

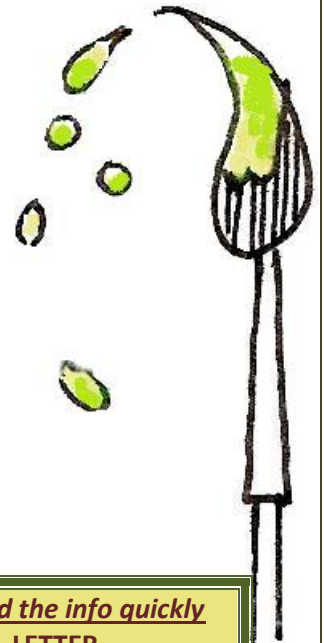


MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

established in 1981
NEWSLETTER June 2012

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*Promoting interest in art across the community
and encouraging the professional development
of area artists.*



From the President's Desk:

Your board is working to make this club work as efficiently as possible. Membership VP Cathy Phares has suggested that we begin using Paypal for membership dues and a PO Box to collect any dues sent via snail mail. Paying by PayPal will be accessed soon through our web site.

We will experiment this year with a downloadable membership directory. You can keep it in your computer or print it out. Even better, if you have a "smart phone" you can download it directly into the phone and keep it there for reference wherever you go. Consider the newsletter. Is the newsletter too old by the time we go to print? Do you read this? Or do you prefer emailed information that come in batches? We try to add new information and photographs beyond what you receive in the emails. And it is nice to store a newsletter as reference.

Do you have any improvements you would like to suggest? This is YOUR club so let us let us know your ideas, big and small.

In fun and friendship,
Janet Sanders

Please click one to find the info quickly

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
PROGRAM for June

MBAA Spring SHOW Awards

MEMBERSHIP: Awards,
Opportunities, New/renew members, Show

RECAP of DATES
MBAA Officers (and contact info)

VP Programs - Lynne Whittington

MBAA EVENING MEETING

Thursday, June 7th,
6:30 to 8:00 pm

Emmet O'Neal Library, Crestline Village

Join us before we break for the summer for some socializing and learning. **Member Richard Russell** will share his knowledge of print-making from original paintings, then marketing them in this challenging market. See you there.



2013 SHOW DATE:
April 20th
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW!

Spring Art Show Awards

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Spring Show.

BEST OF SHOW:

- Sue Key, professional artist
- Amy Grimes, semi-professional artist
- Bethany Tompkins, emerging artist

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION:

- Carol Carmichael, Amy Crews,
- Mila Hirsch, Clair Hennings,
- Gayle Jones, Sally Powell

NORTON'S FLORIST AWARD:

Anita Bice

Thanks to all the
Volunteers.

You are much
appreciated.



FUN day for
Family and
Artists

2012 Show Chairman Gayle Hurley

Lessons learned from the 2012 Spring Art Show:

#1: Really be prepared for a rainout.

All week long I agonized over what we'd do WHEN it rained. Finally, I decided just to relax and know that whatever happened (rain or shine) it would be a memorable event. In the end all was fine but what if? Was I prepared to send out emails to everyone I knew to announce the raindate plan? Make phone calls? Confirm that volunteers would show up? What about my other "Sunday plans? All of these questions made me realize that we need to be serious in anticipating a Sunday raindate show. If you commit to show on Saturday, you must commit to show on Sunday should it rain. Plan ahead.

#2: People love a good party with great components.

FINALLY people were ready to buy art again! I can't help but think that the beautiful setting, great art, friendly people, nice music, food, etc. all combined to set the tone making people excited about adding something creative to their world. Decent weather helped a lot, too! Artists and customers alike liked the new layout in one big circle and hopefully we can repeat that with just a few tweaks to make it even better. In an effort to "give back to the community", this year we invited the Exceptional Foundation to host an information tent which included some hands-on painting opportunities. The group painting that many people worked on will be auctioned off at their big fundraiser this fall.

#3: If you can pick up the telephone and send an email, you can chair this show.

The organizational to-do list is a great help. We have lots of willing workers who just need to be asked. This year's show truly seemed to run like a well-oiled machine and I want anyone who has ever been in the show to consider stepping into the shoes of the Show, Assistant Show, or Hospitality Show Chairman jobs. You'll have a lot of help and your job begins this summer with a planning meeting. We cannot wait until October to assign/draft/coerce someone into this job. If you want the Spring Show to continue, consider stepping forward. If you'll consider this, I'll be happy to send you the 3 page report I made detailing the results and comments from the online survey people filled out. Thank you for being among the 60% of exhibitors who responded or the 52% of the general membership who replied (great numbers for a survey!). Just send me an email asking for the survey report: gayle.hurley@gmail.com.

I continue to be very proud of our organization and appreciative of the group effort to "promote interest in the arts and the professional development of area artists."

Gayle Hurley

2012 Show Chairman

VP Membership - Cathy Phares

WELCOME OUR NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

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Member Shows

The national show for the Watercolor Society of Alabama is now showing at Little House on Linden. Please take some time to visit this outstanding show featuring some of the best artists in the country, as well as many of our own members. MBAA member Ron Lewis won an award from Winsor Newton for his painting below. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Shown below, in no particular order, are the MBAA members' paintings. The white spots on each are from my camera.

RON LEWIS' WINNING PAINTING:



LYNN BRIGGS:



CRAIG GALLAWAY:



TORA JOHNSON:



BOB MOODY:



BARBARA PRIOR:



TOBY KLEIN: (YES, IT'S DIMENSIONAL!)



Member Awards

Wow, *Toby Klein* has been published in the following new art books :

Two pieces appearing in "Crossing Time & Space" & "Seeing Both Sides", published in Journey's To Abstraction by Sue St. John, a North Light Book.

Another two pieces, "Dancing Colors" & "In & Out Of Time", published in Eyes On: Abstract by Blaze Hill Press. It is available July 1st.

Toby also appears in the exhibitions:

Three of Toby's works have been juried into the Fifth World Federation of Miniaturist 2012 Show in Moscow, Russia. WOW!

"A Colorful Journey" juried into the Watercolor Society of Alabama's 71st National Exhibition May 2012 in Homewood, AL.

Area Announcements

"FOUR TYPES OF AMBIGUITY"

MBAA member Susan Gordon will appear with 3 other artists at Art Folk. Opening Reception for the Exhibit is Friday, June 1, 2012 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The exhibit will run through July 20, 2012. The Gallery, located at Young & Vann Building on 1731 First Avenue North in Birmingham, Alabama, is open Wednesday - Friday, Noon - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and other hours by appointment.

CLASSES

Member **Ron Lewis** offers classes in watercolor, oil or acrylics, beginner or advanced at Mountain Brook Board of Education every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:30. Visit **Ron's** web site: www.ronaldlewisart.blogspot.com

Member **David Nichols** will begin classes in oil or acrylics, beginner or advanced. Classes will be held at the Studio on Linden, 2919 Linden Ave, Homewood. Visit **David's** site for more info at www.davidnicholsart.com

Special Announcements: Two baby announcements

Pastel artist **Mary Liz Ingram** missed our show this year with a great excuse. Two days before the show she gave birth to her third child, daughter *Nora Grace*. Mary Liz reports that she's doing great and her big brother and sister adore her!

Trisha Robinson made it back from China just in time for the Spring Show. Trisha and husband Mike traveled all that way to pick up a new addition to their family, delightful three year-old Pippa. You can follow their adventures through Tricia's entertaining blog at her web site: trisharobinson.com

RECAP OF DATES FOR MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

June 7, 2012	Thursday 6:30 -8:00 pm	Program with Richard Russell At Emmet O'Neal Library, Crestline Village
September 20 ??, 2012	Thursday 11 and Noon	Fall Quarterly meeting at Canterbury Methodist Church

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