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The NEWS BRUSH

Strokes and Dabs

Message from our President

Margo Donaldson Snider

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Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Mary B. Manger. Mary was a long standing member of GAL and an active participant. Mary will be remembered for her great sense of humor and her positive attitude. A memorial service will be held November 13th in Houston.

I hope you got by the gallery to see the Juried Show. Again we had a great turnout and some fantastic winners. The ArtWalk visitors were impressed with the show---several stating it was the best gallery showing on the tour. And by the way, we had 1309 visitors at this last ArtWalk. Your help during these events is appreciated and I believe you would find it to be fun. You need not stay for the total 3 hours, an hour and a half tour will give you the opportunity to meet some very interesting people.

As most of you are aware, GAL was founded in 1914. We have a rich and unique history and the Board of Directors is committed preserving this story. We have secured W.H. Kellar, of History Consultants, to manage this project. Phase I will focus on researching available local sources and conducting oral history interviews.

I have two requests of you:

1. If you have documents from your years of involvement with GAL please share them with us. Since we lost many documents in Hurricane Ike, we need your help in collecting meaningful information. If you would like to be one of the individuals to be interviewed by the historian, please contact me.
2. We are in need of sponsors for this project. Donations of \$500 will be listed in the publication as a sponsor. This would be an excellent opportunity to honor someone who has made significant contributions to GAL or to give as a memorial to an artist friend or loved one.

I believe that the vast involvement of GAL members throughout the years has provided a foundation for the ever growing art community today which is a cornerstone of the tourism industry. It is important to document this rich history for those who follow. I support the philosophy of the National Endowment for the Arts, that **A Great Nation Deserves Great Art**, and throughout the years GAL members have brought this to our community.

So, let me hear from you.

Margo

The McGivney Award



Current winner: Barbara Feiner's Banana Bloom Afternoon

She continued to develop her drawing skills working at Smith Industries. She discovered watercolor in the 1980s. Barbara is a member of not only the Galveston Art League, but also a signature member of the National Society of Artists, and a member of the Brazosport Art League, the Water Color Society of Houston, and the Lone Star Art Guild.

Pat Rusk's watercolor A Smile from India was the 2000 winner of the McGivney award and is currently on display at the Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Avenue in Galveston. This work will remain on display until the end of December. For additional information, contact the Rosenberg Library at 409.763.8854 or www.rosenberg-library.org.

Yearly, one oil or pastel from a juried exhibition at the Galveston Art League is selected to receive the prestigious McGivney award. This award carries a \$750 monetary award.

The 2010 winner of the award was announced at the recent opening for the current juried exhibition at the Galveston Art League. The honor went to Barbara Feiner for her watercolor, Banana Bloom Afternoon.

Barbara started her art education with drawing classes at the University of Houston in 1970



A Smile from India

Galveston Art League Juried Show

Congratulations to everyone who entered the October Juried Show. There were 94 works accepted. Thank you to Adelyn Cooper and her team for all the preparations and change-over and to Lee Runion and his team for hanging/displaying the work.

Award	Artist	Title	Medium
Best of Show	Barbara Feiner	Belltone	Watercolor
McGivney Award	Barbara Feiner	Banana Bloom Afternoon	Watercolor
First	Portia Bell	Ancient Prayers	Watercolor
First	Peter Janecke	Eve	Pigment print
First	Frances Jones	Sacred Heart in October	Oil
Second	Randy Deerdoff	Laughing Lady	Photo
Second	Jackie Liddell	Night School	Watercolor
Second	Michael Slattery	Wrangler Ryan	Oil

"Remember to pick up current works and bring in new work on the last Monday of every month."

Juror's Statement: William Kalwick writes

"When judging artwork, the first thing I look for is the overall impact of the piece. Next I look for the following in evaluating the technique used by the artist. Design, drawing, values, color harmony, and how paint is handled as well as creativity. I would hope that the experience of being part of a show will be positive and that all involved continue to be enthusiastic about making art."

Images from the Juried Show



Sacred Heart in October
by Frances Jones



Mom's Bait Shop by George Covington



Wrangler Ryan by Michael Slattery

Holiday Art Market

Each December, the GAL sponsors a Holiday Art Market intended to provide our patrons with affordable original art works. We invite you to develop small artworks that can be priced under \$100. Note the market will be open during Dickens on the Strand, December 4 and 5.

Submit: up to 5 pieces of art, note groupings are acceptable, i.e., 10 necklaces/bracelets in a single display will be considered one artwork.

Cost: \$20 for 5 pieces for volunteers and \$30 for 5 pieces for those who have not fulfilled their volunteer commitment of 6 hours during the previous 3 months.

Size: not to exceed 24X24

In addition, as a fundraiser for the building, we are going to sell homemade ornaments, made by our members. Please bring in up to three ornaments for our tree, which will be for sale at \$10 each.

The next Changeover is November 29; this will be for the Holiday Art Market.

Galveston Art League Program Events

“How to Prepare Your Work for Show” – A Galveston Art League Seminar will be on November 13, 2010, from 10-11:30 am at the GAL Gallery, 2117 Postoffice Street. Bill Bonham will present this useful information. There will be demonstration and handouts. Please join us. The fee for this program is \$10.00 to be paid at the door.

..More Images from the Juried Show



Morning Chair by Carol Outlaw-Wagner



Coastal Reflections by Carla Thomas

Building Fund Contributors



Night School by Jackie Liddell

The Galveston Art League sincerely thanks our members and the public who have generously donated to the building fund.

Paying for the build-out has taken the reserve that we had built up before Ike. We cannot forget that we still have the mortgage on the gallery and must meet our obligation to keep the building in good repair.

You can donate online at www.galvestonartleague.com or by contacting Margo Snider mdsnider_houston1@comcast.net

You can donate in honor or in memory of another person or institution and we will include this information in the *NewsBrush*.

Building Fund contributions for this Fiscal year (June 2010-August 2010) are:

- Rex and Gayle Reynolds
- Al Cusick
- Lori Pepper
- Larry & Cindy Williams
- Michael Slattery
- Don Henderson
- Art Smith
- Nancy House
- Leonard Sims
- Kenny Keyes



Laughing Lady by Randy Deerdoff



The November featured artist is Pia Greenberg, an award-winning artist whose photographic artwork has been juried into numerous exhibitions. She exhibits nationally and is published internationally. She has been the topic of discussion on KUHF's radio show *Front Row*. Her work includes both pure photography and digitally altered photography, encompassing a broad spectrum from the spiritual to the humorous. She supports community service events and fundraisers with her photography.

Currently her works are exhibited at the Houston Center for Photography and the Vermont Photo Workplace. Last month she showed at Austin Art Space Gallery & Studios, The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, Harris County Public Library – Freeman Branch, and publicity photos for the local cover band, Psychotic Confessions.

We're looking for a few good artists:

Become a volunteer at the Galveston Art League, the benefits are enormous! And include hanging at the regular price of \$10 for the first 2 works and \$5 for the third. At every event, there are networking opportunities. In addition to Gallery sitting, you can work on the web, hang shows, help to register art during change-over, work on our membership committee, paint/spackle the walls, and help at ArtWalks.

Contact Samitha Hess – 409.457-8198. **We need YOU**



Belltone by Barbara Feiner



Ancient Prayers
by Portia Bell



Afghan Eyes Cannot Lie by Bonnie Blue



Eve by Peter Janecke

GAL Calendar

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November 2010 Show
 Pick up art November 29

ARTWALK – November 27

2010 Holiday Art Market (December)

Deliver art November 29
 Pick up art December 27

January 2011 Show

Deliver art December 27
 Pick up art January 31

Martin Luther King Day – Jan 17

ArtWalk – January 22, 2011

February 2011 Show

Deliver art January 31
 Pick up art February 28

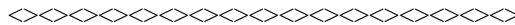
Presidents' Day - Feb 21

Valentine's Day - Feb 14

March 2011 Show

Deliver art February 28
 Pick up art March 28

ArtWalk – March 12, 2011



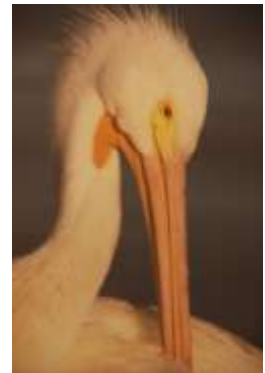
Photos from the November Member's Exhibit



Roy Clough, Night Ride



Michele Grindberg, Night Flight



Ed Ferrin, Pelican Portrait



Samitha Hess, Dragonfly



Mark Anthony Ahola, Dreams of Istanbul



Jane Chance, Red Sails