



Brush Notes

Art League of Fort Myers

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Fort Myers' Art Resource Since 1956

March 2006

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT SHOW WINNERS

Winners of the ALFM's annual Festival of Light show, which runs from February 2 to March 4, 2006, were announced at the opening reception of the show on February 2. The juried show was judged by Max Muller, who awarded top honors to the following talented artists.

First Place: **Muriel Musarra**
Shadows – Watercolor

Second Place: **Kathy Ross**
The Library – Oil on Linen

Third Place: **Dannica Walker**
A Wee Bit of Loud Mouth
Soup – Watercolor

Merit: **Janet Mach Dutton**
Uncorked Elixirs - Watercolor

Dena Shepherd
Cycling Palms - Watercolor

Herb Sklar
Rusty – Oil

Honorable
Mention: **Barbara Murdoch**
The Webs We Weave – Watercolor

Fred Bushnell
April Showers – Watercolor

Ann Bishoff
On the Lanai - Oil

Two dimensional art works, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, collage, print (etching, woodcut and lithograph) and photography are eligible for entry in the Show. The Show is open to members of the Art League of Fort Myers.

The Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, March 9, from 6 to 7:30 PM. The Receiving Date is Saturday, March 4 from 1 to 3 PM. The Removal Dates are Friday, March 31, from Noon to 3 PM, and Saturday, April 1, from Noon to 1 PM.

International artist/art instructor Gale Bennett will judge the Show. Bennett offers art instruction in Giverny, France, where Claude Monet painted and the locale of Monet's famous gardens, from May to September, and offers classes at various venues in the Fort Myers area from October to April. He was voted the Arts Instructor/Teacher of the Year last year by the Lee County Alliance of the Arts.

MEETINGS CHANGE TO SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

The Board has approved holding the monthly Board and General Membership Meetings on the second Monday of the month, rather than the first Monday. The change will take effect with the March meeting. to be held Monday, March 13. The change was made in order to avoid conflicts with the meeting schedule of other area Leagues in which ALFM members participate. Future Art at Noon presentations will also take place on the second Monday of the month.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

- **Tracy Cullimore, Sandra Cavanaugh, Priscilla Jeffcoat, John Pappas and Rene Reuter** attended a meeting at city

MARCH SHOW TO OPEN MARCH 4

The March Art Show, which will be held from March 4 to April 1, 2006, is the second of the two juried shows held by the League each year.

hall on February 9 to meet new Arts Committee head Jeff Mudgett. The team followed up with a written request to the Arts Committee for a financial grant to assist with the League's many community arts programs.

- **Ed Strong** demonstrated his commitment to ALFM by donating \$100 to the Gallery Floor Fund. Warmest thanks are extended for this generous contribution.
- **The March 13 Art at Noon** will feature **Dannica Walker** who will demonstrate her own special watercolor technique.
- **Members** are reminded to clean up after any class, project or meeting. This includes emptying trash into the container next to the parking structure and cleaning coffee pot, dishes, floor, etc. A good rule of thumb—leave the gallery cleaner than you found it!
- **The Board** approved affording the use of the gallery to members in good standing (dues are current and membership duties like gallery sitting are fulfilled) for personal use. Requests must be in writing and prior approval of the Board, which is within the Board's discretion, is required.
- **Treasurer John Pappas** reported the following checking account activity for the month ending January 31, 2006.
 Beginning Check Book Balance...\$7,606
 Income
 Expense
 Ending Check Book Balance.....
- **The League's own award-winning Joan Grathwohl** will present a one day workshop on Portrait Sketching on March 22 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Any medium may be used. The fee is \$35 for Members; \$45 for Non-Members. Contact **Peg Roehm** at 239/415-1111 or rhumbrun@aol.com to enroll.
- **The Alliance for the Arts** is accepting nominations for its Annual Angels of the Arts awards. Be sure to nominate your favorite ALFM candidate for one or more of the sixteen categories. Nominations are due by no later than Friday, March 3.

- **Members** should let the city know if there is a request to keep the parking structure open at night for a special event. Call Marie at 239/337-3338.
- **A warm welcome** is extended to new ALFM members **Jan Ellen Atkielski, John Geiger Arlene Franklin, Nancy Keser** and **Teresa Easterling**.
- **Membership Chair Ruth Ravitz** requests that Committee Chairs check the Committee list, which is posted on the counter by the telephone, for accuracy and make any corrections which are needed.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Call 239/275-8970 or the instructor to obtain information regarding the following classes offered by the League.

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

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
MARCH JURIED SHOW**

**The Art League of Fort Myers
1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers Telephone 239/275-3970
Presents: a juried show
open to all Art League of Fort Myers members
March 4 to April 1, 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, March 4, 2006, 1 PM to 3 PM.
Awards:	1 st Place Prize - \$100; 2 nd Place Prize - \$60; 3 rd Place Prize - \$40; three Merit Awards – \$20; three Honorable Mention Awards - \$10.
Reception:	Thursday, March 9, 2006 – 6 PM to 7:30 PM.
Removal:	Friday, March 31, 2006, Noon to 3 PM, and Saturday, April 1, 2006, Noon to 1 PM.
Judge:	Gale Bennett

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



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