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Fort Myers' Art Resource since 1956

Art League of Fort Myers
www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

Brush Notes

1451 Monroe Street
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Fort Myers, FL 33902
239-275-3970

August 2008 Tracy Owen-Cullimore -Editor

ALFM SCHEDULE

Aug 2 Receiving, Artist's Choice 1- 3pm
Aug 4 Board Meeting 9:30am - 11:30am
Aug 8 Opening Reception 6:00 pm – 7:30pm

Sept 26 Removal 11-3pm AND
Sept 27 Noon – 1:00pm

WINNERS of Artistic License

First Place - John Swank - *Gumbo Limbo 3D*
This piece is very well executed and highly original.
It has taken the idea of photography to another level.

Second - Barbara C Murdoch- *City Lights Miniature*
Amazing watercolor, excellent dispersal in a small
space, great sense of graphic design.

Third - Peter Zell *McGregor Café*
Excellent use of color contrast, a sense of warmth and
invitation.

Merit - Priscilla Jeffcoat *Rings and Things*

Mention - Florene Welebny *Color Me Purple*

Judge: Krista Johnson

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Art League of Fort Myers is at a critical time in its history. What we do in the next few weeks will effect whether we stay where we are on Monroe Street or whether we even continue to exist as an organization.

As you know, the city placed an ad in the News-Press inviting those interested to bid on the property we currently occupy. We have submitted our bid with sufficient back-up data to give the city cause to consider our low bid carefully. We hope they decide in our favor even if the Edison Festival of Light Organization, who also submitted a bid, outbids us. We won't know the outcome until after the Council meets on July 22. Our Board believes that emails or letters from our membership to Councilman Flanders may help sway the Council in our favor. We therefore ask that you take a moment and drop a note to the councilman. His email address is: councilmanflanders@cityftmyers.com. His mail address is: 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Councilman Flanders, I believe, is on our side. He has been very generous to the Art League in the past.

With that being said, some of our members think we should spend our energies on finding a new location, since Monroe Street is next in line to be shut down for utilities updating and "streetscaping." This shutdown will probably occur in the September/October timeframe and last up to six

months or beyond. During that time, any pedestrian traffic we might have had would obviously not be there.

As you read through the Board Meeting Minutes you will see that we've also contacted the Alliance for the Arts in an effort to obtain a location for our classes and gallery. Talks are ongoing...results of these talks will be reported at the next meeting.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, we hope you will take an active part in our organization. Despite the fact that it was decided to suspend the General Meetings for the summer, consider attending the next Board meeting so that you will be well-informed of the latest goings on. The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Central Street Library in downtown Fort Myers. Check the meeting notes for date, time, address and directions.



WORKSHOPS !!

Contact Peggy Starks for info peggystar@aol.com

February 12, 2009
Mural Painting with Jan Atkielski

January 9 – 11, 2009
Pastel from Photographs with Greg Biolchini
Friday, Saturday, Sunday; 9 to 4
(www.biolchini.com)

This workshop begins with a demo by Greg Biolchini in the artist's new studio at 81 W. North Shore Ave N Fort Myers. Students will work on their individual photo-based paintings while Greg offers individual instruction on technique, composition and color.

Approximately 2 weeks after the conclusion of the workshop, Friday, January 23rd, Greg will host a

participant wine & cheese reception and additional critique from 3 – 5 to allow participants time to finish the painting and return for more insights from Greg.

Greg will have pastels and other supplies available for purchase at below retail if you do not have your own.

Class space is limited. \$100 reserves your space. ALFM members \$250. Non-members \$300 (Join ALFM for \$50 and save on the workshop!) Payment in full is due at time of class. Register at 239/275-3970 or online www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

PATRONS of the ARTS!!

Jean Bridges
Pam Malafronte



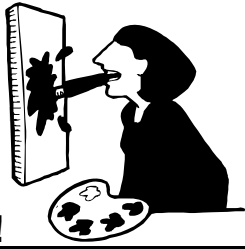
GRAB BAG

Barbara Murdoch would like to share an order of 300 lb watercolor paper. For info, call Barbara

COMING UP

Friday Nov 14 Carrabas Restaurant will host an ALFM New Members Luncheon. Details to come.

December A River District Christmas Fair for two weekends. More info in the next issue.



CLASSES!!!!

Summer/ Fall Class Schedule
Six 2 1/2 hour classes
Members \$96 /Non-Members \$120

Wednesdays
Free Open Painting no instructor
9:00 am - noon
Contact Susanne Brown 239/466-6153

Thursdays Beginning July 17
Acrylic Painting with **Carol McArdle** 239/267-4750
9:30 am - noon

Fridays Beginning July 18th
Oil Painting with **Mary Richey** 239/939-7738
9:30 am - noon

Saturdays Beginning August 9
Photography Basics with **Buck Ward** 239/277-1182
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

TBA Beginning in October
Intermediate Watercolor with **Susanne Brown**
239/466-6153
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

AUGUST ARTIST of the MONTH



Beth Ivens

MEMBERSHIP

To obtain a copy of the current membership list, send an email to Membership Chairperson,
John Swank at
alfm.members@johnswankphotos.com

ALFM ARTISTS ABOUT TOWN

Peggy Starks has had work juried into *American Art Collector* and *American Juried Art Salon* and will also be having a show with DJ Lorrentz at the Cape Coral Art Studio during the month of August.

Do you have work in a current show or publication? **Brush Notes** wants to know noteworthy local art news about our members. Space is limited.

From Pat Albrecht, Recording Secretary

If ever there was a situation where everyone was a winner, the participants of the joint venture of ALFM and the African Caribbean American Ministry and its After-School Reading Program all felt very much winners. The two organizations joined forces to offer a one-week summer art workshop for students from the Michigan Link School who have been part of the AFCAAM After-School Reading Program.

Mary Reardon from the Art League of Fort Myers created a program of art projects, ranging from an introduction to painting presented by Jan Atkielski to collage, ceramics and ethnic art to a group of 25 children from Kindergarten to grade 5. John Pappas, Gretchen Johnson and Pat Albrecht, members of the Art League, along with Maria and Annaelle Scanlon, students from Bishop Verot High School and Muriel Foco of AFCAAM joined in the instruction and assisting the 'new artists' with the various activities offered during the week.

Energy is perhaps the best word to capture the response of the children and their participation in

everything that they took part in. With each new experience and each new day, 'it's the best' could be heard and the effort and attention put into these projects was indeed also the best. The goal was to introduce new activities to the children in order to tap into their own talents and interests, not only to help foster a new Florida artist, but to offer them a new place within themselves to explore and to visit when they choose to.

On the final day of the workshop, the children were presented with diplomas, prepared by John Pappas, for completing the arts course given by the Art League of Fort Myers. In turn the children presented the tutors with a program which they prepared, complete with songs and tributes that further cemented a bond between them.

And what was won, the 'new artists' enjoyed new experiences to add to their natural imagination and sense of creativity as well as a curiosity to learn more. The tutors were rewarded by the pure pleasure of working with a group of children eager to take part in whatever project was presented to them, and to succeed.

What were the responses at the end of the day? "Are we going to do this next year?" You bet we are!!

Sr. Charlotte Gould and Sr. Lynn Welsh of the African Caribbean American Ministries (AFCAAM) are co-directors of the After-School Reading Program aimed toward improving the students reading and comprehensive skills and by this, they're total academic progress. The children who participate are strongly encouraged to meet the '4 Rs', Respect, Right Decision Making, Responsibility, and Reading. The program enlists volunteers from the community as tutors for small groups of children and, when possible, on a one on one basis.

The Art League of Fort Myers has been operating in the downtown Fort Myers area since 1956. The league hosts workshops and still-life painting sessions as well as a variety of art classes and sponsors monthly juried and judged art shows along with conducting workshops for young people in the community.

Pat Albrecht
Art League of Fort Myers

ABOUT THE ART LEAGUE of FORT MYERS A.L.F.M.

The mission of the Art League of Fort Myers is to contribute to the cultural life of the Fort Myers community and surrounding areas by promoting the appreciation, enjoyment, and distribution of fine art in the region, and to provide encouragement and learning opportunities in the arts for both adults and children.

Membership is open to artists and friends of the arts. Annual dues start at \$50 and up and are renewable on the anniversary of your membership. If preferred, a lifetime membership is available. The Art League of Fort Myers offers classes in various media. Please call for schedules and fees. Members may exhibit their artwork in the gallery.

There is a general membership meeting on the first Monday of each month to which members and their guest are invited to attend. As a member of the Art League of Fort Myers, you also automatically become a member of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, which is composed of twelve area art leagues and associations with more than 4000 members. As such, you are also welcome to attend their meetings, which are held on Tuesday of each month. Many of the leagues and associations have art shows and activities that are open to Art Council members.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Brushnotes is sent to members via email.

And it is posted on our website at

www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

Please contact our member chair, John Swank
alfm.members@johnswankphotos.com

with any changes in email addresses. A copy of the current edition will also be posted at the league. Please remember to email articles to me by the 12th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

Tracy Owen-Cullimore artsytracy@hotmail.com

August/September 2008 - Judged Show

The Art League of Fort Myers

1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers - telephone 239/275-3970

Presents: "Artist's Choice"

Open to All Art Council Members

August 8 – September 27, 2008

Gallery hours: 11 AM to 3 PM Wednesday through Friday

Media: Two dimensional work in the following: oil, acrylic, water color, collage, prints (etching, lithographs, wood block), fiber works, and photography.

Fee: Non-refundable fee: Members: \$10 for 1, \$20 for 2, \$25 for 3, \$35 for 4.
Non-members: \$15 each.

Commission: 25% on all sales at the gallery or sales that result from gallery exposure.

Receiving: Saturday, August 2, 2008, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Awards: \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd, \$25 for 3rd, 1 Merit Ribbon, 1 Honorable Mention Ribbon

Reception: Friday, August 8, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Removal: Friday, September 26 from 11 - 3:00 pm, or Saturday, September 27 from noon until 1:00pm

Judge: Barbara Albin

Exhibition Entry Requirements

1. Each entrant must be prepared to *show a current membership card from the Art League of Fort Myers. (If the show is open to members of The Art Council, then a membership card from one of the eleven other Leagues must be shown.)*
2. Only *original* entries, which have NOT won previous 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place awards in any of our shows, or \$100 awards in other Art Council shows, and are not more than three years old, will be accepted.
3. **SIZE RESTRICTIONS:** Entries are NOT to exceed 42 inches, including frame, in any direction.
4. Frames must be sturdy and hold together with no loose glass or Plexiglas.
5. If a canvas is unframed, the canvas must continue around all the edges, with no visible staples.
6. Paintings must be thoroughly dry.
7. Use only PICTURE WIRE for all work. String, gallery clips, or saw tooth hangers are NOT acceptable.
8. The wire's hanging point must not be less than 3 inches BELOW the top of the frame. USE TAPE ON THE ENDS OF THE WIRE to prevent injury to the hands of the hanging committee. Use screw eyes or equivalent on wood frames, and screw-adjustable hangers on metal frames.
9. Covered paintings on a full sheet of watercolor paper (22 X 30 inches), or equally large pastels, collages, photographs, et cetera must be covered with Plexiglas instead of glass, as excessive weight is to be avoided.
10. 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.
11. Only one of an individual's entries may be marked "NFS (Not For Sale).

If your artwork cannot meet these standards, we cannot accept them for exhibition.

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



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Gallery located at 1451 Monroe Street in downtown Fort Myers.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership categories are as follows and are payable every year on the anniversary date of the application:

- \$50 *Rembrandt* Member serves on at least one committee and manages the gallery at least once a month when exhibiting, and must be willing to fill in when not exhibiting.
(Lifetime membership is available in this category for ten times the annual rate.)
- \$125 *Van Gogh*..... Member chooses to exhibit only.
(Lifetime membership is available in this category for ten times the annual rate.)
- \$150 *Renoir*..... Patron of the arts – Name will be listed in monthly newsletter for one year
- \$20 *Dali*..... Members who are students 18 years old or younger and attend school full time
- \$15 *Cézanne*..... Art lovers who wish to receive the newsletter only. No other membership benefits apply.

Name: _____		Date: _____	
I am in SW Florida in the (circle one): Winter Summer Both			
Local Address: _____		Telephone: (____) _____	
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Email Address: _____			
Secondary Address (if any): _____		Telephone: (____) _____	
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Are you interested in having gallery space on our website? Yes () No ()			

I am interested in serving on the committee(s) checked below. (Rembrandt members **must** check at least three possibilities):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Art at Noon
Arrange programs, remind & assist presenters <input type="checkbox"/> Art in Public Places
Arrange for art displays in hotels, restaurants, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition
Receive, hang, obtain judges, remove artwork <input type="checkbox"/> Finance
Budget, audit, assist Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery
Book volunteers and general upkeep of gallery <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop
Display items, control inventory <input type="checkbox"/> Grants
Research and submit Grant Applications <input type="checkbox"/> Historian/Archivist
Maintain scrapbook of clippings, documents, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
Arrange for foodstuff at receptions & meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Instruction
Teach Workshops, classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Library
Control borrowed books, order books as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
Maintain database, send expiration reminders <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
Obtain articles, compile & oversee printing & mailing <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity & Marketing
Notify media of events <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing
Purchase general supplies as needed <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship
Organizes scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Calling
Notify members of time-sensitive events <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
Obtain operating funds – sponsorships <input type="checkbox"/> Website
Manage and update contents and calendar <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops
Line up “for fee” Workshops for the League |
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The Art League of Fort Myers is a §501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization and as such, your donations are tax-exempt.

Make check payable to **Art League of Fort Myers** and mail it with the completed application to:

Art League of Fort Myers, Attn: Membership Committee, PO Box 2255, Fort Myers, FL 33902-2255

SHOW ENTRY FORM

Artist: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

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