



GALLERY GAZETTE

Feb/March 2011

Macon County Art Association

<http://www.mcaauptowngallery.org>

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

February 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	14) Member-ship meeting 12:30 Lunch 1:10 PM Bus Meeting			17) Every Thursday Painters Thursday Painters Group Open to the public 9-2pm	18) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
	21) Nick's Watercolor 10am to 1pm	22) Every Tuesday Oil Painting with Jon 9-noon, 1-4PM & 5 – 8PM		24) Thursday Painters	25) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
March 2011						
	Feb 28 Hanging for next show Nick's Watercolor 10am to 1pm	1) Oil Painting Class		3) Thursday Painters	4) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	5) Children's Class on Scratch Board 9:30-Noon
	7) Board Meeting 3 PM Nick's Watercolor 10am to 1pm	8) Oil Painting Class		10) Thursday Painters	11) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
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From Your President

Macon County Art Association and the Uptown Gallery survive because of the love and hard work of members. The 2011 calendar is **filled** with opportunities for painting groups, classes, outdoor shows and workshops. It offers community involvement opportunities in sales, festivals, and exhibitions. Board members have worked hard to pull together details for MCAA events for 2011. It is all “planned up” and ready to go!

Those of you who have held every position in the organization at one time or another know that it only works if we, **all of the membership**, participate as much as possible. Here are some facts that hopefully will inspire you to use your individual talents and energies to share the work that must be done to keep us going and growing.

1. Find new members (artists, art lovers, art students, developing artists). Our paid membership as of 2/11 is 38. There are 7 more who keep forgetting their checks. If ever they do remember, we'll begin March with 45. There are 9 who do not staff the gallery. At this point, 36 of us must do 46 hours each.
2. Find new patrons and sponsors. Donations and volunteered labor have made possible our gallery improvement work. Continued improvements will require both and there is more to do.
3. Help with Gallery cleaning. A suggested list of cleaning will be posted for each day. In addition, anyone who will may clean at any time.

4. Participate in as many activities as possible. Sign up when volunteers are needed. Encourage each other to attend, to plan, to help each other. It is important that MCAA fulfill its commitments so finish what you commit to.
5. **“Do your art.”** That is why we join. Learn, try new ideas, and share your experience and knowledge. Have lots of new work ready to show and sell.

The work of our members IS our organization. Help is always needed. New ideas are welcomed. Nothing is accomplished by chance. All members appreciate the work of other members. Communicate that appreciation. We are a positive group with a **great plan.** And I, for one, am excited and **“ready to go!”**

Susan

Announcements

Grandpa Lawrence Crawford gives the details – **“Lawrence Elijah Crawford, born January 21, 2011 - he weighed 9lbs. 4 oz and 21 inches long... a healthy baby boy... he recognized me the first time I saw him (ha ha). An unbelievable beautiful child.”**

Due to the popularity of Nick DePaolo’s watercolor class Jim Smythe’s proposed class failed to draw enough applications and has been canceled.

To My Fellow Art Association Members:

The Uptown Gallery needs you. If you need hours, want hours, and/or just want to enjoy the beauty of our UPTOWN GALLERY *there are many shifts and days available.* Please go by the gallery and sign up for the time(s) and date(s) of your choice. March is wide open except for Thursdays and a few other times.

You may send me an email or call and let me know that you have signed up for a particular time.

I look forward to hearing from you. Kay Edson, kaytebama45@msn.com, 828.524.0616

CONDOLENCES

Just a note to let you know that Larry will be going into Cardiac Hospital for a fourth stent in the same R.C.A. (right coronary artery) this coming Thursday. He will be O.K. We hope to be back in Franklin sometime in May.

Hope the winter is improving. It was 86 yesterday. A wee bit cooler tonite down in the 50's.
Billie Calhoun, Royal Palm Beach, Fl.



Carol Rollick one-person art show at Southwestern Community College

Pat Mennenger’s Classes for Children – March 5, Scratch Board

Pat is planning to have a class for children each month starting in March with a free class. Pre-registration required and all supplies furnished by MCAA and the Community Foundation. She would like the membership to donate snacks for the children while attending to classes. Please let her know if you can help provide simple refreshments.

News from the Board

Treasurer Hank Shuler - there were two **sales** in January for a grand total of \$62.00. Sellers are reminded that the power-point presentation is available in printed form in the “Bible” and should be reviewed as you start your shift. She is now keeping a record of member contributions to the association so bring a receipt when you bring in items such as paper towels, toilet paper and such. Mark the receipt as a contribution. If you want to be reimbursed leave the receipt and take cash. Have the sitter that day record this as cash out in **the Daley Log**. This prevents her from having to write so many small checks.

Membership Chair, Camille Tuttrup - membership in 2010 was 51 and of these members 33 have renewed for 2011. The board members thank you for returning the applications with your dues and marking the areas where you would like to help out. The remaining 2010 members are urged to pay their 2011 dues as they are much needed for these slow winter months.

VP for Marketing, Stephen Clark – The new **awning** pictured in last month's *Gallery Gazette* should be installed soon. A **calendar of events** has been developed for the year and will be posted on the website.

The program **Art Café** has been arranged with the art teacher at Franklin High School. In this program one of us artist-members visits the high school and talks about our artwork. It is hoped that this will be motivational for most of the students. After several visits we believe that a few of them will become interested in what we do here at the gallery and in the classroom. Camille Tuttrup is the contact person and served as the first artists guess. Jim Smythe will visit the high school sometime in March.

VP for Education, Karen Smith – **Guest presenter** for the March membership meeting will be Cynthia Conrad on Fresco Painting. Sheila Moffitt will be conducting a **workshop** on Grid Painting: Pets on March 19. The class will meet from 10AM to 3PM and will cost \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Pat Mennenger's March children's class will be free to 10 children ages 8 and up. This information will be advertised in the local papers and perhaps through flyers sent to the county schools.

Debra Weinelt successfully secured the small park across from the Catholic Church in Highlands for us to use for our outdoor art shows. We could no longer use the church's yard due to a problem with the grass. Our show dates: July 2, August 6, September 3 and October 1. Good work Debra. You demonstrated the importance of getting the job done early.

A new outdoor show that Stephen is arranging is with the Smoky Mountain Host outdoor show. Details to follow.

The following artists have agreed to make paintings for the Macon County Waterfalls Quilt Project: Funded by a grant from the Town of Franklin. MCAA is partnering with the streets of Franklin to join in on their **Airing of the Quilts Day**, May 7. The MCAA waterfalls quilt painting will be displayed near the courthouse (under the gazebo if there is bad weather). Note that the Upper Satulah Falls still needs an artists volunteer.

Big Laurel Falls	Jim Smythe
Cullasaja Falls	Kay Edson
Bridal Veil Falls	Stephen Clark
Dry Falls	Sue Weathers
Glen Falls	Sheila Moffitt
Gunstairs Falls	Hollis Walker
Lower Satulah Falls	Camille Tuttrup
Mooney Falls	Elsie Spriggel
Picklesimer Rock House Falls	Susan Lizer
Rufus Morgan Falls	Pat Bachor
Upper Satulah Falls	Volunteer needed
Sequoyah Lake Dam Falls	Carol Rollick
Middle Creek Falls	Marilyn Miller
Ranger Falls	Karen Smith
Secret Falls	Debbie Weinelt

Gallery Director, Ruth Goodier – Thanks to you all, our gallery looks great. Now we still have internal stuff to finish. Working on the Procedures Book and new flyers and all other new things. This month please check your profile in the Artists book. You need to have two pages facing each other. Not 1 and not 3 or more. Also check to see if you have out dated stuff and upgrade your info. If you hang you need to have a profile in the book. It helps make sales when customers can see what you are doing and what you have done. Thank you too for helping Kay fill the calendar. We can't sell anything if we are not open. Next hanging date February 28th. Have art in by 8:30 that morning and other art removed by Sunday night. Gallery Director, Ruth

Letter to the Editor


I was wondering why I was venturing out at an early hour (for me) on a cold and damp Monday morning to take a class from a new instructor in a medium that's unfamiliar and somewhat intimidating, especially the watercolor part.

*Then I got to the gallery and found the classroom bursting with energy and crowded with happy people, including Nick and his wife (though she soon left to talk someone's ear off, as she said later!). The tables were set up with paints, brushes, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and quarter-size sheets of 300 lb paper - the works. Nick was all business and was able to get total beginners and expert painters and drawers off to a good start. Not only that, but we all completed several exercises and a still life sketch of onions. I had a blast! I can't wait for the next class in two weeks, and judging by the reactions of the room I don't think anyone will be dropping out! **Sue***

Sue Weathers writing about the first watercolor class taught by Nick DePaolo. See the calendar above for his Monday classes. In addition, Nick has donated two instructional videos to the association.

Letter to the Editor update

Last month in an Editor's Note I listed the recipients of the Jon Malone teacup. "The first recipient was Kay Smith (2008). The next recipient was Mame Lehman." Amy Switzer reminded me that Kay had passed the award on to her and that she passed it on to Mame. Thanks Amy for helping us put this information in writing and get the record straight. *Jim*

	<p>With that big smile, can you tell that Hank Shuler enjoys her work? This process has something to do with the color of the surface of her sculpture. And we think the fumes from oil painting are dangerous!</p>
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Editor's Endnote

Special thanks to Pat Mennenger and Sue Weathers for submitting photos, and secretary Margie Kellam and president Susan Lizer for providing Board of Director's minutes from January 3 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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