



Art League of Fort Myers
www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

Brush Notes

1451 Monroe Street
P.O. Box 2255
Fort Myers, FL 33902
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In the Heart of the RIVER DISTRICT

Fort Myers' Art Resource since 1956

APRIL 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

ALFM CALENDAR

Mar. 27 & 28 12:00 – 3:00 Removal of March show
Apr. 6, 9:30 – 10:30 am Board Meeting
10:45 – 11:45 am General Meeting
Apr. 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Opening Reception
Apr. 3, 6:00 – 10:00 pm Art Walk
Apr. 25, 1:00 – 3:00 pm receiving for May show
"Still Life"

WINNERS OF *January Show*

First Place

Ellie Schneider - House in the Woods - Oil
"a wonderful use of perspective to achieve space and mood."

Second Place

Peter Zell - The White Queen Moves - Oil
"great composition, color and detail."

Third Place

James Leese - Waterfront Sales Office - Ink on Canvas
"great detail, good use of medium and subject matter."

Merit Awards

Debra A. Miller - Divine Flowers - Photography
"strong image, creates a painterly image using photography."
Celeste Borah - Pink Sky, Pink River - Acrylic
"great perspective."

Honorable Mention Awards

Jesse Richardson - Wilbur Woods - Photography
"great manipulation of photo."
John Swank - Old Florida Sunset - Photography
"very nice lights and darks, forboding."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER John Pappas

See you next month

ARTIST OF THE MONTH March

Pricilla Jeffcott is artist of the month for April.

PATRONS OF THE ARTS!!

Jean Bridges
Pam Malafronte
Rosamaria McKeown

NOMINATIONS

Board has accepted nominations for 2009/2010.
Nominees are:

President	Richalene Kelsay
1 st Vice President	Peg Roehm Joan Woolam
2 nd Vice President	Winter/summer split * Suzanne Brown * Pricilla Jeffcoat (winter/summer split)
Secretary	Marianne Keefe* Winter only, Summer to be filled in
Treasurer	Nancy Nuce

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 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

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

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 new workshops

NEXT BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **Monday, April 6, 2009** from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the gallery.

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

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

Reminder:

Your membership must be up to date in order to enter the March Winners' Circle Show. This show has

a top prize of \$500. If you aren't sure of your membership status check with John Swank at 239/415-1453.

ART - AT - NOON

APRIL 6

Sylvia Kasparie an award winning artist will be doing an Experimental Media demo.

Attendees are requested to bring a sheet of art paper, brushes and either watercolor or acrylic paint.

ALFM ARTISTS ABOUT TOWN

Suzanne Brown, Peter Zell, and Pricilla Jeffcott have exhibits in the Big Arts "Text in Art" Show in Sanibel. Congrats to Peter on a second place win for his "Market Place" painting.

Pricilla Jeffcott and Peter Zell are also entered in the Sanibel-Captiva Members Show at the Sanibel library. Another kudos to Peter for winning the Moxie Studio award for best in Oils.

John Swank's exhibit at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers continues until March 12.

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

RIVER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Art Walk – First Fridays

The next Art Walk will be held on **Friday, April 3, 2009** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Refreshments at the Art League will only be served 6 - 7:30 pm.

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

ART WALK 'EXTRAS': The Sydney Berne Davis Art Centre will hold a 'Chill Lounge Night' on Saturday, April 4, 6 - 11 p.m. Seating will be provided outside the Centre featuring a fashion show as well as food and beverages for a fee. For more information the website would be www.chillloungenight.com

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

Nothing new

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

DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC UPDATE

The southbound side only of Monroe Street will be closed to traffic for utility work. Our side (the garage

side) will not be closed at this time, and will remain one way, northbound.

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 Pellan
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 Seidler
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		

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.

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

COMPUTER CLASS SYLLABUS

The following syllabus is a guide only. Specifics of the course will be adjusted to the needs and wants of the students.

- 1. Starting Windows:**
Starting Windows; identification/nomenclature of components of the desktop; size, arrange, scroll through and close windows
- 2. Using “Control Panel”:**
Starting the Control Panel, select colors, customize mouse operations, customize desktop, select screen saver and wall paper
- 3. Working with Text:**
Using Wordpad and Word to search for and edit text; copy and paste text between documents; changing font type and size; navigating documents; inserting symbols and clip art; inserting WordArt; formatting and using Auto Formatting; adding headers and footers to documents
- 4. Working with Spreadsheets:**
Using Excel, creating a spreadsheet; navigating an Excel document; embedding formulas; creating charts from spreadsheet data
- 5. Using “My Computer”:**
Creating files and folders; searching for documents, files, folders; moving files and folders
- 6. Going Online (Internet):**
Using Internet Explorer, connecting to internet; selecting an ISP (Internet Service Provider, e.g.: Google, Yahoo, AOL, etc.); creating an email account; sending and receiving emails, embedding pictures in an email; attaching documents to emails

Call John Pappas about signing up for any of these classes held at the Art League

On Tuesday afternoons.

**Prospectus and Call for Artists
May 2009 - Judged Show**

The Art League of Fort Myers

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

Presents: "Still Life"

A Themed Show Open to All Art Council Members

May 1 – May 30, 2009

Gallery hours: 11 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday

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

No. of Entries: 3 Maximum

Fees: Non-refundable fee: Members: \$10 for 1, \$20 for 2, \$25 for 3.
Non-members: \$15 for 1, \$25 for 2, \$30 for 3.

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

Receiving: Saturday, April 25, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Awards: \$100 for 1st, \$60 for 2nd, \$40 for 3rd, \$20 each for 3 Merit Awards; \$10 each for 3 Honorable Mention awards

Reception: Friday, May 1, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Removal: Friday, May 29 from 11 - 3:00 pm, or Saturday, May 30 from noon until 1:00pm

Judge: To Be Announced

Exhibition Entry Requirements

1. Each entrant must be prepared to show a current membership card from either the *Art League of Fort Myers* or a member organization of *The Art Council of Southwest Florida*.
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. Entries must have a still life study as subject matter.
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. 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 damage to the hands of the hanging committee. Use screw eyes or equivalent on wood frames, and screw-adjustable hangers on metal frames.
10. Covered paintings 22 X 30 inches (a full sheet of watercolor paper) or larger must be covered with Plexiglas instead of glass to avoid excessive weight.
11. 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.
12. 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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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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