

TAG NEWS

Trenholm Artists Guild

A Message from Frank

President – Frank Nelson

Newsletter Editor- Pat Spear

May 2007

I am perhaps the guild's greatest advocate of volunteerism and the "twentieth of the month". I am the first to admonish you in each newsletter of the importance of both concepts. While I adhere fairly closely to the former, I am consistently lacking in the latter, as evidenced by the usual reminder from our editor to submit the president's comments.

Both traits are displayed admirably by Pat Spear, who despite the aggravations has agreed to continue to serve as editor. If only all of us were as forgiving and adaptable. Thanks, Pat, and all the others who make the organization as successful as it is.

My last admonition: If you are happy with this guild, please give serious thought to serving as an elected or appointed officer. "That I may serve". Ciao, *Frank*.

SPEAKER FOR MAY 14:

Susan Mayfield will present our last program of the year. She graduated with a Fine Arts degree from the College of Charleston and examples of her solo or group exhibits include the Wells Gallery in Charleston, Red Piano Gallery in Hilton Head, and the Joyce Robins Gallery in Santa Fe, N.M. Her work has been exhibited internationally in the Art in the Embassies program and is found in many corporate and private collections. In addition, she teaches art classes both in workshops and in her studio on Sullivan's Island.

Although widely traveled, Susan feels a sense of purpose to record and depict the way of life that exists on the rivers, creeks and ocean of her native South Carolina and the sea islands of Georgia; a way of life that is disappearing through development and natural causes.

Her presentation will focus on making a more dynamic painting by pushing color and value, simplifying design and editing the unnecessary.

REFRESHMENTS:

Those on "goody duty" this month are David Philips, Jill King, Martha Davis, Nancy Hill and Trannie Abboushi.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-08:

The nominating committee chaired by Jim Finch has submitted the following proposed slate of officers for next year.

President: Stewart Aleshire

Vice President: Karen Jamrose

Secretary: Suzy Shealy

Treasurer: Paula Grookett

Exhibits and Sales: Marty Allen

Publicity: David Smith

Parliamentarian: Frank Nelson

Voting will take place at the May meeting. Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor. Be sure to attend and cast your vote.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:

You may be called upon to serve on a committee this year. Please say “yes” when asked to serve. Remember this is a **volunteer** organization and to continue to provide quality programs and events, TAG needs everyone to pitch in once in a while! We are especially looking for people to help the Vice President with program planning and implementation, and the Exhibit and Sales officer needs lots of help with fund raising and juried show planning. If you can give assistance in either of these areas, don’t be bashful; call and volunteer your services today! You can call any TAG officer to volunteer. Thanks in advance.

MEMBERS SHARE:

Our featured artist this month is our librarian, Gayle Sneed, who will display her arts and crafts during our refreshment time.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Toni Elkins has received a Bronze Signature from the Watercolor Society of Alabama. She has also been accepted into the following national competitions: Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, Hilton Head Art League, and the Georgia Watercolor National.

Barbie Mathis received a Merit Award and a Purchase Award from the Foothills Community Foundation for her “Double Decker” at the Anderson Art Show.

Pat Spear sold her painting “The Road to Shambala” at the TAG annual members exhibit.

Ed Whitmer is participating in the S.C. State Museum’s Festival of Arts and Artista Vista. He is also one of 65 other artists participating in the open studios tour during the Festival of the Arts.

Lucinda Howe’s studio will be open to the public on May 5 and 6 along with the studios of Regina Moody and Larry LeFebvre.

Regina Moody, Rita Ruth Cockrell, David Phillips and Larry LeFebvre have painted violins in the Columbia Festival of the Arts Symphony Fund Raiser. They are on display in the Vista, at City Art and the Koger Center.

Bill and Nancy Johnson have returned from a Boston conference of photographers, designers, artists, educators, motion graphics designers and Photoshop users of every kind for three days of Photoshop training, learning and fun. Nancy also presented a program about digital art to the Palmetto PC Club in March. It was an overview of what could be accomplished using Photoshop and Painter software to enhance photographs.

JURIED SHOW REPORT:

The 2007 annual juried show was well received and should be viewed as a big success. In our new venue (HoFP Gallery) we had great visibility and, although only one painting was sold, we were praised often for the high quality of the work displayed. More thanks to all who volunteered and to all who brought their art. Total expenditures for the show were \$4,000. Income from entries and donations was \$2,685. This means TAG put in about \$1300 from the general funds. We were happy that award amounts could continue at the level of the past few

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years: Best in Show (\$450), First Place (\$375), Second Place (\$325), Third Place (\$250), 3 merit awards @ \$150, 3 honorable mentions @ \$75, People's Choice (\$125) and Special Juror's Mention (\$100 gift certificate from City Art).

Mounting a show like ours is a good deal of work for TAG volunteers, but we have a great tradition to continue that makes us proud and acknowledges the wonderful creative work of our members. *Regina Moody, Exhibit Chair.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS:

Tag sends out emails to members informing them of upcoming exhibit opportunities, juried show events and workshops. When you have information about such upcoming events, please email Paula Grookett at pgrookett@yahoo.com so she can share this information with your fellow members. This service is provided year round, even in the summer.

WEBSITE:

The Tag website homepage has had over 6900 visits since its inception April 14, 2004. Our homepage is updated on a regular basis and includes a variety of current information. Almost one third of our members display their art with a TAG webpage or a link to their existing personal websites. Those pages should be up-to-date and changed on a regular basis, too. If you have a TAG website and have not updated the artwork in the last 6 months, then consider doing so over the summer. Just send your jpeg images with the description of the work to Paula either by email or U.S. mail. Her mailing and email address are in the TAG directory. If you have questions, give Paula a call.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING DAY MAY 19:

Join your fellow artists for an outdoor painting day at Meg McLean's house in Blythewood. Bring a dish to share for lunch. Drinks and ice will be provided.

Directions from Columbia:

From I-77 take exit 27 to Blythewood Road. (2nd Blythewood Exit).
Turn right on Blythewood Road. (McDonald and Exxon will be on the left.)
At the second signal light, turn left on Highway 21
Go 50 yards (another signal light).
Turn right on Langford Road, cross railroad tracks and go about two-tenths mile.
Turn left on Sandfield Road, go past a large field and two houses on the right (about two-tenths mile) to #400 on the right.
The driveway is immediately beyond the second house on the right. It is a dirt road mostly hidden by a row of white pines.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS:

Do you work in pen and ink? Are you interested in having one of your line drawings on the cover of the 2007-08 TAG Directory? In September, look for details about submitting your work for consideration as the cover art for next year's directory.

A LITTLE HUMOR: You Know you are a painter when:

If you don't order from you art supplier for a while, you get an email asking if you are okay.
You keep a large box of rusted car parts in your bedroom because they might work in an "assemblage".
You are willing to spend more on a single brush than on a pair of shoes.
If someone asks you what color your mother's eyes were, you say "Ultramarine".

MONTHLY EXHIBITS:

BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHILD

Third Monday: 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Verlie Patrick 788-4505 & Sue Martin 788-5498

PALMETTO HEALTH RICHLAND

Third Monday: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
David Phillips 796-3352

EYE PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS:

Third Tuesday: 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Nancy Hill 865-1431

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