



Art Guild of Orange Park, Inc.

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Editor Carron Wedlund

Small Wonders AGOP Spring Show

The Small Wonders Exhibit presents 46 pieces of art from 30 artists. Our show judge Mr. Barry Wilson was very complimentary on the overall quality of the entries. His comments "Everyone is to be congratulated for their artistic expressions. It is impressive to see a broad range of subject matter and media that is well handled. One of the things I appreciate is the truth or honesty as the artist approached his or her materials, really looking at the subject as well as the introspective seeing. The artists have manipulated the materials well so that there is a freedom in the expression of their thoughts. I respond to their visual and inner language; the creative spirit and individual personality is present. The real person comes through. Well done!"

Barry Wilson



Gwen's winning oil painting, top right
Kris receives her second place award from Dee, top left
Mary displays her third place winning watercolor



Membership Dues of \$30 are now due....please forward your payment to the Art Guild P.O. Box 2554, Orange Park, FL 32067.

Exhibit Winners

- First Place-Gwen Gilmore "Ring" Oil
- Second Place-Kris Lesak "Cityscape" Mixed Media
- Third Place-Mary Walker "Bayou Song" Watercolor
- Honorable Mentions
- Williams Beverley "Sentry Boxes San Juan" Oil
- Rene Wilke "Storm" Collage
- Jan Koss "White Rose" Watercolor
- Anita Ryle "Red Wing" Oil

Art Guild of Orange Park, Inc. Officers for 2007-2008

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

My sincere appreciation to each member of the Art Guild for making this "past year" so memorable!! Your dedication to your art, your volunteer hours to the community, your concern for fellow members and your willingness to make the creative spirit a part of each day is an inspiration!!

Our Art Guild has not only grown in number but in skill level. Each speaker, each workshop and each exhibition has added to your confidence level, advanced your willingness to experiment and as result your work has presented "you" in a new light. Congratulations to all!!!

Of course our organization thrives on volunteerism and this past year you have given so much of your time and talents to the Guild, to the community and especially to the school children of Clay County. I particularly wish to thank my 2006-2007 Officers Becky Hight, Barbee Cunningham, Barbara Berlin and Connie Pratt. These ladies have given me support, encouragement and assisted in ways too numerous to list. I have gained much from their expertise and I

am honored to call them friends!! Their counsel will be greatly missed.

Our "new year" will start soon and I look forward to working with the 2007-2008 Officers Sonja Cox, Susan Mills, Kim Lahaie Day and Bob Williamson. They have much to offer to the future of your Art Guild and I know I will learn much from them as well. I sincerely hope you will step up and offer your support to them if called upon.

Our summer months will be busy as the "New" Art Guild Board makes plans for the coming year. Your suggestions for speakers, exhibit opportunities or workshops ideas are always welcomed.

We will keep you updated through the Art Guild website www.artguildoforangepark.com and by email.

Hope you enjoy a summer filled with inspiration for new creations!!!

Member Interview

Mardie Crowe

By Patricia White

Mardie Crowe has been an active member of the Art Guild of Orange Park since 1980. She was President of the Guild from 1985 through 1987, has served as Secretary and is presently your Telephone Tree Chair. When she was president, there were only about thirty members who occasionally met in each other's homes. In order to become a member at that time, a person had to submit three of their best artworks. These were judged and sometimes a person was turned down (kindly). She is impressed that the membership has grown to over one-hundred. Mardie is a founding member of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society; a former member of the St. Louis Watercolor Society and a former member of the St. Augustine Art Association. She has received awards including Best of Show and First Place, in the Clay County Fair Exhibits; received a Certificate of Award from the Jacksonville Watercolor Society and has had several one-artist shows. She participates in four of the Guild's venues.

Artist's Quote

My philosophy of sorts is that I think every human being must find some avenue of creative expression in order to feel whole. One of my avenues is art.

What is your most recent work?

I enjoy painting flowers. I just go out to my garden and pick a flower and come in and paint it! Watercolor is my medium. My most recent work, "High Wire Act", shows a group of magnolias on a dark background in a white circular frame. My neighbor lets me enjoy his flowers and these were from his garden.

Are there any of the Masters who have influenced your painting?

Rembrandt's dark backgrounds and sepia tones appeal to me.

Do you have other interests? What is your home life like and is that where you paint?

My husband and I have been married 62 years. We are active in church, golf together and we laugh a lot about this aging process. I enjoy sewing. We are health-conscious and walk several times a

week. My studio is in my home in Orange Park.

Mardie has lived in Europe and other U.S. states with her husband who was in the United States Air Force. She attended Florissant Junior College in St. Louis Missouri, took classes in figure drawing and sculpture there and art classes in Colorado Springs. She has taken many watercolor workshops, including with Pat Lusk, Pat Weaver and Miles Batt and Courtenay Hunt.

What was your favorite art experience?

It was great painting in Europe. When my Jim was stationed in England, I painted the beautiful countryside with an instructor who gave me first prize of only \$5 which meant much more than that to me. We went to many art shows. I studied watercolor with Tom Armes in Sheringham, England; dry-point etching with Dan Weldron and charcoal drawing with Herr Koenig in Germany.

Do you have any of these paintings now and which was your favorite artwork?

Most of my paintings were given away. My favorite painting was done while I was waiting for a bus in Munich. I sketched a little house and finished it in watercolor when I got home.

What are your goals for your art?

My paintings are realistic. I would like to paint more in a wet-in-wet style.

Anything advise you wish to share?

If possible, paint every day. Also, being a member of the Art Guild has been a really good experience for me.



Artists' Opportunities

"Strictly Photography" is the title of our June display of member photography in the Fleming Island Library on the Art Wall. Members in good standing are eligible to hang one or two photographs on Friday, June 1st at 10:30am. Please remember show guidelines apply for proper hanging and each work should be labeled on the back.

P.A.St.A Gallery is offering a Beginners (Never took a lesson) workshop by Dolores Grubbs in the St. Augustine Art Association, 22 Marine St. St. Augustine on May 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 from 9:30-4:30pm. Medium is acrylic. \$100 will hold a space, checks should be made out to P.A.St.A Gallery Workshop and sent to Joan Dorrill, 144 Marshside Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32080. Total cost of workshop is \$350 limited to 20 students. Supplies are included. For more information 471-3439 or www.pastafineartsgallery.com

Wehner School of the Arts, 515 College Drive, Orange Park has many art class offerings for children and adults. For more information call 276-1259 or visit www.WSOTA.com Several of our Art Guild Members are offering their services as instructors!!!

The Art Guild is arranging a Judged Exhibit of member work to be presented in the Wehner School of the Arts in July. This event will be open to all members in good standing. Members may display 2 pieces each as part of our regular rotating exhibit plan in this location. We will keep you informed about delivery date and time as plans are finalized.

Are you interested in having your artwork viewed by area interior



Sue Moxon at our April meeting shows image transfer techniques

Kathleen Mulholland Watermedia Workshop in March demonstrating wax resist

decorators and art collectors? Then you may wish to visit

www.stateofheartsfl.com for more

information. This is a new on-line business that is looking to represent the very best artists in the Jacksonville area.

Road Trip to Visit the **Stained Glass Studio of Sister Diane Coutoure** on Monday, May 14th. We will be meeting in the parking lot of the Walgreens at Kingsley and 17 to form car pools to drive to Sister Diane's studio in St. Augustine. We must leave the parking lot no later than 9am for our tour appointment at 10am. If you would like to join the fun call C.Day 215-9177. Volunteer drivers will be needed!!!!

AGOP Reaches Out

CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ...Our sincere appreciation to members **Mary Ellen Coen** and **Lynette Woodman** for their many hours of service to the 2007 County Fair. These ladies worked all year long, attending planning meetings, organizing entry materials, scheduling booth staff, receiving artwork, handling judging, planning Art projects for the children and every other detail needed to make this the best year ever for the Art and Photography Exhibition Area. You both make the Art Guild proud!!!!



Young artists and Moms enjoying the collage project at the Clay County Fair and volunteers Susan Mills, Louise Cruz, Mary Walker and Lynette Woodman who staffed the art activity.



Art Guild Scholarship Winner - Members **Betty Truitt** and **Mary Walker** conducted in depth interviews and reviewed portfolios from our six Art Guild Scholarship Applicants. Many hours of discussion and reflection were involved in the process and our \$500 2007 Scholarship Recipient is Ms. Melissa Nicolay, a senior AP student at



Ridgeview High School who plans to study graphic design at the University of North Florida. Each applicant is to be commended for their excellent artwork and their academic achievements. Special thanks to our Scholarship Committee Chairperson this year, **Judy Daly** who visited each of the Clay County High Schools and spoke to teachers, counselors and students regarding our Scholarship Program. Please plan to attend our May 1st Meeting at 7pm in the Lions Club to meet Melissa and see examples of her artwork.

St. Margaret's Church Art Fair

On April 21st the Art Guild members presented an art display in the St. Margaret's Church Art Fair. This event was a community service and offered visitors an opportunity to view member artwork and meet their local artists. The "Clarke House" painting by **Beth** was won by Faye Irwin and earned \$171.00 for our Scholarship Program.

"Journey of the Mind"

On May 2nd Guild members will again be working with school children from Clay County at the "Journey of the Mind" event for the gifted and talented elementary students at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Members **Carol Trache**, **Connie Pratt**, **Virginia McCampbell** and **Susan Mills** will be instructing the students in the art of collage. The collage packets were created by member **Lynette Woodman** from Guild member supply donations.

Reaching Out to Costa Roca - Guild member **Faith Wolf** is going to Costa Rica with the Russell Baptist Church's Word of Life Missions group. They will help build church buildings & sidewalks at the mission camp. She plans to bring her paints to help with a mural & face painting for the children at the camp. It is located in the rainforest area & she promised to bring back lots of pictures.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!!!! Several of your Art Guild members have been very busy working with the school children of Clay County. This strong core of artists worked with over 400 students at the recent Middleburg Elementary School Art Fair Day...**Virginia McCampbell**, **Judy Laye**, **Susan Mills** and **Connie Pratt** helped students create collage Mother's Day cards, **Jennelle Comiskey** demonstrated pottery creation and **Lynette Woodman** demonstrated her Decoupage techniques to the excited students!!!



Middleburg Elementary School Art Fair Day

More Reachout

Outdoor Art at Carrie Clarke Day Festival

With the assistance of **Bill Beverly, Bob Williamson, Connie Pratt, Jeannie Brockhausen, Mary Walker, Susan Mills and Virginia McCampbell** the Art Guild presented a booth display of member work and artists painting outdoors for the enjoyment of the visitors to the March 17th Carrie Clarke Day Festival. We also sold raffle tickets for the Clarke House painting donated by **Beth Haizlip!!!** It was a fun day for all....



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 May 1st Meeting will be the installation of officers for 2007-2008, introduction of our Scholarship Winner, an Art Supply Sale/Swap, a thank you reception for our 2006-2007 officers and our "Summer Creativity" project will be given out!!! Remember our new meeting place is the Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park at 7PM.

The Clay County Agricultural Fair Art & Photography Exhibition Awards

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD PAINTING - Faith Wolf

Best in Show Painting - **Beth Haizlip**

Advanced Painting

1st -**Sonja Cox**, 2nd-**Betty Smith** 3rd-**Pauline Dickson**,

Honorable Mentions **Kris Lesak & Reba Johnson**

Amateur Painting

1st-**Nancy Quitevis** 2nd-**Carron Wedlund** 3rd-**Lynette Woodman**

Honorable Mention-**Virginia McCampbell**

Youth Art

2nd-Michelle's daughter **Mollie McKee**

3rd -Beth's daughter **Lizzie Haizlip**

Honorable Mention to **Mollie McKee**

Best In Show Black and White Photography - Carolyn Ann Day

Black & White Photography

1st - **Michelle McKee**

2nd - **Michelle's son Michael McKee**

Best In Show Color Photography - **Marilyn Kloehn** (new member)

Color Photography-Animals, People, Plants

1st-**Dee Roberts** 3rd-**Harold Mills** (husband of **Susan**)

Color Photography-Landscapes and Structures

1st - **Michelle McKee** 2nd - **Jeannie Brockhausen**

3rd - **Maggie Bevins** (**Dee Roberts** granddaughter)

Home Arts

Best Overall In Show for Adult Handcrafts - **Michelle McKee**

Judy Daly received 2 First Place Awards for her miniature painting pins.

Lynette Woodman received 4 First Place Awards, 8 Second Place Awards & 2 Third Place Awards



Winning paintings by **Beth Haizlip**, at left, and **Sonya Cox**



Winning photograph by **Carolyn Ann Day** and winning collage by **Lynette Woodman**

Member Accomplishments

The FCCJ North Campus Library Art Gallery features the pastel exhibit "Mentors and Memories" by member **Elaine Marie Austin** through May 9th.

Beth Haizlip sold three of her original paintings during the Jazz Festival Metro Park Art Festival. Beth has been recognized by the City of Jacksonville for her winning 2007 Jazz Festival Poster. Posters are on sale at the Village Gallery, 964 Park Avenue in Orange Park.

Congratulations to member **Jan Koss** who sold two of her watercolor paintings during her Opening Reception in April in the Abbott-Tract Artists Gallery, 31 San Marco, St. Augustine.

Jennelle Comiskey will be showing her ceramics in the display cases in the Orange Park Library for the month of June. Her work is also being shown in Violets, 5 Points, Basketique on Kingsley in Orange Park and Bungalow Artworks Gallery in Riverside.

Susan M. Sims will be part of a group show "Italy Revisited" at the St. Johns Cultural Council & Art Advocate Gallery, 76-B San Marco Ave. St. Augustine.

Opening is planned for May 26 from 5-9pm as part of the Uptown Saturday Night.

The Jacksonville Coalition for the Visual Arts is presenting it's Spring Juried Exhibit in the House of Stereo, 8780 Perimeter Park Blvd, Jackson-

Toni Charneco with her first place winner in the Collage Society Show "A Woman's World"



ville through May 19th.

Connie Pratt and Carolyn Day were juried in by area photographer Jay Shoots.

Honorable Mention Awards were given to members **Rita Blum and Toni Charneco** by the Jacksonville Watercolor Society Exhibit Judge Fran Larsen. Also juried into this exhibit, Beth Haizlip, Jan Koss, George Oscasio, Jr., Dee Roberts and Mary Walker. The Spring Exhibit is on display in the Haskell Gallery at the Jacksonville Airport through June 30th.

The P.A.St.A. Gallery at 214 Charlotte St. in St. Augustine honored member **Dee Roberts** with the featured artist Gallery for the month of April. Dee is a regular coop member and her award winning artwork is on display every day in the Gallery Monday-Friday 12 to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm.

Member **Reba Johnson** is showing her pen & ink drawings of historic Orange Park homes in the Orange Park Town Hall.



Dee Roberts as the featured artist at P.A.St.A. Gallery for the month of April



Jan Koss Opening at Abbott-Tract Gallery with Becky Hight and Gwen Gilmore.

Bungalow Artworks Gallery, 2782 Park St. Riverside is featuring "Take Two" and exhibit of oil portraits by Michael Regina and acrylic paintings by Kevin Gray through June 2nd. Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 11-6pm 981-9493. Art Guild members Jennelle Comiskey and Carolyn Day are also represented in the Gallery.

Pat Weaver will be offering a 5 day intermediate to advanced Watercolor Workshop Feb. 4,5,6,7 & 8, 2008 at the St. Augustine Art Association, 22 Marine St., St. Augustine. Class limited to 20 total cost \$350 deposit of \$100 should be sent to the P.A.St.A Workshop address given.

Art Guild Rotating Exhibits

Exhibit Committees arrange change out every 3 months. These opportunities are open to all members!

Orange Park Town Hall-**Sonja Cox** 278-4342 June 29 at 10am

Fleming Island Library Foyer-**C. Day** 215-9177 May 2 at 3pm

The Real Estate Gallery-Reception, May 3 5:30-7:30pm. Changeout May 19th at 10am **C. Day** 215-9177

Wehner School of the Arts-May 11th at 10am **C. Day** 215-9177

Green Cove Springs City Hall-**Becky Hight** 284-8559 July 6 at 10am

Orange Park Cancer Center-**Christy Leach** 384-4904 September 6th at 4:30pm

Center for Aging-**Virginia McCampbell** 278-0998 June 11 at 1:30pm

Upcoming Exhibits and Art Events

The Orange Park Library Gallery area will be closed for the summer due to renovations.

The Fleming Island Library Art Wall will feature: May- Paintings by **Sonja Cox**

June- "Strictly Photography" presented by the Art Guild Members July and August are available...call Teresa Gaskins 278-3720 if you are interested.

The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts

The Lee Adams Florida Gallery features: Jackie Brice-Landscape Paintings

The Jack Mitchell Gallery Gallery features: The Photography of Chuck Marsh

"**Clay County Hidden Beauty**" a student photography exhibit will be presented in the Lobby Gallery of the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts beginning with an Opening Reception on May 11th from 6-7:45pm. Students were given disposable cameras and invited to record their impressions of the "hidden beauty" in Clay County. This event was sponsored by the Center's Board of Visitors Education Committee. Art Guild members George Truitt and Carolyn Day assisted with the selection of 60 images from a field of over 1600.

Abbott-Tract Artists Gallery, 31 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine will feature watercolors by Ivi Frick for the month of May and oils by Jeanette Pegel-Reeves for the month of June. 829-2934. Gallery hours are Thursday thru Sunday 12 to 6pm. Gallery is also open during the First Friday Artwalk and Uptown Saturday Night which is the last Saturday each month. Members **Pauline Dickson, Becky Hight** and **Jan Koss** are also represented in the gallery.

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Art Guild Building Fund-our current CD balance is \$4,461.72.

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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