



Art League of Fort Myers
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Brush Notes

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In the Heart of the RIVER DISTRICT

Fort Myers' Art Resource since 1956

February 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

ALFM CALENDAR

- Feb 2, 9:30 – 11:45 am Board & General Meetings
- Feb 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Opening Reception
- Feb 6, 6:00 – 10:00 pm Art Walk
- Feb 28, 12:00 – 3:00 pm Removal for February show
- Feb 28, 12:00 – 3:00 pm Receiving for the March
"Members' Springtime" Show

WINNERS OF *January Show*

First Place:

Marianne Keefe – Autumn Colors - Oil

"The color triad of yellow-orange, yellow-green and blue-violet works well with uneven areas assigned to each color. The shady path leading to a light blue bit of sky is a good design.

Second Place:

Mary Richey – *Sunny Day* - Oil

"Unity is achieved in this painting by the high key colors used throughout. The two figures heading out of the composition provoke the viewer to wonder what is ahead for them."

Third Place:

Randon T. Eddy – The Pair - acrylic

"This painterly work has a good composition, showing the two wading birds as one shape of white on a dark ground."

Merit Awards:

Barbara Chloe Murdoch – *City Life* – W/C

"This work shows unusual style in that symbols of the city are superimposed on a rich background of blended colors.

Honorable Mention Awards:

Suzanne Brown – *Some old Things* – W/C

"The artist has depicted three items that remind me of the old masters' veritas paintings showing things which might have a short mortality, a burned down candle, matches and a bird. A limited palette provides added interest.

GENERAL COMMENTS by Judge Anne Kittel:

I am pleased to have been chosen as judge for this exhibition. There are some excellent works among the small number of paintings entered and some of these are worthy of more than one of the awards.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER *John Pappas*

General Comments - At the last monthly meeting I made a little speech about apathy, among other things. I know, however, that I am not an effective speech-giver, so I'll try now to express myself in writing, and to a much larger audience.

You, as members, unlike other galleries in Fort Myers are not just members, but are owners! This Art League belongs to all its members...its purpose being not only to afford you a place to exhibit and hopefully sell your works, but to interact and learn from your fellow members and to broaden yourselves artistically. We are, in a sense, a family. Like all families, we have our disagreements amongst ourselves, but like families we must put aside petty differences and overlook our siblings' shortcomings, because we all have them. If we are to grow and become what we claim, "Fort Myers' Art Resource," we need to work well together. Take pride in what we have and do. Our members have exceptional talent in so many areas and media, so I know we can do it!

Gallery Sitter Committee – Unfortunately, the committee focused on obtaining a paid employee to fill this gap, but we cannot afford to have an employee!

Without paying rent we are still in the red. In addition, having an employee would mean more than just an hourly wage...it means unemployment insurance, social security, IRS regulations, etc.

I challenge the Committee to come up with another solution to this ever-present problem, and not to just drop the issue, hoping it will go away. It needs to be taken care of once and for all!

Chairpersons – I'm happy to say that we now have two new Chairpersons. Lisa Grinter has agreed to be our Workshop Chairperson, and Marjorie Newton has agreed to be the Gift Shop Chairperson. Thank you both!

If you have suggestions for a workshop, please contact Lisa and discuss it with her.

If you want to include items in our Gift Shop, contact Marjorie and bring your items to the gallery on meeting day.

Magic Phrase Contest - So far, we have had two winners to our "did you read Brush Notes thoroughly to find the hidden magic phrase" contest. Peg Roehm won the first one and Flo Collins won the second. The prizes were \$10 gift cards from an area restaurant.

I'm now changing the rules slightly so here they are:

- 1.) Prizes may be gift cards or dollars-off coupons from a variety of area businesses. It will depend on what we're able to obtain.
- 2.) Readers will look for the following phrase: "the magic phrase is:" and whatever follows will be what the winner must communicate to me in person (and it may not make any sense). The phrase could be anywhere in Brush Notes. Not all editions will have a magic phrase.
- 3.) Future winners will have to be at the membership meeting to communicate the magic phrase to me. This will not only entice members to read the Brush Notes thoroughly, but hopefully to attend the meetings.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

Ellie Schneider

CLASS SCHEDULE Winter, 2009

Six- 2½ hour classes

Members: \$90. / Non-Members: \$120.

Classes will begin as soon as there is a minimum of 4 students per class. A deposit of \$45 payable to the Art League will reserve a space in class.

Tuesdays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Watercolor for Beginners to Intermediate
with Richalene Kelsay 239/851-6976
rgkel@embarqmail.com

Wednesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Free Open Painting - no instructor
Hosted by Susanne Brown 239/466-6153
Susilla@comcast.net

Fridays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Oil Painting for beginners to Intermediate
Taught by Mary Richey 239/939-7738
Call or email Mary for syllabus and material list.
septmary@comcast.net

Saturdays 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Children's Art Lessons
Taught by Susan Mills 239/689-1787
Millsmokita103@aol.com

WORKSHOPS

One-Day Workshop with Carol McArdle - February 7th 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - oil and acrylic painting for beginners & experienced artists. Contact Carol McArdle at 239/267-4750 or email her at: carol@carolmcardle.com

CHARLES GRUPPE 3-DAY WORKSHOP Oils and Acrylics - March 9, 10, 11, 2009

The ALFM proudly presents a workshop with world-renowned marine and landscape painter Charles Gruppe. Complete a new, controlled impressionistic-styled painting each day during this three-day workshop, and have individual assistance from the instructor.

Charles Gruppe will give a daily demonstration of his unique Brush & Palette Knife, rapid wet-on-wet, painting method. His technique produces a wonderfully loose painting with clean color, impressionistic style, but with a sense of detail.

RIVER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Art Walk – First Fridays

The next Art Walk will be held on **Friday, February 6, 2009** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The After Walk Party will be held at the Oasis Condominiums on Palm Beach Boulevard. Tickets will be sold for this event which will feature food, drink, and entertainment. The tickets, red wristbands with the Art Walk logo and "Art Walk Afterparty" printed on them, will be sold online and in some of the galleries for \$15. 1/3 of the money raised will go to the charity of the month. The balance will go towards the next Art Walk and covering expenses for this one. It should be a fun event!

New Art Walk buttons will be made on a quarterly basis starting after February. Watch for "Art Walk Button Partners" that are offering specials to Art Walkers wearing the current buttons. See the latest brochure for the names of these businesses.

In addition, our opening reception and Art Walk will coincide with the "Friday Night Live" program at the Patio de Leon. The hours of Friday Night Live in the Patio de Leon have been changed from 5 - 8 pm to **6 – 9 pm**, effective on February 6, 2009.

Trolleys will be available to take people around to the participating galleries. Look for maps indicating the stops and participating galleries at various locations around town, at the Art League and in some local publications.

Photos taken at previous Art Walks in participating galleries are available for viewing on the Art Walk website at:

<http://www.fortmyersartwalk.com/>

"Lounge Event" on First Street

Several years ago an art gallery owner out of Sarasota started an event called "The Chill Lounge." He purchased 2 large semi-trucks worth of nice furniture for lounging on and he is considering setting his furniture up in groups along First Street, near the Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center. General admission tickets (\$15-20) would allow a person to drift in and out of the event, enjoy the entertainment, etc. or VIP tickets (around \$75) would include dinner and free drinks. He has some great sponsors like Mercedes Benz, Bacardi, etc. In the case of

Mercedes Benz, a furniture group would be set up around a new MB for everyone to look at as they enjoy the event. The general admission guests drift between the event and the eating, drinking and retail establishments to get a bite, drink or do a little shopping. The VIP dinner typically involves food from a local eating establishment. Proceeds go to a local charity. This event is being planned to coincide with the Art Walk on **Friday, April 3, 2009**. More to come as plans move forward.

Olympic Competition at Harborside Event Center

USA Judo Olympic Competition **June 26 – 27, 2009**. If a decision is made in the next few weeks to hold the competition here, it will entail a 4-year commitment bringing 50 judges and 300-400 competitors from all over the world to Fort Myers one weekend a year for the next 4 years. Including this event, there are 6 qualifying events around the world in BIG cities like Paris and London. The committee chose to include one place that is more intimate, and therefore selected Fort Myers for its airport, beaches, etc. The competition itself would be held at Harborside Event Center. The committee would like to plan some cultural events to entertain the people while they are here. The idea behind this is that the competition in 2012 would actually be the Olympic Trials and those winners would then go to the Summer Olympics in London that year. This would bring lots of worldwide television coverage and visitors to downtown Fort Myers!

Allow 18 to 21 Year-Olds Into Bars?

The City Council has asked the City Manager to solicit more public input on the 18-21 issue. Please keep your eyes out for more meetings or workshops to voice your opinion. Council wants to know what people feel are the positives and negatives of allowing the 18-21 group into the bars.

ABOUT THE ART LEAGUE OF FORT MYERS

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 are renewable on December 1 of each year. 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 guests 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 usually held on the last 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

Brush Notes is sent to members monthly via email, and it is also posted on the Art League website at: www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

A copy of the current *Brush Notes* edition will also be posted at the Art League Gallery.

To get articles into the *Brush Notes*, they should be submitted by email to the Editor, Marjorie Newton, at MarjorieLNewton@hotmail.com by the 12th of the month. The *Brush Notes* will be distributed to the membership on or around the 19th of the month.

To make it easier for the Editor, articles should be in 12 point, Arial Narrow font, and should be print-ready.

ARTIST STUDIO TOUR

The Southwest Florida Pastel Society is hosting an *Artist Studio Tour* on **January 24, 2009** from 10 am to 3 pm. Seven artists' studios will be open in Naples, Bonita Springs and Ft. Myers.

The artists are Greg Biolchini, Ginger Craven, Cheri Dunnigan, Jackie Moore, William Ward Moseley, Joan Sonnenberg and Karen Stone.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased by calling Lynne Wilcox (239-649-0167) or Mary Lou

Hicks (239-454-6595). Driving directions to each studio will be given with the purchase of a ticket.

The SWFPS is a non-profit organization, 501 c (3), which supports a number of educational opportunities for adults and youth in the Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties. Proceeds from the Artist Studio Tour will help fund our education efforts.

For more information contact:

Lynne Wilcox, Vice President, Southwest Florida Pastel Society, 128 First Ave. South, Naples, FL 34102. Phone 239/649-0167 or email:

lbwai@embarqmail.com

PAST PRESIDENTS

56-61	Thomas Abbott	85-86	Marilyn Maloney
62-63	Robert Kilmer	86-87	Randell Burden
63-64	Marjorie Crane	88-89	Betty Leis
64-65	Josephine Toboldt	89-90	Edmund Strong
65-66	June Christ	90-91	Lester Harris
66-67	Dorothy Sellers	91-92	Art Pallan
67-68	Grace Thomasson	92-93	Marian Osmundson
68-69	Hazel Grant	93-95	Gene Young
70-71	Frances Rafferty	95-97	Joan Grathwohl
71-72	Bobbi Harding	97-99	Pat Herzberg
72-73	R. R. Lee	99-01	Evelyn Swanson
73-74	Katherine Reynolds	01-02	Sylvia Nicol
75-76	Hazel Ireton	02-03	Marianne Keefe
76-77	Dale Weber	03-04	Gene Young & Ron Seitler
77-78	George Kalal	04-05	Suzanne Dunn
78-80	Marjorie Crane	05-06	Tracy Cullimore
80-81	Frances Bunnel	06-07	Carol McArdle
81-83	Edna Rinaldi	07-08	Jan Ellen Atkielski
83-84	Adele Armstrong	08-09	John A. Pappas
84-85	Melvan Walsh		

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

ALFM and Dr. Marc Schneider will host a reception for the opening of an exhibition of Artists from the Art League on Thursday, February 26, from 5 – 7 pm at 12751 South Cleveland Ave., Suite 102, Ft. Myers. For more information, Contact: Gail Campbell at: campbell9502@aol.com

ALFM – COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS

Art Council Delegate: * Peg Roehm 590-9942
Alternate: * Portia Wright 694-3328

Art at Noon: * Susanne Brown 466-6163
* Joan Grathwohl 463-2980

Art In Public Places * Gail Campbell 481-7410
* Susan Mills 698-1787
Peggy Starks 694-1818
Jerald Hawkins 768-3503
Susanne Brown 466-6153
Bev Larson 281-1290
Gay Cable 677-4373
Marjorie Newton 543-7149

Classes: * Mary Richey 939-7738

Exhibition * Peter Zell 395-2122
Sandy Hanson 466-1214

Hanging: * Barbara Murdoch 768-0577
Peg Roehm 590-9941
Gene Young 693-8213
Gretchen Johnson 463-1214

Judge selection: * John Schreiber 549-4286
Priscilla Jeffcoat 332-0406
Peggy Starks 694-1818
Joan Grathwohl 463-2980
Richalene Kelsay 851-6976

Program: * Peggy Starks 694-1818

Receiving: * Peter Zell 395-2122
John Pappas 466-9786
Sandy Hanson 466-8608
Richalene Kelsay 851-6976
Ellie Schneider 694-5294

Receptions: * Portia Wright 694-3328
Ruby Pierce
Benita Chaniranani

Gift Shop: Marjorie Newton 543-7149

Good Will: * Ruth Ravitz 481-0174

Historian/Archivist:

Library: * Richalene Kelsay 851-6976

Marketing/Fundraising * John Schreiber 549-4286
* Peter Zell 395-2111
Flo Collins 278-4478

Grants:
Publicity/Mktg.: * Carol Zell 395-2122

Sponsorship: * Peggy Starks 698-1818
Mary Richey 939-7738
Priscilla Jeffcoat 332-0406

Members Directory: * John Swank 415-1453

Membership: * John Swank 415-1453

Newsletter: * Marjorie Newton 543-7149

Purchasing, Kitchen Supplies:
* Portia Wright 694-3328

Purchasing, Office Supplies:
* Peg Roehm 590-9941

Web Site: * Peg Roehm 590-9941
Richalene Kelsay 851-6976

Workshops: * Lisa Grinter 481-2531

*Denotes chairperson

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Student Registration Form

Send the entire registration fee to assure your space in the class. A \$100 deposit will hold your space until 3 weeks before the class, whereupon the balance will be due. Members receive a discount. See Class/Workshop schedule for cost of event.

To register, please fill out the form below and either charge the entire fee by stopping by the Art League, or include a check made payable to **Art League of Fort Myers**, and mail it to: Art League of Fort Myers, Attention: Workshop Chair Lisa Grinter, 16601 Camelia Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Please print the name of the class or workshop in the lower left corner of the envelope. **Thank you.**

----- ✂ Cut here and mail bottom portion with your check. ✂ -----

Please print the information requested below and make a copy for your files.
We hope you enjoy your class or workshop!

Class or Workshop Name: _____ Date(s) _____

Cost for members: \$ _____ Cost for non-members: \$ _____

Name: _____ Member: _____ Non-Member _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method/time to contact you: _____

Be sure to include your email address so we can send you a supply list. If you do not use email, please include a SASE. A \$25 service fee will be charged for any cancellations after deadline for class registration. No refunds will be given starting one week prior to class or workshop.

For ALFM use: Date Received: _____ Amt: _____

Received: _____ Number: _____

Prospectus and Call for Artists
March, 2009 - Juried Show

The Art League of Fort Myers
1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers - telephone 239/275-3970
Presents: "Members' Springtime Show"

ALFM Members Only

Friday, March 6th – March 28th, 2009

Gallery hours: 11 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday

<u>Media:</u>	Two dimensional work in the following: oil, acrylic, water color, collage, original prints (etching, lithographs, wood block etc.), fiber works, and photography.
<u>No. of Entries:</u>	4 Maximum
<u>Fee:</u>	Non-refundable fee: \$15 for 1, \$25 for 2, \$30 for 3, \$35 for 4
<u>Commission:</u>	25% on all sales at the gallery or sales that result from gallery exposure.
<u>Receiving:</u>	Saturday, February 28, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
<u>Awards:</u>	\$500 for 1 st , \$250 for 2 nd , \$150 for 3 rd , \$75 each for 2 Merit, \$50 each for 2 Honorable Mention
<u>Reception:</u>	Friday, March 6, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
<u>Removal:</u>	March 27 & 28, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm & Saturday, March 28, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
<u>Judge:</u>	To Be Announced

NOTE: First three winners qualify for Winners' Circle.

Exhibition Entry Requirements

1. Each entrant must be prepared to show *a current membership card* from the Art League of Fort Myers.
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. **PICTURE WIRE** must be used 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 artwork entries measuring 22 X 30 inches (a full sheet of watercolor paper) or larger must be covered with Plexiglas instead of glass, to avoid excessive weight.
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).
12. The winner of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place must be present to accept the prize, otherwise it will be forfeited.
13. All Art must remain exhibited in the show until the end of the show.

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 annually on December 1:

- \$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 & dues 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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