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Hi all! Hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying our spring weather. Things seem to be blooming everywhere with plenty of sunshine and finally some rain to fuel the growth of vegetation.

Our 2011/2012 FAA season is coming to a close. It has been a pleasure to serve as president this year. I can't thank our board members Dot Downing, Carol Frieswick, Hannah Close and Kathe Kirchmyer enough for their efforts and support. Also, I want to thank all of our committee members and event volunteers for the work they did to make our year a successful one. What a great group of people!

Our season is not over yet. We have one more regular meeting on May 2nd at the Franklin Community Center (aka Senior Center). Dot Downing will be stepping down as our Vice President. Dot has done an exceptional job contacting and arranging for our monthly meeting presenters and setting up our workshops. This includes our May meeting when we will have a different type of demonstration on the art of making pottery.

Gail Eckberg has volunteered to take on the Vice President's duties. We also welcome other nominations from members in attendance at the meeting, before having the vote for our next Vice President.

To celebrate another successful year we are going to have a summer paint out and photo shoot at the Norfolk Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary from 12:00 to 3:30 pm, followed by a BBQ and pot luck party at Susan Plume's home from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 2nd. The rain date will be Sunday, June 3rd. FAA will supply beer and wine, barbecued hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken. Attending members are asked to bring drinks, chips and dips, salads, deserts, etc. Also, please bring folding chairs and coolers. Dot Downing will be coordinating the party menu.

The wildlife sanctuary is located at 108 North Street in Norfolk (phone: 508-528-3140). There are picnic tables so bring a light lunch and there are beautiful vistas along the walking trails, marsh lands and ponds to photograph and / or paint. Bathroom facilities are also available. Susan Plume's home is located at 11 Haverstock Road, Franklin, MA (phone: 508-533-3408). Please feel free to come to the party even if you don't make it to the photo shoot and paint out. As a reminder, there are two opportunities to submit your artwork for exhibits at the Premiere Image Gallery, located at 290 Eliot Street, Ashland, MA (Phone: 598-881-4730). Please see the following information in this newsletter for details about these shows.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our May meeting and in June at the wildlife sanctuary and at the summer party. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Take care,

Frank

Meetings take place at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, MA across from St. Mary's church, from 6:30 to ~9pm, the first Wednesday of every month, September through May. Refreshments and socialization are held from 6:30-6:45pm, followed by a short business meeting. A demonstration/lecture or workshop activity follows. Our meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Calender of Events

May 2: This meeting will feature a pottery wheel demonstration by John Mitchell from Dew Claw Studios in Pawtucket, RI. The demonstration will include some basic hand building. Anyone who wishes may take a hunk of clay and work with it to give it a try.

June 3: End of the Year Party!! See sidebar below for details.

July 12: Premier Image Gallery FAA Summer Show opening 6-8 pm. Show runs through Aug. 16, drop off June 28, 29 and 30th. See sidebar pg 4 for details.

Saturday, June 2nd - Save the Date!!

This year's end of the season event will be held Saturday, June 2nd in two parts. Part 1 will be a paint out and photo shoot from 12:30-3:30 pm at the Audubon Sanctuary in Norfolk, MA. Part 2 will continue the festivities with a BBQ, graciously hosted by Susan Plume, from 4-7 pm. Vice President Dot Downing is the contact person for this event. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can get a head count. 508-340-5385 or ddowning0371@aol.com The FAA will provide the main course, but volunteers will be needed to bring addition pot luck contributions, a list of suggested donations will be forthcoming. The rain date for this event will be Sunday, June 3rd.

Hope to see you all there!

Members' News

William Janosco and Bruce Wood were juried into "Open Show 2012" at the Post Road gallery in Marlborough. Janosco received an Honorable Mention for his mixed media collage "Tidal Pool".

Frank Robertson and Wayne Peltier both had paintings accepted into the highly competitive Scituate Art Association's annual open juried show. Frank's entry was awarded the first place in watercolor. Frank is also in the process of completing a commission for a 4' x 8' mural, a first for him.

Sarah Alexander had a painting accepted into the Cultural Arts Alliance (in Hopkinton) "Art in Bloom" juried show, and also won 2nd place in the Wellesley Society of Artists spring exhibit for a painting titled "Static". She is also teaching watercolors at Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary in Natick, http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Broadmoor/listing.php?program_code=1137-BR12SP1

Members' News Continued...

In addition Alexander also offers private and Semi private lessons in her Hopedale Studio.

Lisa G. Bailey was accepted into the "13th Biennial North American Open Show" of the New England Watercolor Society. This national show will take place at the Attleboro Museum on April 19th through May 12, 2012. The opening reception and awards ceremony will take place on April 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Dick Cook is currently exhibiting 18 photographic art works at Jai Ho India Place, a combination restaurant and ethnic grocery store located at 23 Hutchinson Street, off Union and Wachusett Streets, in Franklin. Members of the FAA will receive special attention on identifying themselves. Art can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday, from noon-8 p.m. A South Indian menu is featured.

Gail Eckberg will be exhibiting new art work in Needham at the Prudential, in Grafton for their 7th Annual Fine Arts Exhibit, and in Mansfield's Morini Gallery as well on on-going pieces for direct sales, at Gallery of Design, 254 Summer St., Franklin. Call for appointment 508 528 1280.

Claire Griffin has recently started a calligraphy blog. "This is a journal of life, love, art and calligraphy. They are the daily bread that sustains and inspires me." You can visit it at: <http://griffinink.blogspot.com/>

Kris Occhino will conduct a plein air workshop for watermedia artists in May 19 & 20. Details at www.woodshedgallery.com Kris Occhino had a painting selected to the New England Watercolor Society's "13th Biennial North American Open Show" to be hosted by the Attleboro Museum, (86 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703). Opening reception and Awards Presentation: Saturday, April 28 from 2-4pm. Gallery talk by NEWS President, Jack Haran, at 2:15pm. Exhibition Dates: April 18 - May 12, 2012. Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm. Free and open to the public.

Bill Noble will be in an exhibition at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in S. Yarmouth called "What Happens When North Meets South?" from June 13 through June 24. The exhibition will feature the works of North Side Artists of Cape Cod and South Cape Artists and will compare paintings of the bay side of the cape and the Nantucket Sound side. The show will feature the work of 19 artists. All are welcome to attend the Grand Opening of the Treasure Chest Gallery at 233 Main Street in Falmouth from 4 to 8 PM on April 28. The Gallery will feature four works of Bill Noble.

Bruce Wood was also juried into the "Members II" exhibition at the Concord Art Association Wood's acrylic painting *New Growth* received an Honorable Mention at the Cape Cod Art Association's "Color My World" exhibition on view through May 14.

Premire Image Gallery Summer Show

- Premier Image would like to hang at least 45 to 50 pieces and can hang around 80 pieces. All of the artwork will be accepted in the Franklin Art Assoc. show.
- Artwork will be accepted in the watermedia under glass, oil/acrylic on canvas and "other mediums" (e.g. sculpture, pastel, photography, etc.) categories
- Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place pieces plus 5 honorable mention ribbons will be awarded. If there are 50 or more entries, prizes will be given for the 1st and 2nd places in each category.
- Each artist may submit up to two (2) pieces. If there are less than 50 pieces entered, artist may enter a 3rd piece.
- The entry fee is \$7.00 per piece.
- Premier Image Gallery will take a 35% commission on sales, 10% will be paid to FAA and 55% will be paid to the artist.
- Artwork must be dropped off for the Franklin Art Assoc. show on June 28th, 29th or 30th during business hours (9am to 5pm).
- The show opening will be on July 12th (6pm to 8pm) and the show will continue to be displayed until Aug. 16th when the work must be picked up.
- The gallery will also be hosting an open juried show immediately after the Franklin Art Assoc. show, with a drop off on Aug. 16th. At least one piece from each artist will be accepted in this show.
- Application forms will be available for these shows shortly at the gallery.

Call for Entries

The Rhode Island Watercolor Society is seeking artists for its upcoming Open Juried Competition: *Show Us Your Best* which celebrates all 2-D media and collage. Works selected for the show will on display and for sale from May 6 - 31, 2012.

The Next Door Gallery at Happy Hollow is hosting *City Views: A Visual Interpretation* of Boston May 12- June 2. 2 submission maximum. Drop of April 21, 23, and 24th. Deadline for entries is April 24th 4:30pm. For more information call 508-339-1234 or email nextdoorgallery.happyhollow@gmail.com.

Cumberland is having an outdoor Arts Festi-

val on June 9th (Saturday) Rain date in June 10th. Anyone wanting to sell shrink wraps or small framed paintings along with art and craft products is encouraged to do so. They provide the tables for a fee of \$25. There is no commission taken. Contact Lee Drury at the Cumberland Senior Center off of Diamond Hill Road in Cumberland, RI for more information (334-2555)

The Woodshed Gallery has a call for entries for "In The Studio" a still life exhibition open to residents of MA, RI and NH. The juror is Jill M. Pottle, Faculty Member at the Danforth Museum of Art. Cash prizes. Entry Deadline is June 16, 2012. Prospectus online at www.woodshedgallery.com

Hawthorn Suites. Deadline: Open. The Hawthorne Suites would like to have artwork from local artists to hang in their lobby area that also doubles as the breakfast room. They have between 12 and 16 fixed wall hooks that you can hang your artwork. It can be paintings or photography. It can be traditional or modern. This opportunity previously was only open to Franklin Art Association, but it is now open to any local artist that is a member of an art association. It is now only for a one month span instead of three months. You can

do it alone or with other artists. If you are interested or want more info, you must contact Lisa G Bailey at #508-553-9119 or email her at info@LisaGBailey.com and not the Hotel.

The Norfolk Cultural Council is looking for artist's who would like to show their work at the Norfolk Library Gallery/meeting room. The first opening for the room is in November 2012. The walls will be newly painted and ready for the artist work. Please contact: janyceconklin@comcast.net .

Workshops/Classes/Events/Opportunities

The Woodshed Gallery will host Dianne Panarelli Miller for an oil Portrait Workshop on Saturday May 12, and Kris Occhino will present a two-day "Getting Started in Plein Air" workshop for watercolor and acrylic painters on Saturday and Sunday May 19&20 at The Woodshed Gallery in Franklin. Details are online at www.woodshedgallery.com or call 508-533-6277.

RISD Spring Alumni Art Sale 2012 takes place on Benefit Street between Waterman and George Streets in Providence, RI. The sale is on Saturday, May 5th, 2012 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. <http://risdalumnisales.wordpress.com/attend/attend/>

The Franklin Art Center would like to announce the opening reception of Orfeo Fabbri May 5th at the Franklin Art Center from 5-8pm. www.OrfeoFabbri.com Orfeo is an award winning artist living and working on Cape Cod while studying at the Rhode Island School of Design. His work has been described as having a "...very strong, saturated color and powerful compositions, sometimes including mixed media. His techniques include extensive use of the palette knife, thus his surfaces have the strength of an impasto surface" -Melissa J. Woringer, Art Consultant This show runs through June 10.

The RI Watercolor Society will hold its second annual Art Yard Sale on Sunday, June 3 from 10am - 3pm. You'll find real bargains on: art supplies of all kinds, frames, art books and art magazines, etc. Located in Salter Memorial Park,(For GPS: put in 775 which will help you get to this entrance) Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861. First brick building on the right on the pond.

Maple and Main Gallery in Chester, CT hosts the work of Bivenne Harvey Staiger. Staiger recently won an award in a national exhibit at the Salmagundi in New York, her painting *CEA Brief Visit*, will be part of the exhibit. Bivenne is just one of many well-established Connecticut artists that make up the gallery. Artists display work in a wide variety of styles, media, and price points, over 200 works of art on display from April 18 through June 10. www.mapleandmaingallery.com/events

Spring Show at Patriot Place

BEST IN SHOW:

Kris Occhino for "Favorite Pastime"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE:

Bill Noble for "Waquoit Shine"

OILS:

1st - Robin Wessmann for "Ocean View"

2nd - Stephani Miksis for "The Music Goes Round and Round"

3rd - Adele Corrigan for "Lancaster Farm"

HM - Bill Noble for "October West Sandwich", Paul Peterson for "Fishing", Helene Mohn for "Sunrise Paines Creek"

WATERCOLORS:

1st - Daydre Hamilton for "Sweet Nectar"

2nd - Jerry Aissis for "Icy Road"

3rd - Linda Massey for "Melba's Rose"

HM - Carol Frieswick for "Tablescape", Bonnie Beaver for "Autumn Window", Victor Pisini for "Winter Retreat"

PASTELS AND CHARCOAL:

1st - Shelly Eager for "Green in a Red World"

2nd - Stacey David for "The Flamenco Dancer"

3rd - Joanne Willoughby for "Beach Grass"

CALLIGRAPHY/MIXED MEDIA/COLLAGES/DRAWING:

1st - Jan Conklin for "Snake Eyes"

2nd - Nancy Pacelli for "Sunlit Diversion"

3rd - Claire Griffin for "Untitled"

PHOTOGRAPHY:

1st - Rebecca Skinner for "Daisy #1"

2nd - Dale Hoopinger for "Lavender Triangle"

3rd - Marjorie Sardella for "Awash in Color"

April Lecture by Leif Nelsson



When ordering supplies for those spring paintings—Dick Blick will donate a portion of the proceeds from each order to the FAA as long as orders are made by clicking through” to the Dick Blick website from the FAA homepage.

Editor's Note: As always, we depend on you, our members, to provide information for your newsletter. So I thank you in advance for providing information concerning coming events, exhibitions, shows, etc. ~Hannah Close

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