



Art League of Fort Myers
www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

Brush Notes

1451 Monroe Street
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In the Heart of the RIVER DISTRICT

Fort Myers' Art Resource since 1956

OCTOBER 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

ALFM CALENDAR

Sep 25, Fri	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Removal of Sep
Sep 26, Sat	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Removal of Sep
	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Receiving for Oct
Oct 2, Fri	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Reception for Oct
	6:00 - 10:00 pm	Art Walk
Oct 5, Mon	9:30 -10:30 am	Board meeting
	10:45- 11:45 am	General meeting
	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Art at Noon
Oct 7, Wed	9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Open Painting
Oct 28, Wed	5:30 - 8:00 pm	Social & potluck

WINNER OF "SUMMER'S END" SHOW

First Place:

Carl Schwartz – *Everglades Shower* – Acrylic

Judge's comment: "A beautifully constructed painting - composition, draftsmanship, color, technique, mood, and value...it's all there!"

Second Place:

James Leese – *Cathy Shops on Sanibel* – Digital Collage

Judge's comment: "Very intriguing. Not only does the composition draw your eye in, but the contemporary techniques used do also."

Third Place:

Portia Wright – *Majestic Water* - Watercolor

Judge's comment: "The simplicity of composition with strong value study and assured application of brushwork, make for a powerful work."

Merit Awards:

Peg Roehm – *Sunlit Sea of Grass* – Acrylic

Ellie Schneider – *Ortiz #2* - Oil

Joan Woolam – *Daddy's Sneakers* – Watercolor

Honorable Mention Awards:

Lisa Grinter – *All This and Heaven Too* - Acrylic

Dena Shepherd – *Her Majesty's Herd* – Watercolor

John Swank – *Untitled (flag)* - Photography

General Comments by Judge Alicia Schmidt

"This exhibit has a wide variety of techniques, subjects, and traditional to contemporary statements in art. The members are to be commended for presenting an exhibit that will be very appreciated by the viewers."

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The 3rd annual Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, in South Fort Myers on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009. Artisan-vendors in all media are invited to participate.

There will be a table fee but no commission on sales will be charged. Contact Nadine Sarlin, 239 390-1487 or email her at nadine.sarlin@gmail.com. Registration deadline is October 1.

NEXT BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the gallery.

The General Membership Meeting will be October 5 from 10:45 to 11:45 am. Please take time to attend this meeting to support your Art League and its officers.

money but was excited to learn that Sharon Stone was the purchaser.

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, Barbara Murdoch at barbmurdochart@aol.com

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Cory Blanton, owner/manager of Morgan House Restaurant, has space for displaying art work. Call him for details. 337-3377.

Do you like to meet new people?

Would you like a chance to be out and about town? "Art In Public Places" needs a chairperson who can interact with the community and find venues for ART EXHIBITS in places such as business offices and restaurants. If interested, please contact Richalene Kelsay at 239-851-6976.

RIVER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Art Walk – First Fridays

The next Art Walk will be held on **Friday, Oct. 2, 2009** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. This is the first year anniversary for Art Walk. Watch for special events around the River District.

ALFM members, please bring snacks for the Art Walk. Anyone who can help out Friday night at Art Walk for any amount of time please show up at the gallery.

New Art Walk buttons will be available. Watch for "Art Walk Button Partners" listed in the latest brochure.

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.

Holiday Art Market by Joan Woolum

Is everyone aware of the **NEW "Holiday Art Market"**, put on by the Art Fest of Fort Myers folks? It will be held on November 21–22, 2009 at Harborside. Rent a booth for \$195.00. Is anyone interested in a "Art League of Fort Myers" booth to share expenses?

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 4500 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 new Editor, Barb Murdoch at barbmurdochart@aol.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.

Help for Art Walk – First Fridays

Don't forget to sign up to help out at Art Walk. It only happens once a month, so please volunteer for this important and fun event.

ARCHIVES / HISTORY

Joan Woolam

If anyone sees something in print, a picture, an article on the ALFM, good deeds, or involvement in the community, a story about an ALFM member, please cut out (include the Publication name and the date) and put it in the mail slot marked Archives in the gallery kitchen. I will pick them up regularly and insert them in our record book. Thank you.

MUSEUM SHOW

The Show at the SW Florida History Museum on Jackson Street will begin on Friday, December 11 and run through January 2. It was originally thought that this would be a January Show, but things have changed. Receiving for the show will be on Tuesday, December 8 from 10am to 3pm. The museum can exhibit 30-40 items depending on size.

Publicity will be provided by the Museum. The ALFM may also advertise it and seek public information pieces.

Members passes will be issued to the ALFM, so that our members may view the Show, or return to view it with guests at no expense to the members.

The Museum will provide entry forms, receipts, show programs, individual work descriptions (info from the entry forms) and hang the show. They will produce a banner at the entrance to the show, and a brochure to be handed to visitors containing artists' names, their in-show works and pictures of various works.

The ALFM will host a reception on January 1 during the Art Walk, possibly one at the Show Opening (to be decided). We will need several show participants to be available at the January 1 Reception.

No size or age of work restrictions apply to this show, but size must be reasonable. Call John Schreiber for details (549-4286). Of course, any work 42 inches or under will be ok.

Several decisions remain to be made by each party to the Show. More later.

OCTOBER POTLUCK DINNER

This dinner will be held Wednesday, October 28. The social period begins at 5:30 pm. with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Bring a main dish, salad, or desert to share. Also bring one or two of your summer art efforts for show and tell.

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:	Susan Mills	698-1787
	Jerald Hawkins	768-3503
	Susanne Brown	466-6153
	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
	Joan Grathwohl	463-2980
	Richalene Kelsay	851-6976
Program:	Richalene Kelsay	851-6976
Receiving:	* Peter Zell	395-2122
	John Pappas	466-9786
	Richalene Kelsay	851-6976
	Ellie Schneider	694-5294
Receptions:	* Portia Wright	694-3328
Gift Shop:	Marjorie Newton	543-7149
Good Will:	* Ruth Ravitz	481-0174
Historian/Archivist:	Joan Woolum	
Library:	* Richalene Kelsay	851-6976
Marketing/Fundraising:	* John Schreiber	549-4286
	Flo Collins	278-4478
Grants:	(Unfilled position)	
Publicity/Marketing:	* John Swank	415-1453
Sponsorship:	Priscilla Jeffcoat	332-0406

Membership:	* Marjorie Newton	543-7149
Newsletter:	* Barbara Murdoch	768-0577
Prospectus:	* John Schreiber	549-4286
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

CURRENT OFFICERS 2009-2010

President:	Richalene Kelsay
1 st V.P.:	Peg Roehm
2 nd V.P.:	Susanne Brown & Priscilla Jeffcoat
Secretary, Winter:	Marianne Keefe
Secretary, Summer:	(To be announced)
Treasurer:	Joan Woolam

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	09-10	Richalene Kelsay

Prospectus and Call for Artists

September Judged Show

The Art League of Fort Myers

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

Presents: "Cele-Bra-tion"

Open to the public

October 2 to 31, 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: 3 Maximum

Fees: Non-refundable entry fees: Members: \$10 for 1, \$20 for 2, \$25 for 3
Non-members: \$15.00 for 1, \$25.00 for 2, \$30.00 for 3.

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

Receiving: Saturday, September 26, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Awards: 1st: \$300; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100

Reception: Friday, October 2, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Removal: Friday, Oct. 30 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, or Saturday, Oct. 31 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Judge: Mary Voytek

Exhibition Entry Requirements

1. Each member-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 ALFM shows, or \$100 awards in other Art Council shows, and are not more than three years old, will be accepted.
3. Each entry should promote breast cancer awareness.
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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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 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 (Please print legibly): _____	Date: _____
I am in SW Florida in the (circle one): Winter Summer Both My primary medium is: _____	
Local Address: _____	Telephone: () _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____	
Secondary Address (if any): _____	Telephone: () _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
I am interested in having gallery space on the Art League website. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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, 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

Cele-BRA-tion ENTRY FORM

Artist: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____

% of sales to be donated: 100%, 75%, 50%, 0%

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