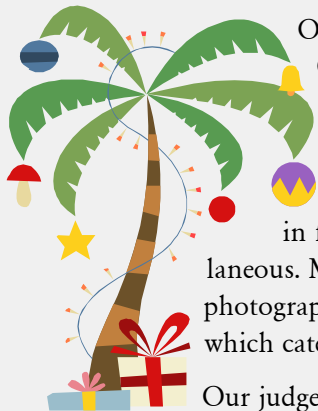


Christmas Art Show and Luncheon Dec. 13th



Our holiday luncheon will be at the Dunedin Country Club on Palm Blvd on December 13th.

All art needs to be in by 10:30 AM. Judging will be promptly at 11:00 AM. Bring an easel and get a number at the registration desk. Judging will be in four categories; water color, acrylic, oil or miscellaneous. Miscellaneous includes colored pencil, pen & ink, photography, glass etc.) When you register you will note which category your art falls into.

Our judge will be Catherine Bergman, BFA in painting and Curator of Exhibitions and Director of Adult education at DFAC.

Highlights of the day include: Door Prizes, Gift Exchange, (remember to bring a new gift around \$5.00 value) More Ribbons and Prize Money.

Those who signed up to bring a table decoration come in a place it on a table. The winning centerpiece will be awarded \$25.00.

Luncheon menu is turkey, dressing, potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$21.00 per person. If you haven't paid for your luncheon yet rush a check to Anita Woods, 1040 Main St. Lot #8, Dunedin FL 34698.

November Artist of the Month

Helen Savage won this month's Artist of the Month Award from the many diverse art entered. It was great seeing so many entries.



Members Update

- ◆ Is located on page two. Make sure you transfer this information to your membership list in the handbook .
- ◆ Please be sure to notify membership chair Carolyn Britton immediately if you have any change in your contact information.



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Member Updates—

Please add these changes to your membership list

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Jury Committee

Welcomed five new members, who were approved, at the November meeting. They are : Ron Bruchetto, Barbara Connolly, Sarah Mullins, Betty Stallard and Stephen Whalen.

Jury Arrangements All work to be juried must be current (within two years), original work, prepared for hanging, and have titles listed. A minimum of three pieces must be submitted. Composition, quality of medium, and presentation will all be considered. The decision of the jury will be mailed within one week of the meeting. You must be juried-in to show at any venues.

Jury Panel Renie Lundquist 712-9321

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Mary Alice Brackman Shares Her Techniques

Mary Alice showed us a technique that allowed us to transfer printed matter and photograph to create a collage. We passed around the produce as she was working on it and invited members to come up and try the technique. She suggested members interested in this approach to art to purchase Jonathan Talbot's book COLLAGE A New Approach Collage Without Adhesives.



Minutes for General Meeting November 8, 2011

- Elaine called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

The minutes of the October meeting were printed in Brushfire, and were not repeated at this meeting. A correction was offered: Gloria Roberts is Assistant Treasurer, not Pam Beyersdorf, as reported in error.

- Anita gave the Treasurer's report. The balance as of this morning was \$2,245.30. There are six new memberships today.
- Renie reported that five new members have been juried today.
- Mary Ann reported that Hospitality had two volunteer helpers today. She needs volunteers for the next three General Meetings.
- Betty reported that, thankfully, no cards were sent during the past month.
- Kathy reported that distribution of Brushfire is satisfactory, and tweaking will make it perfect. Help is requested for the December issue, since she and Richard will be in Europe for part of the month.
- Interest and sales at the various venues differs from one to another. Marguerite's has had some interest; Bev's venues have good signup activity; Dunedin Public Library will substitute a Christmas tree for December. Opal will notify re takedown date.
- Sharon's Flowers wants large paintings of flowers or Floridiana to remain in place for six months.
- Two Palms Soaps, where interest from customers is increasing, will keep fourteen paintings for two months at a time, as reported by Carolyn.
- Artist of the Month was won by Helen Savage. - Fifty-50 was won by Gloria Roberts.
- Rita Windrow and Mary McDonnell were unanimously elected Alternate Directors, who will act for absent directors as needed.
- Elaine requested that the due date for enrollment and renewal of membership be changed from April to January, with a grace period extending to February. Members joining from now until January, and new members, will be covered through December 2012. No vote was necessary, and it was agreed.
- Pioneer Park shows were discussed. Larger participation is requested. Polly volunteered to cover a CAG table near her display to educate, inform, and recruit.
- Mary Lou will hold an outdoor show at her Seven Arches Gallery on third Fridays from 12 to 4 PM. The five-dollar fee will go toward publicity.
- The cost of the December luncheon will be \$21.00. Anita Wood will accept checks by mail. There will be a \$5.00 limit on gift exchanges; the winning centerpiece will be awarded \$25.00. Categories for judging have been expanded to Oils, Acrylics, Water color, and Miscellaneous. Awards will go to Best in Show, First, Second, Third. A ribbon will go to Honorable Mention in each category. Artists are reminded to provide easels or other support for their entries, and to sign-in and set up before 10:30. Judging will begin at 11:00. The judge is yet to be named.
- Kathy Fessenbecker announced a workshop by Princess Rashid at the new Art Trysts Studio on December 10. Cost is \$35.00. There will be a four-day workshop by Mary Alice Brockman in April.
- Barbara Sbordén announced a Studio 1212 Christmas show on December 4 from 10 AM to 4 PM.
- Marge Giroux moved to adjourn; Rita Windrow seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 1:30.

A demonstration followed. Mary Alice Brockman showed her abstract collages and the transfer techniques she uses to assemble them. She invited hands-on participation by the audience. Thanks to Judith Durling for another outstanding program.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia A. Kurtz, Recording Secretary

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DECEMBER 2011 BRUSHFIRE NEWS

Shows

Pioneer Park Update

Please sign-up for the shows on Dec 11th, Jan 8th, Feb 12th and Mar 11th. All shows are on Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If there is bad weather the shows will be cancelled and we will try to get a rain date. It is important that all artists stay for the duration of the shows. If it gets too windy or starts to rain or for other general reason, with agreement of MOST artists we will break down earlier.

7 Arches Gallery and Boutique will be having a sidewalk event every third Friday of the month, Dec. 16th through 2012. The cost is \$5.00 which goes toward advertising. It is a very easy set-up for paintings and other hand-made items. A good opportunity for many members to show and sell their artwork! Give it a try!

Venues

Mary Silva sold another painting at Marguerite's.

FYI

I found **Free E Books**—created by Artists for Artists through Jerry's Artarama, go to www.ArtistDaily.com

Marge Giroux has four weights for a tent for anyone interested.

Member Activities

Elaine McCormick invites members to Honeymoon Island State Park Nautical and Wildlife Art Exhibit at the Nature Center. Watercolors, oils, painting, original prints and cards will be on exhibit from October to January, open daily.

Studio 1212 is having their Annual Holidays Are for Sharing on Dec. 4th from 10 AM to 4 PM, located at 1405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. There will be refreshments, a raffle of a basket of hand crafted items by the artists, and we hope that a donation of canned or boxed food be brought in for our local food pantry.

Art Trysts Studio presents a workshop with Princess Rashid, Saturday December 10th 9:30 - 3:30, \$35.00 acrylic & gel mediums. contact Kathy Fessenbecker jkfess@knology.net

CAG Brags

Carolyn Britton sold a painting and a print from her website. Also her porcelain ornament "Clearwater Christmas" won 3rd place at UPARC's Festival of Trees.

Richard Pollak sold his first photo at Christmas Under the Oaks.

Kathy Pollak had all five of her miniatures accepted for the 37th Annual International Miniature Art Show. Her entry "The River" was awarded Best Work By A First Time Entrant.