

SAGnews

May 2008

May's Program is Plein-Air Painting with Judy Wengrovitz

Judy is one of the founders of SAG and has been an avid plein-air painter for many years. She will share her approach to plein-air, supplies that make life livable outdoors, and other information to help us get out this summer to paint and draw.

Judy's paintings have been included in "Artist Magazine", "International Artist" magazine, "Elan Magazine" and in the books "Best Of Watercolor", "Best of Watercolor Places" and "The Collected Best of Watercolor." She has had many one artist shows and her paintings are in corporate, private, and public collections including Texaco, IBM, and the National Institutes of Health. She is Past-President of Springfield Art Guild, Virginia Watercolor Society, Potomac Valley Watercolorists, and the Alexandria Branch of the National League of American Penwomen. She is listed in Who's Who in American Art and in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

The Presidents Message

I want to give a thank you to Margaret Huddy, our guest speaker in April. For those of you who missed the meeting, she gave an informative demonstration with plenty of humor showing how she uses gouache when she paints. I think her demonstration showed how easy it would be to incorporate the medium into your paintings as she often uses both in hers. Thank you once again Karen Flann for finding our guest speakers.

Here is a test. Does it have promise?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9QoPzXBtMc>

We had a lot of fun with Gwen Bragg at the April 12th workshop. Personally, I took the workshop because I saw the abstract possibilities waiting to be created using this technique. The location was wonderful (West Springfield Gov. Center). Other than needing a jacket, we should look into this place for future events. I want to thank Carie Cole for all her hard work in putting this event together. Hopefully, more people will take advantage of the next workshop we offer.

Volunteer Opportunities

I announced at the last meeting that we need a curator or two for the Greenspring show. I didn't have the dates with me at the time, but do now. The hanging and jurying date is August 5th, a Monday. The reception is September 7th, a Sunday. The Take down is October 27th, a Monday. Please contact Donnalyne Lefever if you would like to help: phone is 703-644-6677 and email is magickaldl@earthlink.net. I'd prefer someone to volunteer vs. having to ask. This is an important

Members are encouraged to bring one of their works to each meeting **I**

show for the Guild in which works are juried in and prizes are awarded. It is also not exclusive to SAG members only. We need you and want your style in making this an awesome show. Thank you for helping out.

We need a couple of volunteers to help with the Congressional Art Show reception, Tuesday, May 6th, from 5 to 8 Pm, at the Annandale Nova campus, in the Cultural Center Gallery. It's a lot of fun!!! Please contact Skeeter at skeeter.scheid@cox.net

The Elections are Coming, the Elections are Coming

Our current year is almost over. Our June meeting is the Annual member meeting where we elect three new directors to the Board (want to volunteer?). And, this year the Board will be submitting a new set of bylaws to the members for approval. All this in addition to our regular schedule of a guest speaker and fellowship.

Your Board of Directors

In a effort to keep the Guild's membership better informed, the Board of Directors has established this new section in the Newsletter. Beginning this month, decisions made at Board meetings will be summarized in the Newsletter.

The Board of Directors has hired Thea Barron, a SAG member, and practicing attorney, to address several issues that were brought to light during the revision of the bylaws.

Co-President, Elizabeth Scheid, is to be added to the Guild's bank account signature card.

The Board established a policy that no proration of dues will be allowed for artists joining the Guild part-way through the year.

The Board established a policy to deny refunds to people who withdraw from events, seven days or less before the event, unless they can find another person to attend in their place.

The Board voted approval of the proposed new bylaws submitted by the Bylaw Revision Committee of 2008. These Bylaws will be submitted to the membership for approval at the Annual meeting in June.

Member Opportunities

Mural Project at the Springfield Mall

The Mural Project at the Springfield Mall will be an ART SHOW!!!! We have a 12ft high, 75 ft. long wall and we can have the space through May into June. Then, we will move locations and have an-

other show. As construction on the Mall continues, we will develop a mural. This is a preliminary call for artists. Please let me know if you want to show! Skeeter.scheid@cox.net , 703-971-0490

We need LARGE works, nothing under 18 by 24 if possible. The Mall has excellent security and we will be screwing the Art work right into the construction wall. Work can be for sale, but we will not put prices on it, simply have a contact number for that information. We have wanted a show here for years. Now is our chance!!!!

Easels for Artists

During our April program with Margaret Huddy, interest was generated about the easel she was using. Additional information can be obtained from the Artist Easel Company, 208-522-8677 www.artisteasel.com

Along the same line, Guild member Tom Kollins has developed a cheap and easy way to convert camera tripods into easels. He will bring an example to the May meeting.

Decoupage Workshop

In this workshop, students will learn the techniques of applying cut-outs, various embellishments, and layers of decoupage medium to make an ornamental box. This promises to be an interesting and fun workshop for all levels. Participants may bring in their own images from cards, magazines, gift wrap, etc. to personalize their ornamental box with objects of their choosing.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 17 and 18. Cost for DRA members is \$175 and for nonmembers \$190. Cost includes supplies used in the workshop. Class size is limited to 10 people. Registration may be done on-line at www.thedelrayartisans.com.

Learn More About Your Relationship With Art and Your Creative Process

Explore your interaction and intention within your creative process through this half day, one-of-a-kind workshop. Coaches and artists will work with you to investigate and understand further what art means to you, why you create, how you create, do you go beyond your comfort level, and what purposes your art serves you and others, to name just a few of topics you'll delve into. This unique opportunity to explore your inner artist will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on May 31. Cost for DRA members is \$50; nonmembers is \$65. Additional information and registration can be found on our Web site at www.thedelrayartisans.com.

Artist's Statement, Biography and Resume

Join Myrtis Bedolla Founding Director of Galerie Myrtis as she guides you through a 12 step process for creating a professional artist's statement, biography and resume. Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. Saturday, May 17, 2008 and Sunday, May 18. 1:00 - 4:00 pm (both sessions) Fee: \$150.00 due no later than May 13, 2008
Tel: 410/235-3711 www.Galeriemyrtis.com

ValeArts

The ValeArts 12th Annual Spring Art Show and Sale May 2, 3, 4, 2008 10:00am - 6:00 pm Reception: Friday, May 2, 7:00 pm The Historic Vale School House 3124 Fox Mill Rd, Oakton, VA 22124. More than 125 new and original works by 9 local artists! www.Valearts.com

Member News

Robin Rosner will be having her art reception at Oakton Art and Framing in Oakton, VA., Saturday night May 3rd from 6-9 pm at the Hunter Mill shopping center on Miller street. Everyone is invited and there will be finger food and drinks.

Kathleen Best Gillmann has three works in the "Art in City Hall," which runs for 6 months from April 14-October 17, 2008 (on the second floor of the Alexandria City Hall, Old Town Alexandria). This is a juried show open to members of the Art League, Del Ray Artisans, Springwater Fiber Workshop and artists of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. This show has a variety of media including painting, drawing, photographs, sculpture, and fiber arts. The opening reception for the City Hall Show is Tuesday, May 13th from 5:30-7:00p.m., Room 2000. General exhibit hours are 8a.m-5:00p.m., Monday to Friday on the second floor of Alexandria City Hall.

Thea Rossi Barron and Kathleen Gillmann are showing their work of pastels and oils at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria 703-339-4610 Mon.-Thu., 10-9, Fri., 10-6: Sat, 10-5

Barbara Nunes writes to tell us "at our last SAG meeting, our speaker mentioned the difficulty of the color red, and it reminded me of this great book available in the local library. A Perfect Red: Empire, Espionage, and the Quest for the Color of Desire. Greenfield, Amy Butler, 1968. It was easy to read and had great photos."

Margaret King is our latest new member. She works in colored pencil, gauche, oil, and charcoal. 703/ 256-5990 margaret9king@hotmail.com

Yvette Monte submitted a watercolor painting, "Summer Flowers", for a silent auction to benefit "Women in Film and Video". Their 15th Annual Women Of Vision Awards Benefit Gala will be held at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington D.C. on May 8, 2008. Here is their website www.wifv.org

Lydia Jechorek has been accepted into The Loft Gallery. It is located at 313 Mill St.. Occoquan, Va. The Loft Gallery is a co-op gallery featuring 20 Northern Virginia artists. If you are visiting Occoquan, please make sure to stop in and enjoy all of the artists' work.

Darlene Kaplan will be exhibiting her Oriental Brush Paintings in a solo show at Gallery West, 1213 King Street in Alexandria, VA 22314 from May 7- June 1, 2008. Please join her for the Meet the Artist Reception on Saturday, May 17, 4-8 PM. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday 11 am- 6 pm

Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki has been quite busy: she received a First Award in the Washington Watercolor Assoc. show at Strathmore Hall for “Fountain Gossips,” judged by Barbara Nuss, Nov to Dec. She taught a 3 day workshop at the Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA, March 13-15. And she also did a one day workshop on March 15 at Greenspring Gardens Park to start a new painting series there.

Judy Wengrovitz had her cityscape painting entitled “Signs of New York” accepted into the Baltimore Watercolor Society’s 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition being held at the Mansion at Strathmore Hall April 12 - May 24, 2008. In addition, she won the Strathmore Artists Papers Award. This is an excellent watercolor exhibition with 100 spectacular watercolors on display throughout the Mansion. The Mansion is located in Rockville MD at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Tuckerman Lane.

Calendar

May

14th - Monthly meeting Guest speaker
Judy Wengrovitz (plein air painting) 7:30 PM
Grace Presbyterian Church 7434 Bath St. Springfield, VA.

19th - Board meeting 7:30 PM 31st - Springfield Days

June

11th - Annual meeting Guest speaker - Rachel
Collins (watercolor) 7:30 PM

16th - Board meeting 7:30 PM

Another test:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/springfieldart>