



Brush Notes

Art League of Fort Myers

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DECEMBER ART SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations are extended to the winners of the December Art Show, which ran from December 8, 2005 to January 13, 2006 and which was judged by artist Phil Fisher, who owns and operates the Phil Fisher Gallery in Naples. Included are comments Fisher made regarding the winning paintings.

- First Place: **Dannica Walker**
Nachos on the Hill –
 Watercolor
 “Great connection between
 artist and subject.”
- Second Place: **Dena Shepherd**
Lots of Leaves – Watercolor
 “Great movement and values.”
- Third Place: **Herb Sklar**
Koi – Oil
 “Good use of color and
 expression.”
- Merit: **Barbara Chloe Murdoch**
Dancin’ Ladies, Matlacha –
 Watercolor
 “Loose, fun and interesting.”
- Janet Mach Dutton**
100% Merino Attitude –
 Watercolor
 “Great detail in face—good
 textures.”
- Nancie LaDuke**
Flower Power – Acrylic
 “Great color—fun strokes.”

Honorable
Mention: **Lisa Grinter**
Malibu Surf – Oil

Priscilla Jeffcoat
Mystical Rocks – Watercolor

Gail Hamley
Banana Blossoms - Oil

Fisher concluded, “Very few shows are ever easy to judge, and this certainly was not one of them. Art is a serious adventure, and all should be honored to be in this show.”

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT ART SHOW SET FOR FEBRUARY 2 TO MARCH 4

The annual Festival of Light Show will be held from February 2 to March 4, 2006. Two dimensional art works, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, collage, print (etching, woodcut and lithograph) and photography are eligible for entry in the Show.

Mary Richey reported that the Board of Directors unanimously approved including photography in all ALFM Shows that are open to members. This is consistent with the recent change in policy of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, which approved admitting photography in its Winners Circle Show.

The Show is a juried show and is open to all Art Leagues in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties which belong to the Art Council.

The following prizes will be awarded: First Place: \$150; Second Place: \$100; Third Place: \$50; three Merit Awards: \$20; and three Honorable Mention Awards: \$10.

The Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 6 to 7:30 PM. The Receiving Date is Saturday, January 28 from 1 to 3 PM. The Removal Dates are Friday, March 3, from Noon to 3 PM, and Saturday, March 4, from Noon to 1 PM.

Artist Max Muller will judge the Show. Among Muller's many accomplishments, he is President of M. P. Muller Show Case of Fine Art in Port Charlotte, President of Max/Art Consultants and Executive Director of the Sarasota Visual Arts Center. He also conducts art classes for the Adult Program of the Ringling School of Art and is Vice President of the Florida Watercolor Society. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a B.A. in Fine Art. His work has been featured in a number of prestigious art publications, including, among others, American Artist Magazine and Who's Who in American Art.

The Prospectus for the Show and labels to be affixed to Show entries are located on page 7.

SIGN UP NOW FOR HELEN BURKETT WORKSHOP

Artist Helen Burkett will hold an exciting three-day workshop on "Transparent Watercolor." The focus of the workshop will be an exploration in transparent watercolor of sunlight and shadow and the artistic rhythm that evolves from the abstract design they create.

The workshop will be held at the Art League on Tuesday, February 28, Wednesday March 1 and Thursday, March 2, from 9 AM to 4 PM each day. The fee is \$185 for Members and \$195 for Non-Members.

Burkett, originally from Arlington, Virginia, has maintained a studio in Sarasota since 1974. Her paintings have won numerous awards and have been included in many national and regional exhibits. She has also had many solo shows, including a recent exhibit at the State Capital Building in Tallahassee. Burkett's work has been featured in *American Artist Magazine*, and she is

included in *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in America*. Her paintings are found in art collections through the US, Europe and Asia.

BOARD APPROVES CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT/ ANNUAL DUES

At its January 2 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following changes in the annual dues/membership requirements.

Rembrandt: The annual dues remain \$40/year. The membership requirements were amended to provide that a Rembrandt member will manage the gallery at least once during any month that his/her paintings are shown.

Van Gogh: The annual dues for this membership, which has no requirement to manage the gallery, were increased to \$125/ year.

Renoir: The annual dues for this patron of the arts membership were increased to \$150/year.

ART LEAGUE ANGELS

ALFM President **Tracy Cullimore** extended thanks, on behalf of the Art League, to the many dedicated members who have donated their time, talent and money to the League. Included among a wealth of outstanding volunteer services were the following recent member contributions.

Mary Richey, Portia Wright, Beth Ivens and Charlene Schoenfeld worked at the Tanglewood Community Fall Garage Sale, which raised \$178 for the League. Many members contributed goods sold at the Sale.

Peg Roehm donated the fabric, as well as her time and talent, to make the counter skirt and stool covers—both of which enhance the appearance of the gallery.

Susanne Brown donated several books to the League library.

LEAGUE ACQUIRES STEREO SYSTEM

Entertainment Chair **Margaret Pardue-Walsh** reports that a stereo system with detachable speakers has been acquired by the League. The stereo will provide music at future League events, including Art Show receptions. The system plays CDs and tapes and also includes a radio. If members have spare CDS to donate to the League, contact **Pardue-Walsh** at 863/675-5882 or kelpieglen@yahoo.com.

REORGANIZATION OF ART BINS

Beth Ivens, who has recently assumed responsibility for the art bins, reports that new procedures will be instituted commencing February 1, 2006. Each of the four bins will hold 16 paintings, prints and/or original art work, including photographs. Two members may sign up for each bin, displaying 8 works each. The sign-up sheet will be kept at the front desk. Members may sign up for two months at one time. When a member's display time has expired, any unsold art works are to be promptly picked up in order to provide space for the next participating member. If there are any questions, contact **Ivens** at 239/481-7266.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

The February 6 Art at Noon will feature Ann Kittel, well known watercolorist and member of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association. Kittel will critique entries in the Festival of Lights Exhibit.

Gail Hamley and **Barbara Chloe Murdoch** will be Artists in Residence, exhibiting and demonstrating their painting at the Southwest Florida Symphony Showcase Gallery '06 held at Del Lago from February 9 to 26, 2006. **Hamley** will be featured on February 14 and **Murdoch** on February 24, 25 and 26.

Congratulations to **Peggy Starks**, who won first place at the winter show of the Charlotte County Art Guild. The winning work was a pen and ink drawing titled *Lines*.

Ruth Ravitz requests that all Committee Chairs promptly send her a list of persons working on their Committees so that she will be able to prepare an updated Committee roster.

PORTRAIT WORKSHOP IN MARCH

The League's own award-winning **Joan Grathwohl** will present a one day workshop on Portrait Sketching on March 22, 2006 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Any medium may be used. The fee is \$35 for Members and \$45 for Non-Members. **Grathwohl** studied at Cordova Museum of Art and is well known for her portraiture and art instruction.

NEW RENOIR MEMBER

The Art League extends its sincere thanks to **Herbert Sklar** of Fort Myers, who recently joined the Art League as a Renoir member.

The League recognizes the generosity of its Renoir members who, as patrons of the arts, voluntarily pay additional annual dues in order to give the Art League added financial support.

Other Renoir members are: **Reverend Howard Bowen**, Cape Coral; **Sharon Chuck-Miller**, Cape Coral; and **Joshua Myers**, Fort Myers.

REMINDER REGARDING RETURN OF LIBRARY BOOKS

Librarian **Margaret Pardue-Walsh** reminds members that there are several overdue Library books...again. She advises that she will extend the check-out period if requested. Just leave a note at the Gallery desk with member name and the new return date.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Edison Celebration of Art needs two volunteers to handle its silent auction on Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM to 5 PM. The proceeds of the event will go to support schools. Contact Deborah Kelly at 226-1140 or 940-2772 for additional information.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

President **Tracy Cullimore** reported on several pending ALFM matters.

- Negotiations to include the Southwest Florida Craft Guild in ALFM's membership are ongoing. **Lois Johnston** met with Guild representatives in mid-January. Attorney Hank Hendry is helping with the legal aspects of the arrangement. All efforts are directed at arriving at an agreement that is mutually beneficial and agreeable to both parties.
- Unfortunately, the two requests that the League filed for grants for financial assistance were not approved.
- The ALFM web site is not yet functioning, but work on the site is ongoing as the Art League continues to design its part of the site.

PROCEDURES FOR GALLERY SALES

Treasurer **John Pappas** emphasizes the importance of following correct procedures when writing up sales of Gallery art works. A failure to do so results in problems with account reconciliation and with calculating the correct payment to the artist whose work is being sold.

1. All sales should be recorded in the Sales Order Book, which is located on the desk next to the Gallery Manager calendar. (Always return the Sales Order Book to this location at the end of the day.)
2. The customer receives the White copy of the Sales Order. The Yellow copy goes in the bottom of the cash box, and the Pink copy remains in the Sales Order Book.
3. Enter the following information on the Sales Order:
 - Date
 - Customer Name and Address
 - Description of item and Artist's Name for each item

- Price
- 6% Sales Tax (except for ALFM memberships)
- Sales Person's Name (not initials)
- Whether sale is Cash, Check or Credit Card

4. If the customer pays by Check, write the check number on the Sales Order. Checks should be made out to Art League of Fort Myers. Also write the Customer's Driver's License Number on the check.
5. If the customer pays by Credit Card, write VI (Visa), MC (MasterCard), DI (Discover) or AE (American Express), as applicable, in the Charge Box.
6. Void any Sales Orders with mistakes, but leave all copies of the voided Sales Order in the Sales Order Book.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

- The Art House Foundation organizes day-long exhibits in local residences which present participating artists with the opportunity to display and offer their work for sale. There is a \$15 entry fee. As many as 18 to 25 of a participant's works may be displayed. Publicity/Marketing Chair **Rene Reuter** is exploring possible participation by League members. To get an update on these efforts, contact **Reuter** at 239/481-2081 or renatereuter101@msn.com.
- The annual Fort Myers Art Fest will be held on Saturday, February 4, and Sunday, February 5. Members are invited to set up their artwork on the sidewalk in front of the Art League. Art Fest organizers have inquired if any League members could assist with the festivities. To volunteer, contact **Gail Hamley** at 239/433-2835 or lhamley1@comcast.net.

MEET THE MEMBERS

The featured member this month is **Tracy Cullimore**, President of the ALFM.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, **Cullimore** grew up in California and earned her B.A. in Economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is married to Kip Cullimore, a Fort Myers dermatologist, and they have two children-- Rachel, who is senior at Fort Myers High School, and Kyle, a 6th grader at Cypress Lake Middle School. The Cullimores have lived in Fort Myers for nine years.

Cullimore's interest in art arose at an early age—she has been drawing and painting her whole life. Since college, she's studied fine art wherever she's lived, including Minnesota, Colorado and now Southwest Florida, where she has studied with Gale Bennett and Lucie Macherowski.

Cullimore is deeply involved in the Fort Myers art scene. She has been a member of ALFM for four years. In addition to serving as ALFM president, she is involved in the Cape Coral Art Studio and the Alliance for the Arts. She was nominated as the Alliance's Artist of the Year for the past two years.

Cullimore does mainly portrait and figure paintings, primarily in water media and soft pastel. Most of her works go to charity auctions. She had a one woman show at the ACT Gallery last May and was part of a three-person show at the Art House this past December.

BRUSH NOTES

All members are invited to forward any items of interest to Editor **Nancie LaDuke** for inclusion in Brush Notes. This includes any member awards or shows. Contact **LaDuke** at 239/454-8021 or nladuke@aol.com.

LEAGUE TRAINEES NEEDED

The Art League has an immediate need for volunteers for the following trainee positions: treasurer, ways and means committee and publicity/marketing. To discuss, contact **Tracy Cullimore** at 239/278-4478 or artsytracy@hotmail.com.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The following classes are offered by the Art League. Cost of each six-week, 2½-hour course is \$72 for Members and \$84 for Non-Members. You may contact the Art League at 239/275-8970 or the instructor to obtain additional information.

Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor

Mondays 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Susanne Brown – 239/466-6153

Beginner/Intermediate Acrylic

Mondays 7:00 to 9:30 PM

Taught in English or en Español

Victor Barreto – 239/274-8092

Free Open Painting Session

Wednesdays through May –

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

A fun-filled day of painting with other artists

Sandra Cavanaugh – 239/693-2719

Beginner/Intermediate

Can't Draw A Straight Line

Tuesdays, 11 AM to 1:30 PM

Julia Siler Olander – 239/936-4423

Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

Oil & Acrylic

Fridays 9:30 AM to Noon

Mary Richey – 239/939-7738

Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

Stained Glass, Jewelry, Gift Items

Fridays 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Lois Johnston – 239/458-8319 or 239/242-0285

**PROSPECTUS AND CALL FOR ARTISTS
FEBRUARY JURIED SHOW**

The Art League of Fort Myers
1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers Telephone 239/275-3970
Presents: Festival of Lights, a juried show
open to all Art Council members

February 3 to March 4, 2006
Show hours: 11 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday

Media: Two dimensional work in the following; oil, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, watercolor, collage, mixed media, print (etching, woodcut and lithograph) and photography.
Fee: There is a non-refundable fee of \$8 per entry.
Commission: 20% on all sales.
Receiving: Saturday, January 28, 2006, 1 PM to 3 PM.
Awards: 1st Place Prize - \$150; 2nd Place Prize - \$100; 3rd Place Prize - \$50; three Merit Awards – \$20; three Honorable Mention Awards - \$20. Ribbon awards for winning disAbled entries.
Reception: Thursday, February 2, 2006 – 6 PM to 7:30 PM.
Removal: Friday, March 3, 2006, Noon to 3 PM, and Saturday, March 4, 2006, Noon to 1 PM.
Judge: Max Muller

Exhibition Entry Requirements

Please read carefully and follow these rules.

1. Each entrant must show a current membership card from the Art League of Fort Myers or a membership card from one of the member leagues of the Art Council of Southwest Florida.
2. Only ORIGINAL entries will be accepted which are not more than three years old and which have NOT previously won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place awards in any League show or \$100 or greater awards in any Art Council show.
SIZE RESTRICTIONS: Entries are NOT to exceed 42 inches, including frame, in any direction.
3. Frames must be sturdy and hold together with no loose glass or Plexiglas.
4. If a canvas is unframed, the canvas must continue around all the edges with no visible staples.
5. Paintings must be thoroughly dry.
6. Use only PICTURE WIRE for all work. String, gallery clips or saw tooth hangers are NOT acceptable.
7. The wire must have a hanging point NO HIGHER than 3 inches BELOW the top of the frame. USE COATED WIRE OR TAPE THE ENDS OF THE WIRE to prevent injury to the hands of the members of the Hanging Committee. Use screw eyes or equivalent on wood frames and screw- adjustable hangers on metal frames.
8. Paintings on a full sheet of watercolor paper, or equally large pastels, collages, photographs, etc., must be covered with Plexiglas instead of glass, as excessive weight is to be avoided.
9. The Art League of Fort Myers reserves the right to reject paintings done in “paint-along” classes, copies of other artwork or work that is considered offensive.
10. All of an individual’s entries, with the exception of one, must be for sale.
If your paintings cannot meet these standards, the Art League cannot accept them for exhibition.

PLEASE NOTE: Because the Art League of Fort Myers has NO STORAGE FACILITIES at its gallery, all work must be removed during the specified Removal Times. A FINE OF \$5 PER DAY, PER ART WORK WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY WORK NOT REMOVED AT THE PROPER TIME.

If you have any questions, call the Art League Fridays 1:00 to 3:30 PM

ART SHOW IDENTIFICATION CARD

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