



GALLERY GAZETTE

November 2010

Macon County Art Association

<http://www.mcaauptowngallery.org>

Gallery Hours: 11 am to 6 pm, Mon - Sat

November 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8) Member-ship meeting 1pm			11) Every Thursday Thursday Painters Group Open to the public 9-2pm		
			17) Painting with Mark Any medium 10 to noon \$24 per class	18) Thursday Painters		
				25) Thursday Holiday		
	29) Hanging for Dec Show					
December 2010						
			1) Painting with Mark 10 to noon	2) Thursday Painters	3) Winter Wonderland 5 – 8PM	
	6) Board Meeting 2PM			9) NO Thursday Painters		11) Teddy Bear Tea 2PM & 4PM
	13) Christmas Luncheon Party Noon -		15) Painting with Mark 10 to noon	16) Thursday Painters		

From Your President

The leaves are falling fast as I write this and Thanksgiving plans are being made. So I know its getting time for our seasonal residents to head for their homes. To them: thanks for all your support during the summer: I have enjoyed being your President and hope to see you all next year. Keep in touch with us through the newsletter and the website.

The Gallery has had a very successful fall season and we are anticipating more support during the holidays! To our full-time residents: as we look forward to Thanksgiving it's easy to put the Art Association on the back burner, but we are going to need your help! We are making angels for our charity/Association fundraiser this year, so go by the Gallery and take some angels to decorate or some cornhusks for dolls. We have the usual Window Wonderland event on the first Friday evening in December, but that's just one night. This year we are going to do a Teddy Bear Tea to raise money for the Association and we'll need lots of angels - and yourselves of course - at those events. Through Christmas we are going to keep the Gallery open later in the evening, as that's when we hope younger and working people will come to buy holiday gifts.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas party: Monday December 13 at noon, St. Agnes Church Parish

Hall. See you then!

Sue

Announcements

Job Openings – Newsletter editor to replace Jim Smythe who will assist with the transition, starts January 1, 2011; and, the board member position of physical plant manager (see new bylaws for details, male candidates are needed), starts immediately. Call (706-746-3376) or email (avisan@windstream.net) president Sue Weathers. Your pay is the satisfaction that you are making a contribution to your art association.

December Meeting

Christmas Luncheon Party will be by noon, December 13 at St. Agnes Episcopal Church. The board is supplying meat and drinks so bring a vegetable, desert or special bread. We will exchange hand made cards like we did last year. Also numbers will be drawn for your spot in the winter exhibition if you signed up. Bring a loved one or a friend. See you there. Direct your questions to Hank Shuler, Christmas party chair. Thanks Hank for volunteering.

Condolences

Kay Smith's sister passed away after a battle with cancer.

Pat Mennenger's Workshop for Children - Four students, one girl and three boys, attended the Children's Workshop in October. Pat wrote, "they learned about contrast and shadows while doing a pencil rendering of a dog". The children are represented in this photo by their creative hands and not their faces. Nice drawing kids.



Member's News

Thanks **Margie Kellam** for responding to our job opening for a secretary. Welcome aboard, as I know you will be a wonderful addition to the Board of Directors. President-Elect Susan offers the "rest of the story": "Jim Smythe (serving as Nominating Committee chair) made a call to Margie to ask if she would be our secretary and she accepted. It may have been because she was sitting on a porch on Pawley's Island, probably feeling unusually unburdened by anything!"

And, thank you **Dana Garner** for agreeing to stay on as our web-master. You have done a great job making the association's website look great and easy to navigate.

Susan also writes "Ruth weeded around the back door of the gallery and got us looking much better. It was an 'unfun' job and she did it willingly" (Jim had started the job earlier). Then she commenced to pack her car with rummage sale stuff. Barbara McLelland helped her". The senior Flea Market earned \$450.00, special thanks to Ruth and Susan.

Camille Tuttrup - Membership Report

Current number of MCAA Members = 47

Nine members have paid dues through December 2011 and we had one new member join. Gary LiBasci, 4001 Dobson Mountain Road, Franklin, North Carolina 298734, (828) 524-7073, LiBasciwoodwork@gmail.com

I am working on updating New Member packets including a revised welcome letter, nametags and the current membership list. This list of members is also available at the desk.

Promotions director Stephen Clark has a new title – VP for Promotions

The Art Opening event last Saturday (October 8) went very well as we had a steady stream of visitors for over 2 hours. Meta provided wonderful live music. Guests enjoyed the food from Riverblaze Bakery & the wine bar. All the items at the art auction sold as well. The gallery made close to \$500.

Pumpkinfest was really fun - Ruth and Pat M did some awesome face painting, I made 140 puppies and swords out of balloons (with a little help from Susan L), Margie and Karen painted outside. Pat M and Camille were outside selling as well as Pat B and Elsie while Susan L held down the fort inside - it was a very busy day - we even sold art in the gallery that wasn't clearance! YAY! A few other members stopped by for support. Thanks to everyone for a fun day. (By the way, we made over \$125 in tips outside)

December 11 we are planning to do "A Teddy Bear Tea". This will be a high tea event set up with 10 card tables in the gallery with tablecloths, chairs and tea settings. Each table will be set up for tea with finger sandwiches/biscuits loaned out from a church or restaurant (2 sittings - one at 2pm and another at 4pm in the gallery) - children can dress up and bring their favorite stuffed animal. The purpose is to instill art, manners and culture in children at a young age. We plan to charge \$20 for a table of 4 or \$6 per child for a total of around \$400.00 for the day. (Almost a month's rent). We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this event. Camille has agreed to read the children's story at the tea. I think it would be a great idea to set up a small Teddy bear tea table in the window of the gallery for November to advertise the event!

Winter Wonderland will be Friday December 3 (it is no longer going to be called WINDOW wonderland) that Carol Rollick has agreed to chair.

We also need a holiday fund raising idea. I'm going to research some possibilities . . . I suggested angels of some kind. Everyone loves angels. Maybe one Saturday we do "gift wrapping" at the gallery - partnering with the Artroom! Or, Kids can buy Reindeer food (popcorn) at Winter Wonderland - part of the proceeds benefit the Humane Society. Just throwing ideas out there . . . more to come! (The cuter the idea - better!)

Treasurer Karin Smith – Members can look at the transaction journal and find Treasurer entries that indicate “missed entries” that members needed to record. It is a good self-trainer to look for those and learn what you missed so you can do better next time. The system is working a bit better as the days go by.

We have earned “good money” this past October and more members have been involved. It is member involvement that makes all the difference. We earned two months rent through donations over the sale days and Pumpkinfest. Keep it up.

Members need to help with the FRANNIECAKES bakery hanging venue – need volunteers with **large work** for switching out very soon – we were due to switch out 10/30/10.

SWCC Exhibit is scheduled for 2011 Months are April through October - Members who have not exhibited get first choice then those who exhibited in 2009 can request spots first come first served – sign up will start at the November Member Meeting.

Last Month's Presentation -

Jo Ridge Kelly gave an excellent oil painting demo at the October meeting. The demo was spiced with lots of interesting and informative information about painting, especially plain air painting.



Important Message from the Gallery Director, Carol Rollick

The next hanging is scheduled for Monday, November 29, 2010, so be sure to bring in your December work and pick up this month's by Sunday, the 28th. December will be a time when more people pass through our doors than any other and we want to put on our brightest holiday face. It is important to remember that spring and summer themed pieces will not be placed where anybody will see them. It is time for your best work that celebrates the Holiday, the season and our glorious, western North Carolina region. It is, hopefully, shopping time too, so an array of gift-sized pieces might just be the ticket for the last-minute Holiday shopper. And think ANGELS. We will have a special display of angels to go along with our hand-painted angels that I know you are going to have a good time painting. Remember last year's ornaments? Not only were they fun, creative and beautiful, people loved them and we sold quite a few!

The holiday season is filled with so many things to do that it is hard to find time to man the Gallery, but we all need to do our share. This is really our last big opportunity for sales before the slow months of winter kick in, so please, please check your calendar and sign up as many hours as possible for Gallery "Selling"!! I have personally witnessed a definite change in the economic air (if there is such a thing). We may just be on the verge of a turn-around. Let's all be ready to join the forward motion! Carol

Annual Planning Meeting – Sue Weathers and Susan Lizer

The 2011 Planning Meeting will be held Thursday, December 2 at 5:30PM. The goal of the meeting will be to plan a calendar of events and then match this with the 2011 budget. The old and new boards will be making decisions at this meeting and impute by the full membership a needed. Please plan to attend.

Editor's Endnote

Special thanks to Pat Mennenger and Sue Weathers for submitting photos, and to the board members mentioned in the document for providing the copy that made this newsletter possible. The best way to send information is by email, jimesmythe@mac.com, call me at 828-507-4248 or talk with me in person.

James Smythe, Editor.

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