

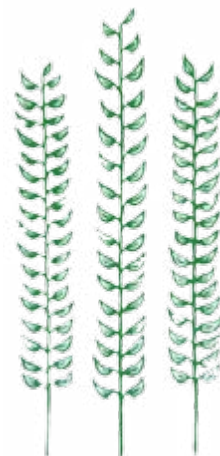
MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

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# Newsletter

## March 2014

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



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

### A GROUP EFFORT

Can you believe this is the 33rd year for MBAA's Spring Show? It amazes me how all the components of putting on a show come together and work so well - thank goodness for the Show Chairman this year. Janet has boundless energy, and we are so fortunate to be able to rely on her. --- We need plenty of VOLUNTEERS, and we need YOU to help talk the show up, display yard signs, deliver postcards and flyers to area businesses, and, of course, mail postcards to your friends and clients. We will place advertising all around town, but the most effective advertisement is what YOU do!

### PROMOTING YOU THOUGHOUT THE YEAR

Once the show is over, a new committee will meet to explore the feasibility of self-publishing a book of member paintings. We will look into how we will use the book, what we need to do, how we do it. All opinions are welcome. So far, Beverly Bates, Anita Bice, Andrew Tyson, and Etta Yeary have volunteered for the committee. We could use some additional members, so won't you consider volunteering? The first meeting will be fun - we want all kinds of ideas and possibilities. (This is what business consultants call a "brain dump!"). So, come and "dump your brain!" (Location and date to be announced.)

In fun & Friendship,

Mary

## TWO MEETINGS?!

**MARCH 6** daytime meeting at noon, Canterbury Methodist. If you are in the show, arrive early for question session 11:30-12.

**MARCH 17** Monday evening meeting 6-8PM Emmet O'Neal Library with a short question/answer session before the demo starts.

*We will have two meetings in March with the same demo artist. The evening meeting allows younger working artists to attend. Remember that if you are in the spring show you need to fulfill the obligation of attending at least one program for the last year. If you are a new exhibitor the meeting is mandatory for the question/answer session.*

\*Fern linocut artwork by Micheal Duster

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

For those of you who have not paid your dues the amount is now \$40, which includes the \$5 late fee. You may pay by mailing a check to P.O. Box 531194, Birmingham, AL 35253, or by clicking the PayPal link on our website: <http://mountainbrookartassociation.com/how-to-join/> (NOTE: If paying with PayPal, please be sure to let us know if your PayPal account has a different name than your name. We want to make sure you get credit for the payment.)

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## Is it drawing or painting? Both? Hmmm. It's fun.

By VP OF PROGRAMS BARCLAY GRESHAM



3 views of a self-portrait by Andrew Britt Jordan

Our demo artist Andrew Britt Jordan was born in Birmingham, AL in 1980. He was awarded the Glenda Knight Keyes Prize for Outstanding Talent in 2011 and in November 2012 completed his BFA in Painting from Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta. Back in Birmingham, he is continuing his explorations in painting, drawing, and printmaking. Andy currently works for Alabama Art Supply and will be doing a demo for us in Liquitex spray paints and markers. You truly must see his work to believe his amazing talent!

You can see his amazing artwork on his website [www.pigmentpusher.com](http://www.pigmentpusher.com) And if you have a two minutes, please see his 2013 Salutatorian SCAD interview on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tt7VjpaTXo>  
(or google SCAD Andrew Jordan 2013)

# MEMBER WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

**PASTEL: Out of the Box with Mary Liz Ingram**

Come discover a new side to working with soft pastels! Join award-winning pastel artist Mary Liz Ingram, and learn how to paint stunning landscapes. Mary Liz will demonstrate techniques to move you beyond traditional light & smooth pastel drawings to pastel paintings alive with brilliant color. You'll achieve great results that will have people guessing your medium! Saturday, April 12. 10-4 pm. \$85, supplies needed, lunch provided!

**Beginner Watercolor Classes by Gayle Hurley**

Mark your calendars for September. More information coming later. See Gayle's web site at [gaylehurley.com](http://gaylehurley.com)

Mary Lynne Robbins will be teaching a collage art workshop on March 8 in Trussville, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$30. Everything (even mat and backing), but scissors, provided. Information or questions, call 655-7694. Go to her blog: [marylynnerobbins.wordpress.com](http://marylynnerobbins.wordpress.com) to see samples of the "Slice of Life" project you will be doing.

# MEMBER EXHIBITS & SHOWS

Liza Snyder will paint on-site at the new West Elm furniture and accessories at the summit. Saturday March 15th from 11-3. Paintings to remain for the week.

Diane Gibson Newsome Littlehouse Galleries - Solo Exhibit Recent Paintings Reception for the Artist on Thursday, March 13, 2014 (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

Diane Newsome at 2014 Southeastern Plein Air Invitational - Gadsden Art Museum - Gadsden, AL (Painting on Location April 10th - 12th and Meet the Artist Reception on Sunday, April 13th, 2014 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Sue Taylor White is judge this year for the Alabama Duck Stamp! She also is busy with upcoming shows in Winter Park Florida, Tupelo MS, Franklin TN, Cartersville GA

Yvonne Andrews will be in the Jerry Brown Festival of Art in Hamilton, AL March 1 and 2, the Orange Beach Festival of Art in Orange Beach, AL, March 8 and 9 and the Outdoor Festival of Art in Fairhope, AL, March 14, 15 and 16

Michael Davis, Sue Key, Sue Taylor, Carolyn Mitchell have been accepted to 2014 Alabama Wildlife Federation Flora Fauna Fine Art competition. The annual juried competition will be held on April 12th 8AM - 6PM in the historic Lanark Home in Millbrook AL, near Montgomery

## ENERGEN CORPORATION ANNUAL JURIED COMPETITION

As usual we have great representation of our club members in this prestigious show. This year 461 entries were winnowed down to 191 works. Many artists had 3 entries accepted. The show is open to the public March 10- 21, Monday through Friday. Make sure you set aside some time to visit & bring a friend. It's great fun to visit with other artists. Energen is located across from the Tutweiler and next to the main library. 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. Grand Prize is \$7,500, Landscape \$3,000, Non-Rep \$3,000, Wildlife \$3,000, Employee Choice \$3,000

Congratulations to MBAA members accepted: 31 MBAA members of the 123 artists accepted from across the state: Kelley Alford, Yvonne Andrews, Mike Battle, Anita Bice, Wellon Bridgers, Lynn Briggs, Amy Collins, Sara Crook, Joan Curtis, Michael Davis, Vickin Denaburg, Don Estes, Cecsi Fowler, Irva Hayward, Mary Jean Henke, Tora Johnson, Sue Key, Laura Lewis, Ron Lewis, Carolyn Mitchell, Bob Moody, Laura Murphey, Elizabeth Nettles, Diane Newsome, David Nichols, Libby Pantazis, Janice Pipe, Janet Sanders, Wm Thomas, Scott Thompson, Sue TaylorWhite

# MEMBER NEWS

## **STORM STORIES**

We hope you all were able to get a lot of painting done this past month. We certainly were held captive to the weather. Some of us were not lucky to be at home painting. Gene Engel was able to find a room in a hotel downtown. Janet Sanders slid over to Hoover's new rec center along with 400 other refugees who were well fed and slept on yoga mats. Pam Till was caught downtown in a jury pool. She walked over to a fully-booked Westin where several jurors sat around in the lobby all day. They were fortunate to have a room open up late in the evening so several of them, along with a male reporter from ESPN, shared a room. Mary Liz Ingram may have had the most adventure. She was in charge of a day care center and was left with young children in her care. She had to get creative. Visit her blog at <http://marylizingramart.com/2014/01/30/snowy-southern-hospitality/> Along with her great dialogue she posted several sketches of her adventure.

## **GREAT GOSSIP**

At the holiday show we learned that Vicki Denaburg has had several paintings appear in movies and TV programs. AWESOME. Someone working on movies wandered into the art gallery where she shows her work in Atlanta. The movie production companies rent her paintings for the sets and she can still sell them later. What a great addition to her resume.

We also heard that Vicki now has her own art manager. Wow. We were really impressed. Someone to set up her booths at shows, and to sell her work. How do we get to that level? When Vicki was asked all about it, she was puzzled. She does not have a manager, so she wondered where the rumor started. She finally figured that it was her GARDENER! Vicki often pays her lady gardener to help set up her show booths. We all admire her work and work ethic so much that it's not a stretch to imagine her in need a manager some day!

## **A GOOD EXCUSE**

Amy Collins will miss the spring show with a good excuse, her first time to miss. She will be attending a workshop out in Scottsdale, Arizona with the internationally famous portrait artist Milt Kobayashi. She will enjoy an entire week of painting there. It will be interesting to see any influence on her work. Milt's style is quite unusual for figure painting: loose, eccentric, compelling.

OH NO! New member Nicola Jeanette ( Nicki Cochran) has had to drop out of the show. Her studio & work were destroyed last week in a fire in her parents home!

## **FOR SALE**

Make an offer! Toby Klein would like to sell the following. Contact her at [toby@tobykleinart.com](mailto:toby@tobykleinart.com)  
Portfolios display racks by Houtz & Barwick - Aluminum stand with Black Canvas to hold unframed pieces. Large (regular size & small or table top) Used.  
Testrite Display Easel - heavy duty aluminum with clips at top & half way down. Adjustable & can display 2 pieces of art depending on size of work. Barely used.  
Aluminum Easel - light weight looks like Blick Studio Display easel New \$19.95 on line. Brand unknown

## **MBAA WINNERS**

The National League of American Pen Women had their 2014 Art Show/Reception on February 2 at Soon Bok Lee Sellers Gallery at Artists on the Bluff. Among the award winners who are Mountain Brook Art Association members are:

Ellen Justice - Best of Show and First Place in Mixed Media for "Dolly-Go-Green"

Joyce Byrd - First Place in Oil/Acrylics for "Admiral Blues"

Julia Pope - Second Place in Watercolors for "Harmony 3"

Cyndie Hay - Third Place in Watercolors for "Cruising"

Winnie Cooper - Second Place in Mixed Media for "Vertigo"

Rollina Oglesbay - Third Place in Mixed Media for "Mom's Computer"

The show was judged by Druscilla Defalque, Artisan



# PRE-SHOW HELP NEEDED!

By Janet Sanders, Show Chairman

**Artist Packet Assembler** - Put together various paperwork into artist show-day envelopes, glue on front info page; add booth numbers to booth signs.

**Name Tag Assembler** - Assemble name tags like the ones worn at Holiday show. Easy work.

**Gofers (need several volunteers)** - Pick up supplies to bring to field on show-day. Pick up borrowed tents and screens & deliver to field.

**Banner Worker(s)** - Pick up & deliver banners to city hall. Retrieve after show. Hang one large banner at Memory Triangle next to Crestline Village.



MOUNTAIN BROOK ART ASSOCIATION

33rd ANNUAL

Spring ART Festival

Saturday APRIL 5

9 AM - 4 PM

Iz Cafe of English Village  
Goodies Ice Cream Truck  
Jazzmin Jazz Band  
Birmingham Belles  
Art Activity Tent by Glenwood Autism Center

**ALL LOCAL ART. BUY DIRECT FROM THE AREA'S BEST ARTISTS!**

CRESTLINE SPORTS FIELD

25 VINE STREET MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213

Rained-out makeup day: Next day 12 - 5 PM

# Thank you to...

**REBECCA MOODY**, our talented web administrator, who always adds interesting articles and keeps our site information up to date.

**ANDREW TYSON**, our new club photographer. His great professional photos of the club will go be a great asset to future advertising of club events .

**MARGARET BERRY**, Club Historian, who keeps huge scrapbooks of our events. Send news articles to her at [mimi-7@charter.net](mailto:mimi-7@charter.net).

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