



Art League of Fort Myers
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Brush Notes

1451 Monroe Street
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In the Heart of the RIVER DISTRICT

Fort Myers' Art Resource since 1956

SEPTEMBER 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

ALFM CALENDAR

Aug. 28 & 29 Fri/Sat 12:00 – 3:00 pm Removal of
Summer Show
Aug. 29 Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 pm Receiving for
September Show
Sept. 1 Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 am Board Meeting
Sept. 4 Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm Reception
5:00 – 10:00 pm Art Walk
Sept. 25 Friday 11:00—3:00 pm Removal Sept.
Sept. 26 Saturday 12 – 1:00 pm Removal Sept.
Sept. 26 Saturday 1 – 3:00 pm Receiving for Oct.
Oct. 28 Wednesday 5:30 pm ALFM Social &
potluck

WINNER OF "STILL LIFE"

People's Choice Award

Barbara Murdock's watercolor painting entitled,
"Wings of Splendor" received a majority of votes by
those people attending the opening reception and Art
Walk on Friday night, June 5.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Artist for the month of September is Suzanne Brown.

PATRONS OF THE ARTS!!

Jean Bridges
Pam Malafronte
Rosamaria McKeown

Profile

If you have become a new member since January
2009 and would like to have a profile in "Brush Notes,"
please send it to Marjorie Newton at:
MarjorieLNewton@hotmail.com

CLASS SCHEDULE

Fall, 2009

Six- 2½ hour classes (unless otherwise indicated)

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

Computer Basics 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Taught by John Pappas 239-466-9786
japappas@aol.com

Wednesdays
Free Open Painting starts Sept 2 9:30 – Noon
Hosted by Joan Woolum & Priscilla Jeffcoat

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 (arts, pottery, prints)
Taught by Susan Mills 239/689-1787
Millsmokita103@aol.com

Get Well Wishes

Wishes are extended to both Gretchen Johnson who
had surgery for a brain aneurism and to Peg Roehm
who broke her leg this month.

WORKSHOPS

ARTIST WORKSHOPS, 2010

February 1, 2010:

Free Oils Demo by award-winner Peter Zell

February 15 & 16, 2010:

Peter Zell Oil Workshop

\$175 member, \$250 non-member

The intermediate-level workshop will cover the artist's ideas relative to the traditional elements of painting and will include a paint-along of a still life.

March 15 & 16, 2010:

Shauna Shane Watercolor Workshop

\$125 member, \$175 non-member

Shauna's vibrant colors and dramatic contrast captivated those watching her demo at the April Arts Council meeting. Her class description will be available soon. For information and registration, contact workshop chair, Lisa Grinter at (239) 481-2531 or bobgrinter@aol.com.

NEXT BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009** from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the gallery.

The **General Membership Meeting** will begin again in October at 11:00 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, Marjorie Newton at MarjorieLNewton@Hotmail.com.

ALFM ARTISTS ABOUT TOWN

Peter Zell had a show at Burrough's House early August.

John Swank has 3 photos entered in the Charlotte harbor National Estuary Program 2010 Calendar competition.

Carol McArdle – Out of 884 entries, Carol's painting, "White Hope", was one of 112 works juried into the Birds in Art Exhibit. This prestigious show will be at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausaw, WI. Spt.12 – Nov. 2009.

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, Sept. 4, 2009** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

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" 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.

Out & About Fort Myers

Starting on September 19, 2009 and continuing on the third Saturday of every month (including summer months), the subject event will be held in the Downtown Fort Myers Historic River District. This event was planned by volunteers from several agencies of the city, and is subtitled, "Fitness & Fun for Everyone." It is an event designed to get families involved in fun activities such as bicycle riding, kayaking, running, dancing, etc.

These activities will start at about 7:00 am and run until noon. Several area streets will be closed down to vehicular traffic during this event to allow space for the various activities in this event.

The organizers are open to any and all suggestions for activities, and are also looking to area businesses to sponsor one or more of them.

The Art League might offer to do sidewalk art, or draw caricatures of participants, for example. Additional information may be obtained from the City's Recreation Division at 239-321-7530.

See bulletin board for general information, Partner Applications, and map.

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 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.

ARCHIVES / HISTORY

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,
Joan Woolam, Archivist

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. This year we also invite "farm market" artisans, those who sell their homemade jellies or honey, for example. There will be a table fee but no percentage of sales. Contact Nadine Sarlin, 239 390-1487 or email her at nadine.sarlin@gmail.com. Registration deadline is October 1.

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.

ARTIST TIPS

Carry a bottle of BABY OIL in your supplies to clean your hands after you finish painting. It takes oil paints off instantly.

If you get paint on your clothes, as soon as possible, take HAND LIQUID IVORY and wash out the paint. It can also be used to clean your brushes. It keeps them soft and takes paint out better than anything else.

ART LEAGUE SEEKS HELP

Would you like an opportunity 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.

PLEASE HELP

The Board is asking the membership to consider volunteering for one or more of the following important jobs: Brush Notes Editor/Compiler, a writer to produce the monthly show programs, and a writer to produce the monthly show prospectuses.

These are all very important positions that need to be filled! Please step up and do your part to help.

Art League in Jeopardy by Barbara Chloe Murdoch

The Art League of Fort Myers is located in the parking garage next to Harborside and has been in existence for more than fifty years. It's a place where you may find that little gem that you just fall in love with. There is a variety of artists, therefore a variety of styles and prices. The cost to renew our lease with the City is far more than we can pay as we are a non-profit membership organization. Our income is from gallery sales, annual dues and classes for adults and children. We feel we add an important diversifying element to downtown in that most other galleries are quite edgy and may not appeal to all admirers of good art. We offer that beautiful landscape, beautiful portrait or something whimsical. We want to be downtown, be able to be a part of Art Walk and other wonderful programs the City has planned for the upcoming season. We also have Art At Noon once a month, which invites employees from downtown businesses to stop in during their lunch hour and watch an art demo or maybe listen to a talk on how to market your artwork. We would be willing to move to another location in the downtown area that would allow us to take part in the local activities. If anyone has any ideas that would help us stay downtown please get in touch with us at the ALFM. If you could sponsor one or more of our monthly shows, it would

be so greatly appreciated. We believe the loss of the ALFM downtown would be greatly missed in this town that is just now beginning to realize the importance of the arts.

The above letter was printed in the News-Press. Other letters by John Schreiber and Peter Zell have also been printed.

Art Studios for Rent

Space is available at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Discounts for 13 month leases are available. If interested, contact Lori Madl for more information at (239) 939-2787. The available spaces are:

- 1.) Part of a 3 Studio Suite with a shared common area and restroom, utilities included.
- 2.) Studio B – 149 sq. ft. at \$250.00 per month no window: or
- 3.) Studio C – 103 sq. ft. at \$300.00 per month with north window.

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:	need someone	
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:	Joan Woolum	
Library:	* Richalene Kelsay	851-6976
Marketing/Fundraising:		
	* John Schreiber	549-4286
	Flo Collins	278-4478
Grants:	(Unfilled position)	
Publicity/Mktg.:	* John Swank	415-1453

Sponsorship:	Priscilla Jeffcoat	332-0406
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

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: "Summer's End"

Art League of Fort Myers Members Only

September 4 to 26, 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

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

Receiving: Saturday, August 29, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Awards: 1st: \$75; 2nd: \$50; 3rd: \$25; Merits: 3 @ \$10 each; Honorable Mention: 3 ribbons

Reception: Friday, September 4, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Removal: Friday, Sep. 25 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, or Saturday, Sep. 26 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Judge: Alicia Schmidt

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 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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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

SHOW ENTRY FORM

Artist: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

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