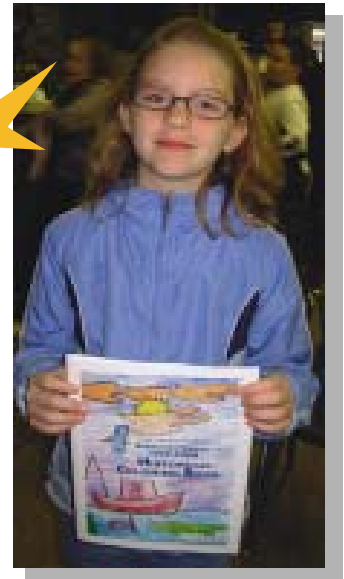


35 Years of Service to the Community 1973-2008

We have started our Annual Fundraising Campaign for the Art Guild. Over 200 letters were sent to past Art Associates and members of the community asking for their support. To date we have received \$1,590.00. If you have any names and addresses to add to our list please email them to mdayreston@aol.com or bring them to a meeting. We have applied to the Reinhold Foundation again this year and will continue to search for financial support through local organizations that are interested in our mission to promote the arts in our community. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Mary Huntley, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Smith, Pete Morgan, John Hansen, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald

Raymond, Joy and Jack Myers, Ms. Betty Klement, DMD, Meera Oza, MD, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mason, Sr., and the Fleming Island Wal-Mart for their early response to our letter and their continued support of our programs. Remember Art Guild members may also donate to the Art Guild and become Arts Associates (remember all donations are tax deductible).



Hannah Poli, our Coloring Book Cover contest winner. Just one example of how the guild serves the community.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

As we move into Spring we begin an exciting and busy schedule of exhibits and events for our membership.

Please plan to attend our March 4th meeting as our very special guest speaker will be local ceramic artist Ms. Vina Schemer. Ms. Schemer will be discussing her image transfer process to ceramic work.

On Thursday, March 6th twelve Art Guild members will be displaying their artwork at the evening opening of the Atlantic Coast Bank on Kingsley Avenue.

March 22nd from 10-4pm the Historical Society of Orange Park will be presenting their Annual Carrie Clarke Day in the Clarke Park on Kingsley Avenue. This wonderful family event features tours of Clarke House, an antique auto show, activities for the children, bus tours of local historical sites and great food. All of the organizations are local non-profits. The Art Guild will have a booth with member artwork on display. We also invite our artists to come and paint or sketch outdoors for the enjoyment of the visitors. A sign up sheet will circulate at our March meeting or call me 215-9177. It is a great way to connect with your community.

Your Art Guild Nominating Committee, Beth Haizlip, Toni Charneco, Mary Walker and Bob Williamson will be contacting members to fill positions for 2008-2009. Please consider volunteering time to "your" guild. Nominations will be announced at our March meeting and the election will take place at our April meeting.

Several of our members will be serving as judges for these upcoming community events:

Clay County History Fair, The Concert on the Green Poster Contest and a book mark competition sponsored by the Middleburg Library for the 150th Anniversary of Clay County.

At our April 1st General Meeting we will welcome guest speaker, Mr. Jim Draper who will discuss Acrylic Painting Techniques. Mr. Draper will also be conducting a 2 day painting workshop April 4 and 5 at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall in Green Cove Springs. Each day will be 10am to 4pm. Bring a bag lunch. Supply list will be available soon. Cost to members \$130 and non-members \$150. Sign up sheet at our next meeting or call 215-9177.

Betty Truitt, our Scholarship Chairperson has been visiting Clay County High Schools speaking to students interested in applying for our Art/Art Education Scholarship. The application deadline is April 1st. Students may apply on line through our website. We will introduce our winner at our May meeting.

April 3-12 will find Art Guild members assisting with the Art/Photography Exhibit area of the Clay County Agricultural Fair. If you would like to volunteer for this great event call Becky Hight 284-8559. You receive a free pass and a parking pass.

Our first member 3 dimensional juried exhibition "In, Out and All Around" is planned for the Village Gallery, 964 Park Ave., Orange Park April 10 to May 8 with an Opening/Awards Reception planned for Thursday, April 17th from 6-8pm. Please see insert for more details. Ms. Vina Schemer will be our Juror.

We have lots to look forward to!!!

Beth Haizlip

Member Interview by Patricia White

Beth Haizlip's artistic statement is "I see everyday common things and paint them into colorful art works to bring joy to other people." She describes her style as vibrant and impressionistic.

You may know Beth Haizlip "as the artist of the 2007 Jacksonville Jazz poster". When I contacted Beth she felt that we had already heard enough about her art – not so! I found her to be a professional artist with advice and hints that we could all benefit from. Her warm and vibrant personality is reflected in her house and in her palette. She showed me through her home, pointing out her favorite painting, a watercolor portrait of her Dad in his captain's hat. Beth and her husband Ken just completed an awesome studio looking over the river complete with skylights, sliding shelves, cubbyholes, right-height working tables- one reserved for matting-, oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics and brushes right at her fingertips. On her large easel was a 3' by 4' oil painting in progress for a show that she and Jan Koss will be having at The Village Gallery in March, "Vibrant Florida Landscapes and Seascapes". It glowed with luminescent light from the vibrant pinks, oranges and lavenders through out the painting. Beth said, "I have been dreaming of this painting for a long time. I am painting a cypress marsh scene with two large egrets and water lilies. I love painting white birds and putting all kinds of color into the white."

As a child, Beth was surrounded by an artistic family and art. They encouraged her to draw, paint and to appreciate art through museums and books. Her website, bethdhaizlip.comcast.net, shows a charming photo of her and Sister Anne at their grandfather's marina drawing shrimp boats. In her narrative she says, "I married my high school sweetheart, a Navy pilot, and had an adventurous life living in California, Hawaii, Texas and Florida." She continues to be inspired by her travels, recently returning from a trip to the Galapagos Islands where she snorkeled among the turtles and sea life. She has a Bachelor of Art Degree from Florida Southern College. She was born in Charleston and takes an annual week long getaway to Kiawah Island, South Carolina, just to paint!

Beth has been a member of the Art Guild of Orange Park since 1980 and is currently our Publicity Chair. She was President from 1995-1997. She belongs to the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, Art Guild of Orange Park, St. Augustine Art Association, Florida Watercolor Society and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has volunteered for the Clay County Art Enrichment Program for 17 years and teaches young children abstraction, impressionism, surrealism, cubism, traditional styles of the masters.

I asked her if there was a "pivotal" artwork that opened a door for you and changed your direction.

"Definitely the jazz poster." "To win, I knew I had to be bold, bright and have a great composition. I used acrylics on watercolor paper. As it developed, I knew I had a chance and it was so exciting. I was in shock when they told me I was the finalist. I love painting figures and musicians. I think you have to have a passion for your subject matter or you lose interest and it shows in your work. People still tell me how much they love the color and feel of the jazz painting. I have heard this over and over and guess what – I now believe them! This piece also showed me not to be afraid to use acrylics and pastels with my watercolors. It is creative and you can change values, color, mistakes and keep on painting until you have it just the way you want it!"

What is your method of working?

I start in the morning with wonderful soothing music that progressively gets energetic as the painting day goes on. I paint fast and usually have at least 3 paintings going on at one time. It is good to

rotate them so you don't over work them or it gives you time to see them with a fresh eye. I use acrylics for small paintings because they dry fast. I use oils for large paintings. I am sooo messy – some how I have paint all over my clothes, hair, face, and floor – my family is use to it and just makes fun of it. My favorite brand of acrylics in Liquitex - especially the extra body.

How do you manage the business of your artwork?

I do everything and it takes a tremendous amount of energy and time. Printing has put me on a different level. I can print a painting out on my computer and immediately see what values or color is wrong and I'm back to painting on the original. I spend many hours on the original. The prints allow me to donate to charities, give as gifts, or sell them and make more profit.

Recently, Beth emailed a painting for a cover of Ormond magazine which they chose and sent her a check – can't beat that! She advises artists to seek these opportunities and go for it.

A fun recent project was designing a CD jacket for a musician. He had seen one of her paintings at First Street Gallery and asked her to work with him using that image. You can also check that out on the web site.

Any words for artists struggling to express themselves?

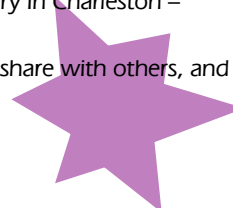
"Take workshops and more workshops! Collect good references, go to art shows, and collect original art work from artists you admire. I have 2 paintings from Pat Weaver, one of my most favorite teachers, hanging in my art studio. I bought a watercolor of shells by Leigh Murphy that she had demonstrated at our art meeting 8 years ago. I fell in love with it and asked her to sell it to me when she was finished. Well I did and that was a great investment and it looks gorgeous in my hallway.

Copy the masters. They call them masters for a reason! Take a class, set a date to paint with a friend who will seriously critique your work, paint a small painting, do an exercise from an art book, enter a show or contest to motivate you to work hard. You have to be very focused on your art. Make that commitment to paint and produce- for me that means less tennis and family time. You learn so much from other artists. Check their websites. Subscribe to art magazines - my favorites are International Artist and American Art Collector.

Beth grew up on the ocean in Charleston, SC, learning to surf, swim, sail, fish and crab. She loves to paint the water, boats, birds, sea, ocean, oak trees, shells, etc. She also paints still lifes, landscapes, florals and portraits. "I truly love it all! The more I paint, the bolder I become with color, design and composition. My goal is to keep developing my own style and to be accepted into the Wells Gallery in Charleston – never hurts to dream!

Beth believes art is a wonderful gift to be able to share with others, and we appreciate the advice she shares with us!

<http://bethdhaizlip.comcast.net>



Upcoming Exhibits and Art Events

Kris Lesak will be exhibiting "Art Safari" in the Great Hang Ups Gallery, 1560 Business Center Dr., Suite 13, Fleming Island through March 8th. 541-1555

Beth Haizlip and **Jan Koss** will present "Vibrant Florida Landscapes and Seascapes" in the Village Gallery and Framing, 964 Park Avenue, Orange Park, March 8-April 2 with an Opening Reception on Saturday, March 8th from 5:30-8pm. 264-7151

Melissa Sciumbatta will be showing her paintings in the Fleming Island Library for the month of March. "Faces and Places...Illustrative Paintings in Oil and Watercolor".

Desiree Kantrim will be the featured artist in the Mullet Beach Gallery, 51 Cordova St., St. Augustine beginning with the First Friday Artwalk of March 7th from 5-9pm. Desiree's show is titled "Into the Blue Ocean Scenes" 904-829-6831

Jennelle Comiskey, Barbara Cornett, Lori Pierce, Edwina Richards, Gail Sammond and **Gladys Trapaga** will be featured in the **27th Annual Lions Seafood Festival** in St. Augustine, March 7-9th. There will be a wide variety of fine ceramic jewelry, distinctive functional pottery and unique decorative pieces available for purchase.

Artists' Opportunities

Bob Williamson is offering several instructional classes in his home studio. For more information about cost and schedules call him 272-3431 or email wllmsnrobv@bellsouth.net

Art & Winefest is planned for August 14, 2008. Artists interested in participating in this fundraising event may call 904-244-1060 for an application. Deadline is April 30. email address: development@jax.ufl.edu

Oil Painting Workshops being offered by **Bruce Williamson** at the **Avondale Gallery**, 3545 St. Johns Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205 389-6712 or cell 713-927-8517 Class I April 14-16 and Class II April 17-19.

Free Networking Website...<http://jaxart.ning.com> create and manage your own profile, upload photos, network and meet other artists in your area.

25th Annual Artist's Magazine competition...\$25,000 in cash prizes, deadline is May 1, 2008 www.artistmagazine.com

New gallery to visit in Green Cove Springs, **HOLLERITH'S Fine Art Gallery**, 312 Center Street in Green Cove Springs 284-3277 features outstanding artwork from over 20 local artists.



Back by popular demand!!! **Jennelle Comiskey** (at left) has agreed to conduct another **Raku Workshop** for our members. On Sunday, April 13 beginning at 4pm you will be invited to Jennelle's house to create your own piece of Raku Pottery...then on Sunday, April 20th at 4PM you will again meet with Jennelle to apply glaze to that which you created or a piece you can purchase that day. The pieces will be fired for you! More details regarding cost etc. will be coming soon.

Looking for adventure and education then check out www.elderhostel.com... they have a great schedule of organized trips that are all inclusive and even some painting trips with instructors.

Guild member Perry Russell provided the Art Guild with a wonderful pastels demonstration at our February meeting.



"the way I see it" is the title of the upcoming Handcolored Photography Exhibit by **Carolyn Ann Day**

in the Jack Mitchell Gallery in the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, at St. Johns River Community College, 283 College Drive, Orange Park 276-6807. Opening reception is planned for Friday, March 28th from 7:30-9pm.

Susan Morrison Sims was juried into the current **St. Augustine Art Association Exhibit "Travels Here and There"** through March 9th. Susan was also juried into the Broome Street Gallery, Il Chiostro's Exhibit, 498 Broome St., New York from March 11-23 and a gala reception is planned for March 15th.

John Bunker is exhibiting in the Lee Adams Florida Artists Gallery, Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, at St. Johns River Community College, "Quadrants & Other Elegant Arrangements" lovely and colorful paintings.

Orange Park Library March - Lithographs by George Miller

April - Verna Durbin and students exhibit

May - Sally Faella and Rita Blum - Watercolor Paintings

Fleming Island Library March - Melissa Sciumbatta - Painting

April - Photography by Angela Chainey

May - is available-call Teresa Gaskins 278-3720

Volunteers Needed~ On May 16, members **Virginia McCampbell, Carol Trache, Susan Mills** and **Connie Pratt** will be volunteering their time and talents to the **Middleburg Elementary Annual Fun Day**. Students will be treated to a collage making experience with the guidance of our artists. We need your help ... we are in need of photos cut from magazines...please bring your donations to our general meetings. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Our Exhibit Changeovers:

Fleming Island Library Foyer, 1895 Town Center Blvd. on Tuesday, March 11 at 11am...small area about 5 or 6 pieces...call 215-9177

Orange Park Cancer Center, 2161 Kingsley Avenue on Friday, April 11 at 4:30PM. Average size pieces that are cheerful are appreciated.

Clay County Council on Aging, 414 Stowe Avenue, Monday, March 10th at 1:30pm

Orange Park Town Hall, Kingsley and 17, on May 2 at 10am.

Open to all members to exhibit in these locations.

Our sincere thanks to **Beth and Ken Haizlip**, for providing Art Guild of Orange Park Bumper Stickers. The colorful stickers are available for \$2 each and all proceeds will support our Annual Scholarship Fund. Thank you **Ken** for coming up with this wonderful idea to promote our Guild!!!

Special thanks to the **Clay County Education Foundation** for their generous support of \$1,000 towards the purchase of 150th Anniversary of Clay County Coloring Books...this will provide over 300 additional books for area 4th graders.

Members may purchase copies of the 150th Anniversary of Clay County Coloring Book for \$3 per copy at any of our meetings. The delivery to 4th graders visiting Clarke House started this week...76 books were handed out to excited students and teachers.

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**Our sincere thanks to all our generous donors.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!!!**

Art Guild Building Fund-our current CD balance is \$4,581.37.

General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, September through May beginning at 7pm in the Lions Club of Orange Park, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park.

Board Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month in the Fleming Island Library Meeting Room at 7PM.

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