



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

MAY 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

## ALFM CALENDAR

Apr. 24, 11:00 - 3:00 pm	removal for "Art of Photography"
Apr. 25, 12:00 - 3:00 pm	receiving for May show
Apr. 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm	"Still Life"
May 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Opening Reception
May 1, 6:00 - 10:00 pm	Art Walk
May 4, 9:30 - 10:30 am	Board Meeting
10:45 - 11:45 am	General Meeting
May 29, 11:00 - 3:00 pm	removal of May show
May 30, 12:00 - 1:00 pm	removal of May show

## WINNERS OF Art of Photography Show

### UNALTERED

1st Place - Michael Andersen - *Yosemite Falls/Platinum*

"great classic view, done perfectly, good print quality"

2nd Place - Mike Fortier - *Spooky Trees*

"nice sharp detail, great perspective"

3rd Place - Myrna Charry - *Lacy Nude*

"beautiful figure study with texture, lighted perfectly"

Merit - Grace Messina - *Sally Lightfoot Crab, Galapagos*

Honorable Mention - James Foutz - *Looking Back*

### ALTERED

1st Place - Peggy Starks - *Nude House*  
"great color, design, light and shadows"

2nd Place - Robert Rigaux - *Tuscany*  
"good landscape, nice color, harmony"

3rd Place - Anthony Pignone - *Joelle*  
"wonderful abstract"

Merit - Pete Martin - *Thawing Out*

Honorable Mention - Rip Yarnell - *On the Wall*

## GENERAL COMMENTS BY JUDGE JIM CHAMBERLAIN

Nice overall show, good design and quality, nice variety of subject matter. Be careful with framing and finishing - don't let it distract.

## SYNOPSIS OF JIM CHAMBERLAIN

Jim has a B.S. in Graphic Arts and Photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology and has been a professional photographer for over 37 years. He specializes in commissioned fine art portraits, landscapes & figure studies around the world. He is an international award winning photographer and lecturer. He has published in numerous journals and books. He was awarded the Master of Photography, Master of Electronic Imaging and Photographic Craftsmen by the Professional Photographers of America and recently P.P.A.'s new A.P.I. Approved Photographic Instructor.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH May

Lisa Grinter is artist of the month for May.

## PATRONS OF THE ARTS!!

Jean Bridges  
Pam Malafrente  
Rosamaria McKeown

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Pappas

This is the last column I'll be writing as President of the Art League of Fort Myers. It's time to turn over the reigns to our newly-elected leader, Richalene Kelsay.

As frustrating as it was at times, I did enjoy the challenges that we faced with the City and our financial situation. There is still a lot that must be done, and I'm sure that Richalene will take hold quickly and place her considerable talents in gear to tackle them. I extend my best wishes to you, Richalene! I will be available during a turn-over period should you need me.

To all of you who have helped me this past year and to all those members who volunteered their time in our numerous committees, I extend my thanks. Without your devotion to duty, we would not have been able to remain a viable influence in the art community of the greater Fort Myers area.

I'd also like to pay a special tribute to those reliable people who always help with receiving, hanging, setting up for openings, and finally, cleaning up afterwards. They often go about their business without making a fuss and sometime we neglect to give them their due.

Finally, I'd like to wish the incoming Officers and Board members luck in their new roles. I'm sure we can look forward to some exciting things in the coming year.

## NOMINATIONS

Board has accepted nominations for 2009/2010.

President:	Richalene Kelsay
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Peg Roehm Joan Woolam (Winter/summer split)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents:	Suzanne Brown Pricilla Jeffcoat (Winter/summer split)
Secretary:	Marianne Keefe (Winter only) Summer to be filled in
Treasurer:	(Open)

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara Murdoch, Susan Mills, Peggy Starks, Priscilla Jeffcoat, Marjorie Newton

**Alternates:** John Pappas, Rosamaria McKeown

Public Relations will be John Swank. Marjorie Newton will take over Membership, and will continue on with Brush Notes until another more computer literate person volunteers to take it over.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

Spring, 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**  
Taught by 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

**Adult Evening Class** call Susan Mills for info:  
239-939-738

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

No workshops scheduled.

## NEXT BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the gallery.

The General Membership Meeting will follow from 10:45 to 11:45 am.

Please take time to attend this meeting to support your Art League and its officers.

## MEMBERSHIP

To obtain a copy of the current membership list, or to update your membership information (a change in email or street address, for example) please send an email to Membership Chairperson, John Swank at [alfm.members@johnswankphotos.com](mailto:alfm.members@johnswankphotos.com)

## ALFM ARTISTS ABOUT TOWN

Please join me May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Reception at Art for ACTS Gallery. I will be presenting a new series, Transitions, featuring landscapes in styles from accurate to abstract. Hope to see you!

Jan Ellen Atkielski                      Cell: 414/243-9778  
Home: 239/466-3485                      www.jan-ellen.com  
Toll Free: 877/310-8193

Do you have work in a current show or publication?

Brush Notes wants to know noteworthy art news about our members. Email the information to Editor/Compiler, Marjorie Newton at:  
[MarjorieLNewton@hotmail.com](mailto:MarjorieLNewton@hotmail.com)

## RIVER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### **Art Walk – First Fridays**

The next Art Walk will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

The Young Artists Awards Organization has agreed to provide performers to the galleries during Art Walk on a rotating basis. The Art League of Fort Myers will be one of the first to have a performer/singer at the gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on May 1. Come on by and enjoy the singing while you peruse the artwork on the wall!

Snacks will only be served from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. There will be no wine served; only coffee, water, and soda.

New Art Walk buttons will be available. 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 during the hours of 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

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/>

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Anyone interested in exhibiting at the Bar Association (Bar & Restaurant) in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, May 1st during Art Walk, please contact Jan Atkielski at [jan@jan-ellen.com](mailto:jan@jan-ellen.com).

Jan Ellen Atkielski                      Home: 239-466-3485  
Cell: 414/243-9778                      Toll Free: 877-310-8193

## AFCAAM CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

For the second year the Art League of Fort Myers will sponsor a children's workshop with children from AFCAAM. This will be free to them and serve as a donation in time, materials, and money from our members. It has proven to be a successful endeavor and an event the children very much look forward to. The dates have been set for Monday through Friday, June 1 - 5, 2009. Please let me know if you would be able to give a hand at the workshop. You would be most welcome on all five days, however we would be happy to have you on any one of the days. Please check you calendar and let me know what days I may put you down for so that we can better plan the activities.

This needs advance planning, so your early advice is welcome and appreciated.

Pat Albrecht

## 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.

## 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 Bunnell	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	09-10	Richalene Kelsay

## 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](http://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](mailto:MarjorieLNewton@hotmail.com) by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The *Brush Notes* will be distributed to the membership on or around the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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

## DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC UPDATE

**Both sides** of Monroe Street are currently closed in front of the Art League to traffic for utility work. Our side (the garage side) has sidewalk access at this time from both Bay and First Streets.

## 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  
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

Gift Shop: Marjorie Newton 543-7149  
Good Will: \* Ruth Ravitz 481-0174

Historian/Archivist: (Open)

Library: \* Richalene Kelsay 851-6976

Marketing/Fundraising:  
\* John Schreiber 549-4286  
Flo Collins 278-4478

Grants:  
Publicity/Mktg.: \* John Swank 415-1453

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

Members Directory: \* Marjorie Newton 543-7149

Membership: \* Marjorie Newton 543-7149

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

# Prospectus and Call for Artists

June, July, August, 2009 - Summer Show

## The Art League of Fort Myers

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

### Presents: "Members' Summer Show"

Art League of Fort Myers Members Only

June 5 – August 28, 2009

Gallery hours: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday

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

No. of Entries: ..... 4 Maximum

Fees: ..... Non-refundable fee: Members: \$10 for 1, \$20 for 2, \$25 for 3, \$30 for 4.

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

Receiving: ..... Saturday, May 30, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Awards: ..... (None)

Reception: ..... Friday, June 5, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Removal: ..... Friday, August 28 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, or Saturday, August 29 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Judge: ..... (None)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in any ALFM shows, or \$100 awards in other Art Council shows, and are not more than three years old, will be accepted.
3. No specific theme is required.
4. SIZE RESTRICTIONS: Entries are NOT to exceed 42 inches, including frame, in any direction.
5. Frames must be sturdy and hold together with no loose glass or Plexiglas.
6. If a canvas is unframed, the canvas must continue around all the edges, with no visible staples.
7. Paintings must be thoroughly dry.
8. PICTURE WIRE must be used for all work. String, gallery clips, or saw tooth hangers are NOT acceptable.
9. TAPE MUST BE USED ON THE ENDS OF THE WIRE to prevent damage to the hands of the hanging committee.
10. The wire's hanging point must be more than 3 inches BELOW the top of the frame so the hanging hooks do not show.
11. Screw eyes or equivalent must be used on wood frames, and screw-adjustable hangers on metal frames.
12. Covered paintings 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.
13. 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.
14. 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, 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 DURING THE PRESCRIBED TIMES.



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

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