



# GALLERY GAZETTE

**Jan/Feb 2011**

**Macon County Art Association**

<http://www.mcaauptowngallery.org>

Gallery Hours: 11 am to 4 pm, Tue - Sat

January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9) Start hanging individual art displays	10) Membership meeting Date changed due to snow See below	11) Every Tuesday Oil Painting Class Tuesday's with Jon 9-noon & 5-8PM	12) Painting with Smythe 1 PM organize meeting, No charge	13) Every Thursday Thursday Painters Group Open to the public 9-2pm	14) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
16) Last day to hang individual art displays	17) Membership meeting lunch 12:30 WC demo 1:10 pm Bus Meeting	18) Oil Painting Class	19) Painting with Smythe 1 PM organize meeting, Snow Day	20) Thursday Painters	21) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
			26) Painting with Smythe 1 to 3 PM \$24 per class	27) Thursday Holiday	28) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
February 2011						
				3) Thursday Painters	4) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	5) Children's Cartooning Workshop 9:30-Noon
	7) Board Meeting 3 PM		9) Painting with Smythe 1 to 3 PM	10) Thursday Painters	11) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	
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		22) Oil Painting Class	23) Painting with Smythe 1 to 3 PM	24) Thursday Painters	25) Friday Painters 9 – 2 pm	

## From Your President

MCAA and the Uptown Gallery are the loving reflection of the Membership. As membership ages, new members join and our mission broadens, the blended expression of all our talents can be seen in the atmosphere of our exhibitions and events. Each time a gallery staffing member rises to welcome a visitor, artists explain their work to shoppers, Thursday Painters share artistic tips and friendships, classes/students open their attention to new or enhanced skills... that exemplifies MCAA. When volunteers help children make sea art at community activities, members wear costumes, paint outside and make balloon dogs for kids during festivals... that exemplifies MCAA. When children make cookies with an elf and an artist, members donate and sell their jewelry for fundraising and successful grant applications (and raffles) bring money to the dwindling coffers... that exemplify MCAA. When our members staff, clean and repair the gallery, attend public meetings, solicit patrons, spent hours at our

board meeting and revising our documents for consistency.... MCAA once more. Silver Arts Exhibit, Macon County Fair Exhibit, displays yet to be identified... MCAA. MCAA only exists because of its members and its mission. It must change constantly to stay alive. It requires that members care enough about the mission to stay involved, realizing that none of us have all the good ideas that will be required this year. All members have experience and strength that can contribute to advancing MCAA's vision and mission. I hope you will share your ideas, respect the opinions of other members and remember that criticism and negativism cause weakness within our organization.

I am excited about the coming year and the challenges before us. The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of each month. The meetings are open and all members who may attend. Please call any board member or me if you have questions, suggestions or concerns. My phone numbers are (home) 828 524-1274 and (cell) 828 342-0926. *Susan Lizer*

NO, it's not Santa. Guess again?  
HINT: This happy singer is entertaining in a church fellowship hall at  
an annual event of the MCAA.  
FOR EXTRA CREDIT:  
Can you name the song we joined in singing with her?



### Announcements

With few classes available this winter – Mark takes the winter off, Jon is taking a month off, and Natalie no longer teaching – Jim Smythe has decided to step in and fill the void. At first I thought I would just teach pastel painting but several artists have asked for a broader course. I am planning an organizational session for Wednesday 12th, with a snow date on the next Wednesday (19th), and class starting on Wednesday the 26th.

### CONDOLENCES –

Last Monday Pat Menennger's husband underwent triple bypass surgery at Mission Hospital in Asheville that she described as a "brush with death". Dennis has been dealing with his heart problems for the past 20 years. Pat says that "he's recovering at text book speed" and that she is doing well. She is hoping to get a room at the Rathbune House in Asheville. The house provides a free room for out of town relatives of patients in the hospital. Dennis has been a good friend to our association and we wish him yet another strong recovery.

**What's Been Goin' On...** The first week in January has been used to clean, repair and renovate the gallery, classroom and storage area. Once members removed all artwork, there was plenty for our cleaning volunteers to do. Every surface has now been scrubbed, vacuumed, organized and/or thoughtfully rearranged. Many items saved for future use or forgotten from former use have been eliminated. Walls have been cleaned and painted, often two coats. The number of colors providing the background in the art display area has been carefully limited to eliminate distractions from our art when it is on display. The carpet has been cleaned and all other floors scrubbed into the best condition possible for their stage of wear.

The bathroom, hardly even large enough to speak about, had not been spruced up since Mame Lehman did the work a number of years ago. There were more than the obvious problems, like any room in an old building. It took a team to make the room a little larger and remediate the problems of rotting wood in the floor, cracked toilet, and peeling wallpaper. Great quantities of strength, hard work and other donated assistance was put into trying to make it a pleasant and dry place to "rest." It has been reported that there is not one flat surface or straight line anywhere in it. Lots of 'spackle' has been and will continue to be used. There is still some finishing to do but there is hope.

Lots of gratitude, **heaps**, even, is due to those who have worked so hard or who have donated to this effort. Lowe's (Manager Julie) sold us the toilet for \$10 and the sink at their cost (\$33). Members of Dan Quigley's crew (Chris, Andy and James) moved the wall and installed the toilet and sink. Art Patron John Hogan worked to make the walls and ceiling smooth, straight and secure. There are finishing touches yet to be done.

Ruth Goodier really led the cleaning, painted, directed and rallied other painters and workers. New Facilities Director Lee McCauley has painted walls, hauled trash and assisted with any work going on for days. Margie Kellam painted walls and cleaned stuff. Jon Houglum painted walls and furnishings. Marketing VP Stephen Clark painted and worked on gathering donations for a new awning. New member Sue Kent painted walls and partitions. Ruth and Susan Lizer painted the white board and scrubbed chairs. Lee, Sue Weathers and Carol Rollick cleaned carpets and floors and anything else that dared to look dingy. Kay Edson cleared and cleaned bookshelves and books. Janice Mansfield and Marilyn Miller organized the bookshelves and labeled shelves and books. Sue Weathers and Hank Shuler worked together between cleaning chores to finalize new documents.

An enormous amount of work was done, and MCAA and the Uptown Gallery have been enhanced, once again, by those members who could participate in clean-up week. *Susan Lize*



### **Pat Mennenger's Classes for Children – Feb 5, Cartooning**

Pat is planning to have a class for children each month starting in February. Pre-registration required and all supplies furnished by MCAA and the Community Foundation. She has grant money to pay for advertising to attract more children. 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.

### **Member's News**

I (Jim Smythe) am continuing as Gallery Gazette editor for a couple more months because **Lawrence Crawford, editor-to-be**, is going to become a 'grandpa' the middle of this month. Congratulations Lawrence and welcome to the grandparent club where there will be lots of fun ahead.

MCAA has been invited by the Bascom Art Gallery in Highlands to participate in their Regional Art Exhibit. The exhibition at the Bascom will be from February 19<sup>th</sup> until April 11<sup>th</sup>. Their description is that it will be work from regional art leagues and guilds in western NC, SC and GA. Once the number of organizations participating is finalized, they will send greater detail. However, the number of pieces that can be included by each group will be limited. As soon as specific information is available, it will be shared with MCAA members.

### **News from the Board**

**Treasurer Hank Shuler** – The monthly financial report is always posted on the classroom/studio bulletin board for your review. Direct questions to Hank, 369-7186. Desk procedures are being changed again in the continuing effort to simplify what staffer must do and make the treasure's job of book keeping based on the work of 30 or more staffers each month as easy as possible. The required training will be available on the power-point presentation on the desk computer and reflected in the "Bible." The new procedures will be explained at the member meeting and available as part of the buddy training program.

**Membership Chair, Camille Tuttrup** - reported a membership of 51 artists, 17 of whom have paid their dues through December of 2011. Also, a New Member Packet with new and improved information about the association is being prepared. Sue W, Hank S and Carol R have spent a great deal of time putting the finishing touches on revised documents such as a new application, revised buddy letter, revised desk procedures, cleaned up and updated "Bible". In order to update and correct our information about the membership, all members, old and new, will be required to complete the new application form. It is being mailed to everyone. Please, please complete it legibly and thoughtfully and return it to the gallery as soon as possible.

**VP for Marketing, Stephen Clark** - The Budget Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00 pm at the gallery. The Franklin City council has awarded the MCAA a \$1,500.00 grant. Karen Smith, who led development of the grant, will be explaining it at the next membership meeting.

Stephen announced that the Chamber of Commerce has asked the association to donate a door prize for their Annual Awards Banquet.

Two patrons have recently donated checks to the association to be used toward a new entrance awning.



Stephen's proposal for a new awning.



Stephen was one of several volunteers to help refurbish the interior of the Uptown Gallery classroom, back room and bathroom for a new beginning in 2011. See *What's Been Goin' On* above on page 2.

**VP for Education, Karen Smith** - Karen reminded the board of the commitment of two "painting quilts" to be donated to public buildings to meet the objectives of our grant. One "quilt" will be sixteen 12" by 12" paintings or photographs of local waterfalls. A second "quilt" will consist of twenty-five 12" by 12" square paintings or photographs of local historic landmarks. This project will be announced at our next membership meeting and help with developing quilt squares will be requested.

The SWCC and Bakery Outside exhibits need member support. Sign-up sheets for these exhibits will be at the next member meeting. If no one signs up we will be discontinuing these exhibits.

Programming update: Jon Houglum will be continuing to schedule member presenters this year. Karen is working on workshops (two in the winter and four in the summer/fall). Pat Mennenger has decided her children's class schedule. We are hoping to add two more ongoing teachers for short season classes (5 class courses/ 2 X per year) to see how they do. Oscar Raynari has offered to do a two-day watercolor workshop for \$150 per student and has provided several sets of dates for consideration. Thank you to Dominick dePaolo for agreeing to start our year with a watercolor cityscape demonstration at MCAA's first membership meeting scheduled for January 17 at 1:00PM. Dominick is interested in offering an ongoing class at the gallery if there are enough interested participants, so keep that in mind when attending his demonstration.

**Gallery Director, Ruth Goodier** - Hi members: Here we are in a new-year with a newly renovated, cleaned and sparkling gallery. We have lots of new things in place. Don't be scared. You will quickly get the hang of the new things. If you are worried join the ranks and sign up for a buddy. You have already read about all the wonderful help we have had during cleaning week. Pat your selves on the back. With our new look we should all be very positive that this will be a banner year for MCAA. Spread the word! Join the fun! Come in and paint and get to know all of the other artists and photographers. United we will make a positive impact on the arts in Macon County. Your fledgling and learning gallery director, *Ruth Goodier*

**A Special Thank you, Sue Weathers** -

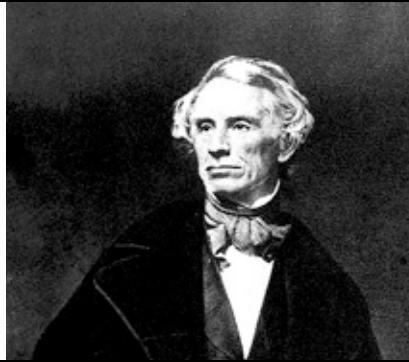
To all the Board of Directors! members over the last two years" to all the groups and individuals who have helped out and supported us" and to all members who have let us serve you:

Thanks!

And to Susan and all the people committed to bettering the Art Association and taking the Uptown Gallery into the future:

Thanks" and my best wishes for your success" *Sue Weathers*

**February 2011 Presentation** – Jim Smythe will give a slide presentation on the artist-inventor Samuel F. B. Morse. Many people do not know that the inventor of the telegraph made his living as an artist and that he was considered the finest portrait painter of his generation.



**Samuel F. B. Morse, Detail**

Black and White photo by **Mathew B. Brady**, student of Morse and photographer of the Civic War

**Letter to the Editor – SPEECHLESS**

I probably should've given a speech, but I was so taken by surprise when Mame (Lehman) named me as her choice for the Jon Malone Memorial I couldn't think of anything to say.

Now that I've had some time to ponder, I would like to say thank you, thank you to all of my friends at MCAA. After that, I must add that there were a lot of people in the room who were just as deserving of this award. I'm sure it was a hard decision for Mame.

The continued success of MCAA is because of the devotion of so many of our members. Let me say that everything you do for "the cause" helps promote the entire group.

It's my privilege to work along side my fellow artists. I look forward to what 2011 will bring to the Uptown Gallery.

Keep those brushes wet.....Pat Mennenger, December 20, 2010

**Editor's Note** - Jon Malone, the husband of Juanita Malone, a former MCAA member, died suddenly a couple of years ago. He had been a huge supporter of Juanita's art as well as the art of other MCAA members. The use of his teacup set to recognize a member who has worked long and hard for our organization was started three years ago. It is awarded at the holiday luncheon in December. The first recipient was Kay Smith (2008). The next recipient was Mame Lehman. This year the award was given to Pat Mennenger. The previous year's recipient selects the recipient.

**Kaylee** really enjoyed the MCAA Tea Party



**Delia** having fun with her mom at the MCAA tea party



**An apology from Editor** – In December I got my Pat's mixed up and gave Pat Menenneger credit for decorating the gallery for Christmas when credit should have been given to Pat Bachor. Sorry about that mix up ladies. I'm going to blame it on a senior moment. Jim

This newsletter is dedicated to our hand working new  
President, Susan Lizer

She is shown here cleaning paint stained  
classroom chairs



**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](mailto:jimesmythe@mac.com), call me at 828-507-4248 or talk with me in person.

*James Smythe*, Editor.