



# GALLERY GAZETTE

**December 2010**

**Macon County Art Association**

<http://www.mcauptowngallery.org>

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

Winter Hours: 11 am to 4 pm, Tues – Sat

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	13) <b>Christmas Luncheon Party</b> Noon -	11) <b>Every Tuesday Oil Painting Class</b> 10-1 & 4 – 7 PM	Painting with Mark will resume in May	16) <b>Every Thursday</b> Thursday Painters Group Open to the public 9-2pm		
		21) <b>Oil Painting with Jon</b>		23) <b>Thursday Painters</b>		25) <b>Christmas Holiday</b>
		28) <b>Oil Painting with Jon</b>		30) <b>Thursday Painters</b>		
January 2010						
Gallery Closed for Updating and Repairs						
	10) <b>Board Meeting</b> 2PM	11) <b>Every Tuesday Oil Painting Class</b> 10-1 & 4 – 7PM	12) <b>Pastel Painting with Smythe</b> 1 to 3PM	13) <b>Thursday Painters</b>	14) <b>Friday Painters</b> 9 – 2 pm	
	17) <b>Member Meeting</b> 12:30 lunch 1PM meet	18) <b>No class this week</b>		20) <b>Thursday Painters</b>	21) <b>Friday Painters</b> 9 – 2 pm	
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## From Your (retiring) President

It has been an honor to serve you as President for the last two years. We have worked hard together, we have learned together, we have taught each other, we have raised funds to help MCAA survive during these hard economic times, we have continued with, and entered into new, partnerships with non-profits in the community as well as partnering with the Fun Factory to offer kids' activities. We have welcomed new artists to the Uptown Gallery, refined our display space and contributed to Main Street programs. We have made ambitious plans for the future. Most importantly, we have supported each other and had fun! Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity. You are my second family. Of course, I won't be going off the Board as suddenly as I became a part of it, but will be involved in plenty of activities. I will be supporting our new President in every way I can, as she has supported the Art Association and me during my tenure. Susan truly is more deserving of the title of President than I have ever been!

Please join me in welcoming her, our new Board of Directors and the committee chairpersons working under them. And join me in offering your help in any way you're able, whether big or small. In working together we can all make the Art Association and the Uptown Gallery stronger. See you in 2011!

Sincerely, **Sue Weathers**

## Announcements

**Do you love the prepare soup?** If so, we have a great opportunity for you to show off your favorite concoction, or should I say flavor to go with favorite? Sign up to bring a pot at one of our winter membership

meetings, January 10, February 14 or March 14. Again this year we are having soup and sandwich lunch at our winter meetings. You, of course, bring the sandwich, or if you are a light eater just come and enjoy the soup. Lunch will be at 12:30, followed by the guest presentation at 1PM.

**Thursday Painters** will be extended to include Friday (TF Painters). This will enable more people to participate and for artwork started on Thursday to be left out overnight and continued on Friday.

**Presentations** for January through March Member Meetings are: January – Nick Di Paola; February – Jim Smythe – Art history topic; March – Cynthia Conrad – Fresco Art. Plan to be there.

### Member's News

Thanks **Lawrence Crawford** for responding to our job opening for Editor, Gallery Gazette. After seeing your paintings I know that your special talent will bring a new look to our newsletter. Lawrence and I will be doing the newsletter together for the first couple of months.

Thanks **Lee McCauley** for agreeing to join the board as Physical Plant Director. Lee is an active member who attends meetings and other functions regularly. I know he will bring new ideas to our leadership.

Thanks also to **Kay Edson** for agreeing to keep the calendar for 2011. Kay's number is 524-0616.

**Winter Hours** - 11 – 4, Tuesday through Saturday divided into two shifts, 11 – 1:30 and 1:30 – 4.

**Lee, Kay** and **Lawrence** are all new members ready to be active and contributing members. WOW! Ruth Goodier and our 2011 treasurer Hank Shuler visited our landlord and he agreed to give us free rent for the winter months (Jan, Feb, March) in exchange for the expense of replacing the overhead lights in the building. Thanks Ruth and Hank for acting in our behalf.

**Pat M, Janie Owens** and **Chase** decorated the gallery. They hung the icicle lights in the window that they bought themselves (the old ones no longer worked). They also put together a "Gifts under \$25" window highlighting our minis as gifts. And set up a table with a holiday tree full of member painted ornaments, including some left over from last year. These were mixed with the angel ornaments. Way to take charge 'guys'.

A special thank you goes to **Stephen Clark, Ruth Goodier, Susan Lizer, Pat Mennenger, Hank Shuler** and **Sue Weathers** for pulling off our newest fund fundraiser, the Teddy Bear Tea.

**Treasurer Karin Smith** - Can you all please reimburse yourselves for small amounts of money (\$20 and under) from the cash drawer; *please*. I do not want to issue checks for small amounts of money. Just reimburse yourself and place the receipt in the treasurer's envelope and write your name on it, the date you took the \$, have the "seller" log it in the transaction log. NO RECEIPT NO REIMBURSEMENT. To fully cooperate with the way we are training you should give the paper receipt to the seller to reimburse you so they will also log the transaction in the log.

**Q.** How do we show 50% of sale to go to Shop with a Cop? **A.** Just mark the type of sale (ornament) in the receipt and I will know that half goes to shop with a cop.

**VP of ED Elect Karin Smith** – The Town of Franklin awarded MCAA a grant totaling \$1500 to implement art projects in conjunction with the community. The planning committee met and reviewed the projects that had been proposed in the grant and selected two. The first is a quilt square project. There will be two quilt squares painted: one 4'x4' depicting the waterfalls in Macon County, and another 5'x5' depicting local historic locations (such as Wayah Bald Lookout and the Rickman Store). The board will develop guidelines for the projects and artists will be needed to agree to paint 12"x12" museum wrapped canvases to complete the project before the end of April. I will identify display locations for a formal show in May. Members should attend the January member meeting to learn more about the project and volunteer to paint one of the squares.

Programs for 2011: please submit artists' names and contact information (by email preferred) that you think will be good presenters either at member meetings or for classes. Please identify her/his medium and subject matter.

Call for member artists to show at Southwestern Community College and at the bakery. SWCC is a one-person or group show of 8 to 10 pieces while the bakery prefers large pieces. There is wall space for 3 to 4 artists there. I will bring the sign up sheets to the Christmas Party.

**Gallery Director, Carol Rollick** - After more than six years of serving, I will be off the board of MCAA. I applaud those I have worked with these past years and I'm excited about our dedicated members who step up to the plate on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are entering a new time . . . new by-laws have been carefully crafted, a new schedule for our year implemented, and a new board ready and willing to guide us through the perilous waters of a national economic downturn. We are hanging tough, thanks to a lot of hard-working people and it's time to review what each one of us plans to do to keep this organization afloat.

MCAA is like a Co-op for all intents and purposes. Co-op is short for "cooperative." Two definitions for cooperative are: #1. Doing, or willing to do, what is asked or required, and #2, Working or acting together with others. To implement this goal, there will be a new MCAA membership application to be filled out by all members. This application will bring our records up to date regarding telephone, email and cell phone numbers, but more importantly, also ask each member, new and old, to select a special task (or two) for the year that he or she will perform.

The jobs outlined fall under certain board positions. Board members oversee all the work in the gallery, but must not be expected to do all the jobs that it takes to achieve our goals. There are many choices on the list; one will be a "best-fit" for you. Some are very mundane, some more complex, but they are designed to spread the burden of maintaining and promoting our gallery and organization. Indicate your choices and you will be slotted in and counted on to fill that need. Everyone must choose something!

Aside from the job-selections, we recognize there will be an on-going need for cookie donations, clean-up crews and tasks that compose the on-going nature of our business. And a business we are! You and I are the owners of this business. The board works for us, the owners, and we like they all have a vested interest in the success of this business. The board operates "in the sunshine" the board meetings open to and answerable to us the owners.

We have a common goal. We the owners want to succeed. The board, our overworked underpaid "employees" want to succeed. All this is possible only with cooperation. There's that "Co-op" word again.

Where else can you get your artwork displayed in the center of Main Street in a prosperous community in this United States for \$6.25 a month? I ask you!! Carol

**Annual Planning Meeting – President Sue Weathers and President Elect Susan Lizer**

The 2011 Planning Meeting was held Thursday, December 2, and the following are some to the suggestion made by the attending members. The entire PDF document will be available on the website. Suggestions for meeting topics

1. Painting knife demo - Stephen
2. Pastel, acrylic painters - demos
3. Lighting your subject for photography and painting
4. How artists use Photoshop - Lawrence, Carol
5. Art History topic - James
6. Artists' biographies - all about. . .
7. Drawing - quick draw teams, drawing a model like we did with Bill Richardson as model
8. Design and Composition for photographers and painters
9. Scaling work by girding - Shelia
10. Encaustic techniques (Stephen's friend)

Use member presenters mostly during winter and early spring and visiting presenters doing workshops at convenient time before the workshops.

Have membership meetings at 5:30 p.m. June, July, and August

Workshops: One a month in summer and fall, two in winter/early spring. Suggestions where:

1. Plein Air painting with Jo Ridge Kelley
2. Scaling your work by girding with Shelia Moffitt
3. Painting knife with Stephen Clark
4. Encaustic workshop - Stephen's friend Ann (?)
5. Photoshop for Dummies - Carol, others
6. Using Photoshop (Painter) in Art - Carol, Jim, Lawrence, etc.

Classes	Interest Groups
Jon's classes - year round	Thursday and Friday painters weekly
Mark's classes - summer and fall beginning in May	Franklin Fridays (monthly) BYOBB - bring your own

	brush and bottle – film shows
Pastels classes starting with still life drawing and painting- Jim Smythe	Students Shows: May 1-14, August 1-14, December 1-14 Juried Best of Show, Ribbon, Prize, scholarship
Drawing group/class	What about photographers?
Children’s classes - possibly only summer	Regular Model drawing and painting - Friday afternoons?
Acrylic classes -	
Watercolor classes -	

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**Editor’s Endnote**

Special thanks to 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](mailto:jimesmythe@mac.com), call me at 828-507-4248 or talk with me in person. Please start sending your email to Lawrence [lee@lawrence Crawford.com](mailto:lee@lawrence Crawford.com).

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