garden Club this promises to be a great joint/community experience. Let's all participate.

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Editor's Note: I understand that Janie Owens is a natural seller and that we all could learn something from her 'spiel' which the workshop group thought was great.

UNCOMING ELECTION

Serving as chair of the nominating committee to be, I put out a call in the May Gallery Gazette for at least 2 volunteers to serve on this committee. With this month's newsletter I regret to announce that no one contacted me about serving on the committee. I can only speculate why so I won't try since they are usually negative. Perhaps you didn't read the newsletter or just forgot that you had. The need it still with us so please contact me now (see *editor's endnote* below).

Jim Smythe

THE PAINFULL SEARCH FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

In the May Gallery Gazette I included a "help wanted" ad for a new editor of the newsletter. As with the nominating committee there were no applications. This causes me to wonder about the future of the MCAA newsletter, the Gallery Gazette. With this association's advancements in high tech communications the Gallery Gazette can follow the trend of all the other outdated paper orientated news products and bite the dust. What do you think? Especially, what do the less than a dozen members who get their association news by snail mail?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wow! The newsletter just keeps getting better with every edition. Who's taking the photos? The airport looks great and so does Cathy's exhibit at SCC. The website is phenomenal. Everything is looking good thanks to the hard work of our members. If you're not part of the action, you don't know what you're missing. Pitch in! See you at the gallery, Pat Mennenger

EDITOR'S ENDNOTE

Feel free to contact me with any information that you would like to share with the group. My email address jimesmythe@mac.com and cell phone 828-507-4248 are the best ways to contact me.

Or talk with me in person.

James Smythe, Editor



**Stephen Clark at his one-person show at Southwestern Community College
(photo provided by the artist)**

