



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

January 2009

Marjorie Newton – Compiler & Editor

ALFM CALENDAR

- Jan 2 6:00 – 7:30 pm Opening Reception for
January Show
Jan 2 6:00 – 10:00 pm *Art Walk*
Jan 5 9:30 – 11:30 am Board & General Meetings
Jan 30 11:00 – 3:00 pm Removal for *January Show*
Jan 31 1:00 – 3:00 pm Removal for *January Show*
Jan 31 1:00 – 3:00 pm Receiving for *February Show*

WINNERS OF *Welcome Back*

First Place:

Dena Shepherd *Arch Rival* W/C
"The technical skill, use of watercolor and design makes this image warrant first place. As the viewer, the image draws me in and I feel that I'm experiencing a very special place."

Second Place:

Peggy Starks *In the Shadows* Photo
"The rich values and texture in this photograph keeps me coming back and re-experiencing them."

Third Place:

Priscilla Jeffcoat *Old Schoolhouse-Sanibel* W/C
"The medium is well utilized in this image. The impressionistic style, the loose application of color and free style make an impelling visual experience."

Merit Awards:

Janet Mach Dutton *Promising Hands* W/C
Barbara Chloe Murdoch *Gathering Place* Mixed
Pauline Healey *Summer Sailing* Mixed

Honorable Mention Awards:

Robert Taud *Mary and Joseph* Photo

John Schreiber *On a Sunny Afternoon* Acrylic
Peg Roehm *Wildflowers* Acrylic

GENERAL COMMENTS by Judge Marcia Stewart:

"This show displays a high level of technical skill as well as a diverse visual experience. Visually, the art tells a story and invites the viewer to enter. Both artist and viewer share experiences through the images. The show has strong emotional content."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Pappas

As announced at the last Board and General Meetings on December 8, the City's Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board met to discuss our situation vis-à-vis our current location and rent. The upshot of the meeting was that we would be allowed to continue in our current location, rent-free, from December to April, 2009, whereupon we would be expected to continue our present rental rate starting with the month of May, 2009. The City Council, however, needs to approve the motion, so it will be on the agenda for the Council's January meeting. I've been assured that it will get approved, because the CRA Board is the Council.

The new Director of the Alliance of the Arts, Lydia Black, and I met to discuss the mission of the Alliance and how we and other art leagues in Lee County might work as partners rather than as competitors, as was the case in past years. With regard to the possibility of sharing space, Mrs. Black indicated that room 103 of the Edwards Building, which we were lead to believe was available for us, is used often by the Alliance's Children's classes and Art Camps, and therefore would not be available at this time. She emphasized that this was not to be construed as a closed door, however. Should we need to reconsider

Class space is limited. \$100 reserves your space. \$240 for ALFM members. \$300 for Non-members (Join ALFM for \$50 and save on the workshop!) Payment in full is due at time of class.

Register by contacting Greg at greg@biolchini.com or phoning him at 910-6088.

March 13 & 14, 2009 Times not established
Oil/Acrylic Workshop with Peter Zell
Costs not established yet.

PATRONS OF THE ARTS!!

Jean Bridges
Pam Malafronte

NEXT BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the gallery. The General Membership Meeting will follow from 10:30 to 11:30 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

ART - AT - NOON January 5

Susanne Brown has agreed to demonstrate how she does batik on rice paper.

ALFM ARTISTS ABOUT TOWN

Jan Atkielski donated a copy of her new book on mural painting. Jan said that she will be giving a workshop at the Alliance of the Arts in 2009, and that she will be retiring from mural painting. She is offering a scholarship in mural painting for someone who would be interested in taking over from her.

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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.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The Art in Public Places Committee, chaired by Gail Campbell, not only located several venues for showing our art, but has arranged schedules for the following venues:

- Edison Restaurant (formerly Brix)
- Southwest Florida Museum
- French Connection Restaurant
- Office of Marc Schneider, plastic surgeon

If you know of other possible venues, please contact Gail.

Anyone taking art to Dr Schneider's office on January 6th at 10 am, please fill out the following and email to: Campbell9502@aol.com

Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____
Artist _____
Phone _____
Email _____

RIVER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Art Walk – First Fridays

The next Art Walk will be held on **Friday, January 2, 2009** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The after Walk Party will be hosted by En Vie Lounge, which is located off the Patio de Leon. The art walk buttons, available at participating galleries for a small donation, are becoming a collectors' item. Make sure to pick yours up early. After party patrons may take advantage of special drink prices when they wear their **new** buttons.

In addition, our opening reception and Art Walk will coincide with the "Friday Night Live" program at the Patio de Leon.

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 are available for viewing on the Art Walk website at:

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

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.

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**Prospectus and Call for Artists
February 2009 – Juried Show**

**The Art League of Fort Myers
1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers - telephone 239/275-3970
Presents: “Festival of Lights”
Juried Fine Arts Show
Open to all members of Art Council of SW Florida**

**February 6 to February 27, 2009
Gallery hours: 11 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday**

<u>Media:</u>	Two and three dimensional work in the following only: oil, acrylic, water color, traditional collage, prints (etching, lithographs, wood block), fiber works, and photography.
<u>No. of Entries:</u>	3 Maximum
<u>Fee:</u>	Non-refundable fee: ALFM members: \$15 for 1 painting, \$25 for 2, \$30 for 3. Non-members: \$20 each painting.
<u>Commission:</u>	25% on all sales at the gallery or sales that result from gallery exposure.
<u>Receiving:</u>	Saturday, January 31, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Pick up Monday February 2, 2009, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.
<u>Awards:</u>	\$1000 for 1 st , \$500 for 2 nd , \$250 for 3 rd , \$100 each for 2 Merit Awards; \$50 each for 2 Honorable Mention ribbons
<u>Reception:</u>	Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
<u>Removal:</u>	Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, or Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.
<u>Judge:</u>	To Be Announced

Exhibition Entry Requirements

1. Each entrant must be prepared to show *a current membership card* from the Art League of Fort Myers or from one of the other member Leagues 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. **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 or 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: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____

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