

MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

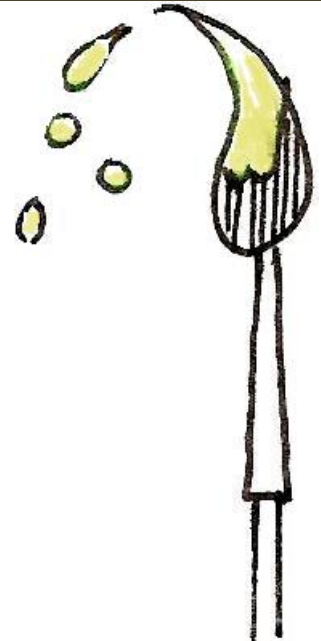
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NEWSLETTER

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



FROM THE President's Desk:

This is an exciting year for us. The Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce has begun efforts to partner with us to bring our Spring Art Show to the forefront of Mountain Brook events. By next year it could be in full swing. The professional videos and photographs taken this year will be used in publicity throughout the region and state. The Chamber will get the entire city involved in our event. They understand our commitment to the tradition of promoting fine art and its fit within a sophisticated community. The changes we'll see will stay within the scope we have always had. It will always focus on fine art. That is our commitment. We'll just have more visitors to enjoy our work.

In order to guide us into this new phase we need interested members to become part of an exploratory committee that will begin to meet with the Chamber of Commerce starting in May. We need fresh new members for their perspective, as well as long-term members who understand our traditions.

Will YOU volunteer?

In fun and friendship, Janet Sanders

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MBAA EVENING MEETING Tuesday March 27

6:30 Emmet O'Neal Library, Crestline Village.

Our evening meeting will focus on the Spring Show. This meeting will allow more time to answer your many questions, examine easily made screens. As always with our evening meetings, bring your unused or partially used art supplies to sell or trade!

DAY MEETING Thursday March 29

11:00 for exhibitors. Show related info.

Pick up cards and posters and ask questions about the show

12:00 for regular meeting and program with Wayne Spradley.

NOTE: As a new exhibitor you must attend one of the March meetings.

VP Programs - Lynne Whittington

We are very excited to have the exceptional artist **Wayne Spradley** for our demo program on March 29. Today he is one of the South's leading artists of art, prints and posters, and the recipient of over three hundred art awards. A native of Pell City, Alabama, Wayne is recognized worldwide, primarily for his exceptional watercolors. A professional artist since 1968, his works have been selected by Art for the Parks making him one of the National Park Academy of the Arts' Top 100 US artists. His paintings hang in the collections of former presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush, and Samford University, Energen, and Marathon Corporations. The Birmingham Museum of Art has a Wayne Spradley painting in their permanent collection.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MBAA Spring Evening meeting

Emmet O'Neal Library - Meeting Room

DATE **March 27** Tuesday

TIME 6:30 - 8:00 PM

March 27 or 29 Come early to ask questions about the show and pick up cards and posters.

MBAA Spring Meeting

CANTERBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DATE **March 29** Thursday

TIME 11:00 show info;
12:00 NOON program

MBAA Spring Art Show

Crestline Sports Field

DATE **April 21** Saturday

Time 9 AM to 4 PM

Rain DATE April 22 Sunday 12 to 5 PM

MORE Volunteers needed !!

Even more Delights are planned for 2012



31st Annual Spring Art Show

The Spring Show is and will always be a team effort. We are known for putting on a lovely art show and sale in a beautiful, outdoor setting that is attended by several thousand people each year. Your role as an exhibitor is to show your best and newest work, to promote the show every way you can, to offer assistance when you can and simply to enjoy the day.

Your role as a non-exhibitor is to promote the show as well, to offer assistance when you can and to be very proud of this classy effort to support the arts in our community. Specific questions about the show will be answered after you carefully read through (don't skim) the attached Show Day Info handout.



NEW THIS YEAR

- Music from the Jazzmatics of Mountain Brook High School (thanks to Sara Crook for arranging)
- *Door prizes of donated paintings every half-hour to lure more customers! Our 7,000 postcards have a form for visitors to fill out and bring to the show.
- A centrally placed, tented Eat/Rest/Create area with chairs where people can sit, eat, listen to music or try their hand at painting.
- Bigger booth signs with *sponsors (see the sample at the meeting)

Streamlined credit card processing system through the Hospitality Booth (thank you Lucy & Charles Mason and Diane Hathcock).

SHOW Volunteers Needed!!

JUDGING

The judge for our show is Graham Boettcher, PhD, curator of American Art at the Birmingham Museum of Art. You will need to let Jackie Pierce know which category you'd like to be in for the judging (See attached Show Day Info).

PUBLICITY

We will be featured on FOX at 8 AM on April 18. The Chamber will have a professional video produced about our show that day and the photographer from AboutTown will be looking for photogenic artists to be in an upcoming edition

THANKS

Additionally, many thanks go to **Gene Engel, Janet Sanders, Glenn McWaters, Rebecca Moody, Jackie Pierce, Mary Mellen, Carolyn Mitchell, Dee Falls, Ron Lewis** and the Show Committee for their considerable time and effort on the spring show.

DETAILS

***Door Prizes:** You are invited to donate a small work of art to be placed in the Artists' Treasure Box from which winners will select a prize at the show. One winner every half-hour. The entry form on the postcard will give people another reason to hold on to the card and to come to our show! It will also help us build a database of email addresses of folks who want to know about our events.

***Sponsors:** Do you know a business that would like great publicity at our show for \$25? If so, please send me their name and email address so I can send them the information on this or ask me for it and you can send it on to them.

Have any questions about anything? Please email or call me anytime!

Show Chairman **Gayle Hurley**
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Attention all non-showing members and artist family members. We need as many volunteers as possible for the Hospitality Booth: booth-sit for artists' breaks, process sales, answer questions, set-up and break down the booth, etc. Two to four hour shifts are preferred. MBAA volunteers are eligible to display 2-3 paintings for sale in the Hospitality booth during the show.

All volunteers will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate. Please contact **Hospitality Chairperson Lucy Mason** mbpeanuts@hotmail.com (977-5183) or sign up at the March meeting. We appreciate your help. Diane Hathcock , Co-Chair.

NORTONS FLORAL DESIGN



NORTONS FLORIST COMPETITION

Open to all Members!! A Show within a Show.

Our annual Nortons Florist competition is open to all volunteers and exhibitors at the Spring Show. If you were not at the January meeting, when the wonderful floral arrangement was displayed, we have several photos shown on our web site.

Any style of painting is allowed. It's your interpretation of the arrangement. Could be part or all of it. Large or mini, it's all up to you, but please take some time and to create something to enter.

MEMBER SHOWS

Watercolor Society of Alabama's National Exhibition

Congratulations to the following MBAA members who have been accepted in the exhibit: Lynn Briggs, Craig Gallaway, Tora Johnson, Toby Klein, Ron Lewis, Bob Moody, Barbara Prior. Reception May 6 , Littlehouse Galleries, 2:00-5:00.

Wildlife Federation Flora and Fauna Show

Congratulations to the following MBAA members who have been accepted in the show: Emily Cox, Michael Davis, Sue Taylor White. The show is near Montgomery in April.

Important Area Announcements

ENERGEN COMPETITION

Energen has announced the winners of its 13th annual art competition, We have 30 members who were accepted this year. John Lonergan, who teaches many MBAA members, is the winner of the Energen Grand Prize Award and \$7,500 for his work "Purple Morning. Winning art becomes a part of Energen's permanent collection. Four artists received honorable mention awards with a cash prize. MBAA member Mary Jean Henke was recognized for her work "Breaking Out." ***CONGRATULATIONS Mary Jean!*** The 2012 Energen Art Competition broke all previous participation records. **There were 511 art entries in the competition from a total of 274 artists.** Through a competition review process, 195 works of art were selected from 139 artists for the final round of judging and exhibition. Artists from across the state entered the competition. ***Thirty-one of those artists are members of Mountain Brook Art Association.***

All of the selected art was featured in a free exhibition at Energen Plaza in downtown Birmingham, conveniently next to the main library and across from the Tutweiler. To see a photo of the winning art from the 2012 competition and previous winning art, go to art.energen.com.

Congratulations to the following MBAA exhibitors:

Alford, Kelley	Davis, Michael 2	Johnsey, Susan	Newsome, Diane 2
Baker, Cary	Denaburg, Vicki 3	Johnson, Tora	Nichols, David 3
Bice, Anita 2	Estes, Don	Key, Sue	Pantasis, Libby
Black, Jene 2	Grant, Jan	Lewis, Laura 2	Sanders, Janet 2
Booth, Adelaide	Grimes, Amy	Lewis, Ron 2	Till, Pam
Brandino, Julie	Hamilton, Julia 2	Lloyd, Nancy	White, Sue Taylor 3
Briggs, Lynn 2	Henke, Mary Jean	Mitchell, Carolyn	Whittington, Lynne
Crews, Amy	Henry, Beth	Nettles, Elizabeth	

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Artists

Homewood Rotary Club's 4th Annual Sidewalk Chalk Art

Festival. This is a very worthwhile event serving as a Rotary fundraiser... Proceeds go to the Rotary Scholarship Foundation and are designated to provide annual scholarships to disadvantaged, worthy high school seniors. All of the chalk supplies are provided at no cost to the artists. **Prizes up to \$500!**

Artists will make chalk drawings on large sidewalk panels surrounding the children's playground from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Winners will be announced at the street dance that evening. Homewood Park, 1604 Oxmoor Road Homewood, AL 35209. Phone Walter Brown at 380-1050.



MUSEUM CLASSES

Birmingham Museum of Art spring session with a live model . Instructor MBAA member Rolina **Ogelsbay**. 8 weeks , March 20th from 9 am to 12 noon. Call Lauren Williams at the BMA 254-2964 or just come.

PLEIN AIR CLASSES

Plein Air class with Rollina at the Botanical Gardens begins March 28th. 8 weeks, three hour class 9 am to 12 noon. Call Rollina at 733-8939.

Watercolor Society of Alabama workshop will be lead by Joan Blackburn. She will be teaching at Forstall May 2-4. A renowned artist and judge, Joan will be focusing on adding the "wow" factor that judges look for in paintings that they judge. Contact Tora Johnson, toradave@earthlink.net or 205-423-0922

The Village Painters- seeking artists for studio space. One or two spaces left. Conveniently located in Cahaba Heights. Contact MBAA member Carolyn Jones cjthomas@uab.edu

Special Announcements

To celebrate the 80th Birthday of member **Rollina Oglesbay** there will be an overview of her art work at the Bluff Park's Arts Building (the old Bluff Part Elementary School) at 511 Park Ave. Hoover, AL 35226 on Sunday April 15th from 1 pm to 4pm. Would love to see all of you.

Mary Liz Ingram and new member Emily Cox are both expecting babies in April. Mary Liz is due the day of our show.

FOR SALE: E-Z Up Tent with sides and carrying bag. Used 6 times. \$75.00

6 black enameled 2'X6' grids with detachable "feet" and matching hooks. Can be laced together with plastic zip ties instead of using feet. \$60.00 All items in excellent condition.

Call or e-mail Suzie Dickinson at 567-2706 or randsdickinson@gmail.com

FOR SALE: lightweight artists screens made for you, 3/\$200. View samples Thursday at meeting.

If you are curious about art blogs: **Craig Gallaway** has updated his web site at <http://gallawayart.com>, as well as starting a WordPress **blog on the subject "Faith and the Arts"**. The blog can be found at <http://faithandarts.wordpress.com>. The former site concentrates on the art work (Craig's paintings & his wife Deb's photographs) while the latter digs into the reasons and meanings, as well as presenting some of their music.

WELCOME OUR NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

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**Thanks Kellie for a very eye-catching,
high-energy Program**



RECAP OF DATES FOR MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

March 27	Tuesday 6:30 -8 PM	Social hour and Spring Show info
March 29	Thursday 11 and Noon	Quarterly meeting at Canterbury Methodist Church and SPRING Show info.
April 21	Saturday 9 to 4	Spring Art Show/Festival at Crestline. Rain date Sunday, 12 to 5.

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