

MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

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



From the President's Desk

32nd Annual Spring Art Festival

Last year's show was very successful. We estimated 5,000 to 6,000 visitors attended. Our average-sales-per-artist was UP nicely even in this struggling economy. The jazz duo, that was of much concern before the show, was another great success. The soft music added immensely to the whole feeling of the show and may have kept visitors there even longer. The new "EAT>RELAX>CREATE" tent allowed customers to relax a bit before continuing to shop. This year we will continue tweaking it all to keep it one of the best shows in the region. All this is available only to our members. We now have artists requesting entrance that we have to turn down. Everyone get your brushes busy. GET FIRED UP for a great art show!!!!!!"

NON-EXHIBITING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY BOOTH!

We need non-showing members and artist family members for assisting at the Hospitality Booth. MBAA volunteers are eligible to display 2-4 paintings (dependent on size) in the Hospitality booth to sell during the show. These paintings are also eligible for honorable mention ribbons. Various duties: booth-sitting for artists' breaks, set-up and break-down of booth, staffing booth to answer questions, accept tax forms and help at the credit desk. Especially important are two people to work the credit machine, one in AM, one in PM. Minimum two-hour shifts preferred, starting at 7:30AM

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Welcome back!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

On time renewal by Jan 31st: \$35.00

Late renewal after Feb 1st: \$40.00

By check: Send checks to Mountain Brook Art Association, Cathy Phares, P.O. Box 531194, B'ham AL 35253

Via PayPal: You do not need to have a Paypal account to pay. Just go to our web site. Click on the membership tab and follow the prompts. Keep track of your payment number. Then, email us and let us know you've paid via Paypal.

Quarterly Meeting, This Thursday Jan 31st, Noon at Canterbury Methodist Church



Please join us for a fun program by Barclay Gresham, our new Vice President of Programs. Barclay Borland Gresham is a full-time artist in mixed media artist, selling more than 5,000 original works throughout the United States. Barclay has created her own painting style in which she uses a variety of media such as harvested beeswax, recycled coffee grounds, inks, stains, acrylic paints and varnishes to create her pieces. Her commission pieces are hanging in libraries, wineries, hospitals, homes, churches, and offices across the country.

Barclay was one of our popular featured artists at our recent holiday show, fielding many questions from other curious artists. Many of you are aware of her unusual dimensional pieces that sold very quickly, but most of you are not aware of her incredible, beautiful large paintings that you want to run your hand all over. Join us!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Give to a good cause and get some nice publicity in return!

The Oscar Night fundraiser event for Mitchell's Place, school for Autism, is scheduled for Feb. 24, at Birmingham Country Club. Vicki Denaburg is again helping to collect art donations for them. Contact her at vdenaburg@aol.com, or call 956-3222 Vicki will be happy to pick up.

WOW!

Richard Russell is working on a requested original for The College Football Hall of Fame located in South Bend, Indiana. They have committed to use his work as the main prop in their display indefinitely. Richard's prize winning sports-themed work is already on permanent display there.

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER!

Energen Corporation's prestigious annual art competition is open to 2 dimensional artwork from any artist residing in Alabama. Have you set aside your best work for this? We usually have several dozen of our MBAA artists accepted.

The following text is cut and pasted from their web site. There are many more details available there at <http://www.energen.com/Community-Relations/Energen-Art-Competition-493.html> about just what can be submitted and how to do it, dates of delivery, exhibit and pickup.

2013 Energen Art Competition

Energen Corporation will hold its 14th Annual Energen Art Competition in the spring of 2013. The art competition celebrates the Wonders of Alabama Art and features Alabama artists. The five winning entries will be purchased by Energen and will become part of Energen's "Alabama Collection," which is displayed at Energen Plaza, the company's headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, or at one of the offices of an Energen subsidiary.

A non-refundable entry fee of \$35 is required for each entry. Entries must be received by 5:00 PM on February 8, 2013. (Can be dropped off at their offices across from the Tutweiler, and next to the main library downtown.

Purchase Awards:

Grand Prize	\$7,500
Landscape	\$3,000
Non-Rep	\$3,000
Wildlife	\$3,000
Employee Choice	\$3,000

2012 Holiday Show Report

Our Holiday Show at Colonial Brookwood Mall was a huge success! I have attached some photos for you. Our charity this year was Make A Wish of Alabama and we raised \$5241 for them. Part of the fun was auctioning a autographed football from Nick Saban. We also ran a contest amongst our members and the winning painting was chosen by the Make A Wish staff to be included in their 2013 advertising campaign. The winning painting was created by member Anita Bice and will hang in the Make A Wish offices for 2013. This was our 5th year running a holiday show, previously held in English Village.

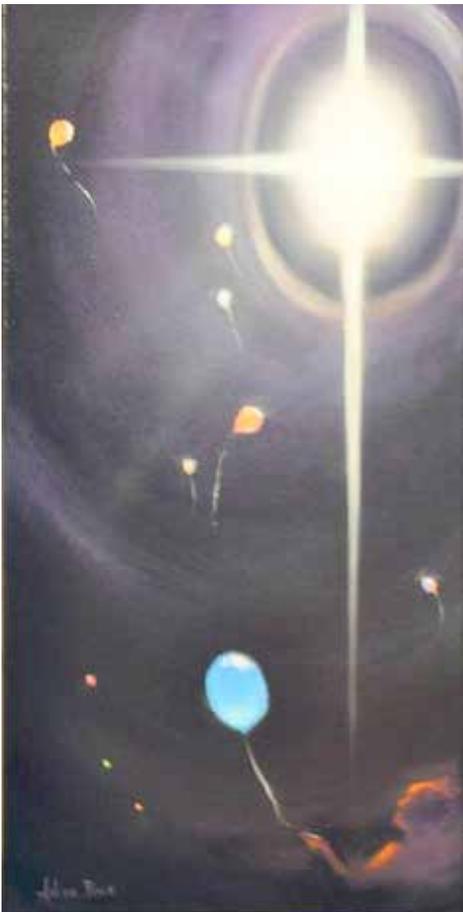
This year we used the very elegant space vacated by Gus Meyer, who moved to the Summit.

We had 80 of our members displaying their paintings for sale. A portion of their sales went to the charity. The artists are all local, living within a 25 mile radius from Mountain Brook City Hall. We are grateful to Brookwood Mall for their part in making the show a success, as well as Brio Tuscan Grille, Cocina Superior and O'Henry's Coffee. Jim & Nicks added to Black Friday with cheese biscuits and sweet tea. These restaurants hosted our

opening and closing receptions and the food was a great hit.

Our guests came from all over the metropolitan area and some had never visited Brookwood Mall.

The Holiday Show achieved a sales total of **\$36,214**. Ten percent of those sales go to Make A Wish, but through the creative efforts of Holiday Show Chairman Robine Wright we filled that out even higher. President Janet Sanders and Robine presented a check of **\$5,241** to Norah Banks of Make A Wish Alabama.



Clockwise from left: The winning painting; Artist Anita Bice (L) with her painting and Norah Banks of Make A Wish of Alabama; Presenting the check: (L to R) Janet Sanders, president. Norah Banks of Make A Wish. Holiday Show Chairman Robine Wright; View of the storefront with artist Janet Tillery painting on-site; Robine in TV interview with Vicki Denaburg, featured artist, painting in store window; some younger members Mary Liz Ingram, Susan Gordon, Cecily Lowe; Marissa Apolinsky, MaryJean Henke, Carol Carmichael

MEMBER SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

BOTANICAL GARDENS EXHIBIT: Paintings by the Over the Mountain Plein Air Painters, including Mt. Brook Art Association members Laura Cunningham, Michael Davis and Don Estes, are currently on exhibit at the Art Gallery at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Scenes from the Botanical Gardens are the featured exhibit but they each have other works on display as well.

WILDLIFE: Sue Key has been busy painting large portraits of birds lately, mainly quail, geese, heron and ducks, to exhibit in the huge Southeastern Wildlife Expo in Charleston, SC this February.

ALABAMA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY WORKSHOP: The WSA will sponsor a watercolor workshop with Richard Stephen in Hartselle, AL in conjunction with the National Exhibition. Please check their web site for details.

ARTISTS INC: Sam Chiarella and Tora Johnson will be featured artists in February. The opening reception is the first evening in February.

BROOKWOOD HOSPITAL: Cary Baker will be featured the month of March.

RIVERCHASE LOVES ARTISTS: Members Michael Davis, Cecily Lowe, Laura Cunningham, Barclay Gresham and Toby Klein will be exhibitors at the 7th annual "Riverchase Loves Artists" show Feb 2, 10AM - 4PM at Riverchase Country Club. The show benefits Alzheimer of Central Alabama, The Exceptional Foundation and The Amelia Center.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS BY MBAA MEMBERS

Water Media with Ron Lewis // Forstall *NEW CLASS!*

Listed in the Who's Who in American Art, artist Ron Lewis will host an exciting 4-week water media class. You will learn by watching Ron paint, as well as receive individual attention in drawing and composition. Ron teaches painting techniques that will help you develop your own painting style. This class is designed so that both beginners and advanced students will benefit.

Wednesdays, Feb. 6-27, 1:30-3pm. \$135, supplies needed

Painterly Impressions with David Nichols // Forstall *NEW CLASS!*

David has been a professional artist since 1986. He is accomplished in the mediums of oil, watercolor and acrylic and even though each has its own attraction, he finds the richness of color and the buttery nature of oils the most alluring. He has exhibited in juried art exhibitions throughout the Southeast and has received numerous awards for his paintings. David's approach to impressionism is to create art that is just that, an impression. His paintings capture the essence of the subject, the way it speaks to him.

Fridays, starting February 15 (4 week class), 9:30- 12:30pm (Limited to 10 students) \$140.

Acrylic Painting with Amy Collins // Forstall

This class is ideal for new painters or for experienced painters who are looking to add new techniques to their repertoire. Amy will teach how to create expressive, colorful paintings and to explore the interplay of light and shadow on subjects ranging from landscapes to figurative works and still lifes.

Thursdays 9:30-12:30, \$94 per month.

Painting on Black Panels with Amy Collins // Alabama Art Supply Feb. 9th

Painting on Wood Panels with Thomas Andrews Findlay // Alabama Art Supply Jan. 19th

Get your creative juices flowing again with a workshop .Their "Mini Workshops" are done on a Saturday in 4- 6 hours. The price is \$100.00 (\$25.00 non refundable deposit to Ala Art). \$75.00 is paid to the artist the day of the workshop. Class size is limited . Participants will receive 25% off the total for their supplies for any workshop. Go to www.alabamaart.com and click on classes.

Make it, Market it, and Sell it: How to Make Money Selling Your Artwork! // Homewood Library

Saturday, April 6 , Homewood Library, 10AM -3PM Price: \$100 . Bring a lunch

MBAA member Thomas Andrew Findlay offers this popular yearly seminar on how to market and sell your artwork, focusing on 3 core principles of business: Make it, Market it, and Sell it! Workbook included. Sign up before March 1 and receive a 25% discount. Also, you can see more info and a short promo video at: <http://www.thomasandrewart.com/SeminarsClassesAndWorkshops.html>

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF ART

The Birmingham Museum of Art is starting a new training session for its next class of docents (tour guides). If you'd enjoy sharing your love of art this is a wonderful way to do that. You do not need any prior training. Docents must attend training sessions Monday mornings during the school year and will only tour after a year of training. Visit www.artsbma.org/about/docent or call Kristi McMillan, Ass't Curator of Education at 254-2643.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

After a 3 year battle with lung cancer artist Andre Pohl passed away. Andre and his wife Pam Bailey were members of Mountain Brook Art Association for several years, but understandably were not able to participate in any shows since his diagnosis three years ago. Cards can be sent to Pam at 4017 Leigh Lane, Birmingham, AL 35215

Member Bruce Robertson passed away December 10, 2012, due to complications from open heart surgery. He had been having some heart problems in the last year so we missed seeing him at meetings and the Spring Show. Cards can be sent to his wife Margo at 136 Brook Highland Cove, 35242.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March Meetings: **March 12, 6:30** evening meeting, at Canterbury focusing on the spring show. **March 14, noon**, main quarterly meeting with program at Canterbury.

SAD NEWS

Long-time member Toby Klein's husband Walter is now in UAB on oxygen. He has been in a long fight with cancer. Many of our members know Walter since he has been alongside Toby at all her shows. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers to help them through this difficult time. Please, no hospital visits, but cards are welcome. Please send to their home at 1910 Paulette Dr. Birmingham, Alabama, 35226

GOOD NEWS

Molly Smith married Marko Matic on December 15th to become Molly Smith Matic. Congratulations!

WAITING

Our new young Editor Emily Brown is expecting twins in May.

Past member & Show Chairman Amy Peterson moved out to Santa Fe area and is expecting in March.

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