

GALLERY GAZETTE

July 2010

Macon County Art Association

<http://www.mcauptowngallery.org>

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

Calendar of Events July 12 to August 14, 2010

JULY 2010					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12) Membership meeting 1pm	13) Every Tuesday Oil Painting Class Tuesday's with Jon 9- noon, (NEW CLASS (1-4pm) & 5-8pm		15) Every Thursday Thursday Painters Group Open to the public 9-2pm		17) FRANKLIN'S FOLK HERITAGE FESTIVAL Side walk art sale & face painting <i>Members are encouraged to participate, paint and sell their art at the gallery!</i>
	20) Oil Painting Class		22) Thursday Painters		24) Pencil Rendering Workshop with Pat Mennenger 9:30-noon
	27) Oil Painting Class		29) Thursday Painters	30) PAINTINGS FOR AUGUST HANG TODAY FOR THE "IN THE GARDEN" EVENT	31) IN THE GARDEN Gallery Art Opening Event with the Franklin Garden Club 6pm
AUGUST 2010					
2) Board Meeting 2pm	3) Oil Painting Class		5) Thursday Painters		7) Art & Chocolate 2010 Rabun County Civic Center. 6:30 preview, 7pm Auction Highlands Outdoor Show & Sale Catholic church grounds, 9am to 3pm
9) Membership meeting 1pm	10) Oil Painting Class	14) Wine Down Wednesday at the gallery, 5-7:30pm	12) Thursday Painters		

President's Statement

I saw a wonderful quote from Winston Churchill over the weekend. He said: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

You joined MCAA to gain benefit. That's fine; almost all of us did that. However, the MCAA needs your support. To be the organization you need it to be, the art association needs you to participate. The association needs you to come to meetings, attend events and sales and participate in workshops and classes. Serve on the board or the gallery committee - or both! You need to help with fundraising activities, set up events, bring refreshments, maintain the gallery. There's a lot to do to keep the Uptown Gallery open as well as running the association; don't leave it to the few.

For the Taste of Scotland event, only one member came to sell art on the sidewalk. The Association needs everyone to bring art to sell and be present at civic events. We need to hang in there during these tough times. Participating in this sort of event shows people that MCAA is the organization to be in and it shows our neighbors that we are part of the Franklin community. Although the airport reception was very successful, thanks to Cathy Casano and Stephen Clarke and others, there were few summer residents and new members there. Those of you who missed it missed a fabulous event!

The Uptown Gallery can be the hub of the visual arts community. Bring your friends to the gallery and meetings. Invite everyone you know to our events, starting with the "In the Garden" opening. Have them buy raffle tickets and give donations to the association!

We are starting a new activity called Wine Down Wednesday. During the summer it will be held on

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Wednesday evening in the week of the membership meeting. Enjoy a glass of wine or your favorite soft drink or coffee while visiting with our Main Street neighbors, talking art or just enjoying the gallery (looking great, good job everyone!). Come and join us: the Wednesday after the second Monday each month in the season beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 6:30. The first Wine Down Wednesday will be July 14th. See you then!

Stop making just a living; start making a life!

Member's News

Clara Remaly, Chairperson of the **Telephone Committee**, sent a note by snail mail in which she writes: *Many thanks for past service on the Telephone Committee to Connie Richardson, Emma Charlan, and Shirley Bergeron. Welcome to the committee to Marilyn Miller and Robert McCauley. Appreciation for continued service to Mame Lehman, Amy Switzer, and Vivian Reinhart.* On behalf of the association members I want to thank Clara for her continued service chairing this committee.

2 New Community Exhibits – Stephen Clark and I hung a new exhibit at **Franniecakes Bakery**. The following members are showing their larger paintings: Stephen Clark, Jon Houglum, Dan Quigley, Karin Smith and Jim Smythe.

Stephen Clark hung the second exhibit at the **Macon County Airport**. Members showing are: Karen Smith, *Designing Rams*; Susan Lizer, *Lighthouse*; Sue Weathers, *Spring Bouquet*; Vivian Reinhart, *The Shadows of My Mind*; Hollis Walker, *Sea of Galilee*; Janie Owens, *Fence Rail Flowers*; Zoe Schumaker, *India Creek Falls*; Myrtle Sheilds, *Barn on 267*; and Elsie Spriggle, *Flower Fantasy*. The exhibit opened Thursday July 1. Peggy writes: *We had a busy 4th of July weekend at the airport & your Art Display was well received.*

Carol reported that at the **Highlands Outdoor Show** sales were \$754.32. Four artists sold. Once the church, artists and expenses (advertising) were paid, we cleared \$108. The attendance was slow in the morning, but picked up in the afternoon. Stephen did 6 or 8 face paintings. Raffle tickets were sold for the American flag painting. The weather was great.

Congratulations to Pat Mennenger on the birth of her newest grandbaby. Think pink! Both mother and grandmother are doing fine.

The Franklin Garden Club/MCAA reception is from 6 – 8 on Saturday, July 31st at the MCAA Gallery. It will be catered by the Riverblaze Bakery (Jeff and Sara). Stephen is donating the wine. There will be a silent art auction. Please bring friends, attend, and donate a painting if you can. All proceeds will go to the gallery.

MCAA Annual Members and Friends Reception - Our June membership meeting was held on Monday, June 21, at the Macon County Airport. The feature was a presentation on the gulf coast disaster given by Kathie Lawson from Birmingham, AL. Jessica Lipscomb, a reporter from the Franklin Press covered the event. Did you see the article in the paper? A donation was collected to help with her work cleaning oil-endangered animals. Wine and refreshments were served.

New Gallery Lights - The bulbs are full spectrum color bulbs that make the color in the paintings and photos look amazing! The electrician moved the small light that was back by the classroom mirror to the left of the classroom space for an additional light there. These lights were purchased under an emergency situation because the ballasts were outdated and considered unsafe. One was giving off a smoky order. Our landlord was having the same problem across the street. This expense has temporally caused a tight cash flow situation.

Scottish Festival and Jewelry and accessories sale – Elsie Spriggle was the only artist who set up on the street to sell her artwork. She did a fabulous job of sending people down to our accessories sale. Way to go Elsie. Stephen and Ruth ran the gallery and sold \$275.00 worth of Jewelry and accessories. Thanks to Stephen and Ruth for saving the day. This event suffered from not having a member willing to serve as outdoor show organizer. It appears that most of the members, including board members, have given up on this event. (See Ruth's letter below.)

The Heritage Festival is July 17th - We would like to have a strong presence here in the gallery. If you will be in town, you are welcome to sell your work and/or paint here in the gallery. Stephen is doing a large painting of the Grant Wood painting of the farmer and wife with pitchfork with the sourer faces cut out so people can take pictures for fun. There will also be face painting.

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Gallery Director Report – Carol Rollick

Members should be reminded that the usual day for changing the exhibit will be changed for the month of August. So that we can have the MCAA/Garden Club reception with a backdrop of our floral/garden paintings on Saturday, July 31, paintings for the August exhibit must be at the gallery no later than Thursday, July 29th. They will be hung on Friday, July 30th.

Carol also reported that the treasurer will take our credit card machine to the ALH Color Show. Artists will be charged a fee of 7% of the sale for the use of the gallery machine.

Letters to the Editor

In response to my question **do we need a newsletter?** Camille Tuttrup writes: *James, I just want you to know that I appreciate all of your hard work in putting the newsletter together. I like to have a hard copy for my own personal use so that I can highlight dates and times of events.*

In response to my call you a **new newsletter editor** Camille Tuttrup responded: *I wish that I could take over the job for you, but with my job at school I am on the computer WAY more than I would like to be, and the thought of coming home and working on the Gallery Gazette just seems like too much.* Camille, I can sure understand this situation. Camille adds the following thought: *I think the main reason that the gallery is finding it difficult to fill your position is because many of our members do not feel comfortable with using a computer other than to write an e-mail or use the internet.* Let me stress that it does not take a person with graphic design experience to put together a simple newsletter like the one you are reading now.

Ruth Goodier writes about our poor attendance at the **Scottish Festival**: *Even if we don't make sales we need to have our presence known by being on the streets during all events. Especially the ones run by Claire Suminski. She came into the gallery and practically begged us to be on the street. The attitude of the membership needs to change from "I never sell anything" to "We need to show the community what a strong and necessary organization we are". No one even came and set up in the gallery like they used to do.*

Stephen Clark made the contact, planned the panels that Jon Houglum built, and set up how members would participate in the **Macon County Airport** community exhibit space. He also planned the meeting/reception. He writes: *Hey everyone! Thanks for the great **airport** reception! I guess some of the town people weren't able to come because there was a town meeting going on that I didn't know about. Oh well - I thought it turned out pretty well - just wished more members especially the new ones could have made it.*



Editor's Endnote

I hope that you don't find this issue of the Gallery Gazette too offensive compared to those you have been reading in the past. Let me explain why this month's issue is different. My worry about a possible computer failure (the computer was acting up just like a child) lead to the loss of my MCAA file. I could no longer find the file and so I had to start all over. So, I decided I would pretend that I was the new editor and I would make the newsletter as simple a project as it can be. First there was the problem of making a table. I wanted to use one so you could post this first page on your fridge for quick reference. I know how to make a table in the outdated Word program that I use so that wasn't a problem. But I could have asked Stephen to email a copy of the tables that he makes for our website. I could have also asked him to send a copy of the new letterhead that he designed. But since that requires some graphic design maneuvers I decided to keep it simple as you see here and just select some

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new type. Another simplification was using just one column instead of my usual two. That way I could just add things as I went along. I only include the information that was provided for me by my other members. For example, I have no idea who has a birthday in August, except me, so you will find no birthdays listed this month. I hope this illustrates that anyone who can use a word processor and has an email address can be the editor of this newsletter. And one other thing, you need a willingness of giving one weekend of your time each month to the Macon County Art Association. Think about it. Feel free to contact me with any information that you would like to share with the group. The best way to send information is by email, jimesmythe@mac.com. Call at 828-507-4248 or talk with me in person. *James Smythe*, Editor.



MCAA Outdoor Art Show & Sale, Highlands, NC. July 2, 2010

Congratulations to the exhibitors on a nice showing. Let's do a repeat performance in August. If we persevere sales will come.

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