

THE MBAA SPRING ART SHOW--YOUR SHOW!



Yes, this is YOUR show, even if you aren't exhibiting! Our spring art festival is 34 years old and different from many shows out there. It is a club affair with a part for everyone. Your club dues help support this grand effort. Even if you are not exhibiting we still need your help in many ways. Help your fellow artists by distributing our posters at every business that allows posting. Post information via Email and Facebook--spread the word! Volunteer at the show. It is the best way to get to know your fellow artists and enjoy their work. There is such tremendous variety in the club. You will see how a show works. Wander around the show and think of how you might exhibit next time. If you volunteer you can get your feet wet by hanging a painting to sell at the Hospitality Booth.

What Part will you Play?

SHOW NEWS

Show participants! MELT Food Truck is our food vendor



for this year's show. We will work out a menu for you to order lunch for yourself and family to be delivered to your booth. The Choko Aiken Trio will provide soft jazz. We have found that our visitors stay longer browsing with the wonderful atmosphere this adds to the show.

SHOW TIPS

Rebecca Moody, our web site administrator, has moved the show tips so they are more easily found under a new tab: "outdoor show tips". It is full of lots of helpful information. (www.mountainbrookartassociation.com) For those of you looking to make our easy-to-make by anyone, home-made lightweight screens you'll find the link within the show tips article.

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

SPRING SHOW...continued

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering at the show is one of the best ways to get to know other members and feel part of the club. We need members who are not exhibiting to manage the hospitality booth, splitting up the work. The Hospitality Booth is our tent for club information, credit desk, lost-and-found and general party central. We also will need volunteers to help in the booth, setting up and taking down, delivering lunches and booth-sitting to give artists breaks. Volunteers may hang one or two paintings there depending on size. The paintings may be sold and are eligible for awards.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO MAKE WEBSITE UPDATES

We have so many new members that we need to add to our web site, plus we need to update previous work. We really need someone who has the computer skills to do this for us! This is a great way to get to know the membership through our photos of members and their artwork. If you're willing to volunteer for any of the above needs, please contact Janet Sanders at mtnbrookartassoc@gmail.com.

IT'S BEEN A SEASON OF GREAT MEETINGS

... and here are even more!

Day Meeting

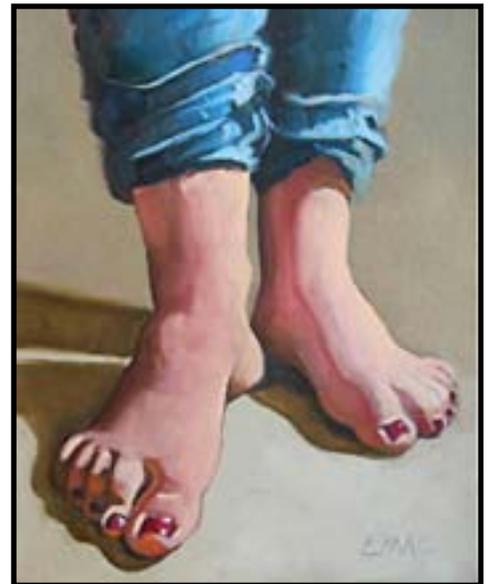
Thursday, March 19
Noon at Canterbury Methodist

Our next demo artist will be Carolyn McDonald, known to many of our members through the Alabama Plein Air Artists group. You'll love her style! Carolyn's work is contemporary impressionism in oils. She is presently the art teacher at Homewood High School. To enjoy her work, visit her website at <http://carolynmcdonaldfineart.com>.

Night Meeting

Tuesday, March 24
Emmet O'Neal Library

Do you need to work on your "people skills"? Do the people in your paintings need help? MBAA member and past president Gayle Hurley is a successful portrait artist with the National Brokerage Portraits, Inc. located right here in Birmingham. Gayle is multi-talented, working in oils as well as watercolor and enjoys plein air painting. For our evening meeting, she will paint a monochromatic watercolor portrait. Visit her web site at <http://gaylehurley.com>.



MEETINGS . . . continued

May Meeting

Thursday, May 21

Noon at Canterbury Methodist Church

Barbara Davis of Montgomery is also known to some of our members from the Alabama Plein Air Artists group. Barbara works in oils and does beautiful landscapes (her sunset skies/clouds are incredible--they glow), still life, portraits, local city scenes. She is well known in Montgomery and throughout the Southeast and has an impressive resume. She was recently chosen to paint during Gov. Bentley's Inauguration. Look for her great workshops in Montgomery! She's very personable and does very well with demos. Our demo will be a landscape featuring her beautiful skies.

Visit Littlehouse Galleries in Homewood to see her paintings in person or her web site: <http://barbaradavisart.com/>



MBAA ARTISTS MAKE IT TO ENERGEN

Congratulations to the following MBAA artists who have been accepted into the 2015 Energen Competition, 33 of the 124 statewide who made the cut. Don't forget that even if you were not accepted you will still receive an invitation to their fantastic grand finale reception. You won't want to miss it. Once the show opens it will be open to the public weekdays. Make a date with a few friends to visit , maybe have lunch at the museum 2 blocks away. It's always more fun critiquing together.

If you did not make the cut, please don't take it too hard. It is an employee-choice first, then judged, so it is sometimes hard to figure out what they are looking for. It is always amazing the wonderful work that doesn't get accepted!

Kelly Alford
Yvonne Andrews
Lynn Briggs
Sam Chiarella
Amy Collins
Sara Crook
Joan Curtis
Vicki Denaburg
Don Estes
Dee Falls
Diane Hathcock

Mara Jambor
Sue Key
Ronald Lewis
Laura Lewis
Nancy Lloyd
Lois Mash
Robin Miller
Carolyn Mitchell
Laura Murphy
David Nichols
Libby Pantazis

Amy R. Peterson
Kathleen Pilliteri
Sally Powell
Janet Sanders
Dale Sloman
Scott Thompson
Sandy Tilt
Taylor White
Mary Wier
Cynthia Woods
Robin Wright

MEMBER SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

Kay Vinson Solo Art Exhibit at Hoover City Hall March 4 - April 30



Kay is well known for her vibrantly colored geometric abstracts. Vinson's art has been greatly influenced by her many travels, particularly to Asia, and by her fascination with urban life and artifacts. She weaves together a love of shape, color, texture and movement into mixed media paintings which invite the viewer to look beyond their apparent simplicity into a world of subtle nuance.

Kay grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, moved to Chicago, then to California and then on to Memphis. She has now come full circle back to Birmingham where she works as a dedicated professional artist. Kay studied art at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California and at San Jose State University. In San Francisco, she did two years of intensive study of the creative process with the internationally respected painter and teacher, Michele Cassou. Vinson's work has won numerous awards and it can be found in prominent collections across the USA,

Canada and France.

The Hoover City Hall Gallery is a lovely, spacious, well lighted gallery space with a lot of foot traffic. If other members of the MBAA are interested in exhibiting they should contact Pat Bendall at psbendall@gmail.com. Pat Bendall is the president of the Hoover Arts Alliance, the organization that's in charge of the City Hall gallery.

Please visit Kay's website for further information. kayvinsonart.com Wildwood Art Studio

The Shelby County Arts Council presents Cescilia Llorente Fowler's Solo Art Exhibit March 6-27

104 Mildred Street, Columbiana, AL

Gallery Hours are 10am - 5pm, Monday - Thursday

Admission is free!



Cescilia Llorente Fowler, the winner of the 2014 SCAC Juried Art Exhibit, will bring her breathtaking paintings to the gallery walls in one amazing solo exhibit.

Cescilia was born in Mexico City. The artist's mother taught her at an early age, giving her support and motivation for all of her projects. Her career as an artist and painter began at the age of 12 when training with Ma. de Lourdes Valdes. She took many painting classes using different techniques and materials. Cecilia began giving painting classes for children and adolescents in 1976. In 1991 and 1992, she designed and painted scenes for stage plays and children's theater performances. In 1993 she

began teaching adults. Cescilia has created more than 800 different works with various techniques and materials. Her art is owned and displayed in many countries- Argentina, Colombia, England, Germany, Poland, New Zealand, Spain and Mexico. In the United States, her art can be found in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina and Texas.

MORE MEMBER SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

Melanie Morris' Exhibit

Hoover Library, 200 Municipal Lane

MBAA member Melanie Morris was chosen as the featured artist for this year's Southern's Voices Festival which occurred in February. Melanie's paintings will continue to be on display at the Hoover Library through the month of March. *(Painting to right)*

Vestavia Hills Arts & Crafts Show

March 21, 10:00 - 4:00

Vestavia Hills Civic Center

1973 Merryvale Rd. off Hwy. 31, 35216

Two MBAA members will be among 60 exhibitors in the Vestavia Hills Arts & Crafts Show--Anita Bice and Joan Perry. Since it is held indoors, weather will not be a factor.

Nancy Christies' Art Show

Nancy Christie will be exhibiting at St Vincent's Hospital from March 3 through April 7. The exhibit is in the main St Vincent's Hospital on the way to the Food Court. The exhibit can be viewed at anytime since the hospital is always open.

Amy Peterson's Busy April

Amy recently completed a mural at the newly expanded restaurant at Organic Harvest market in Hoover, 1580 Montgomery Hwy. The restaurant is open until 8:00 pm.

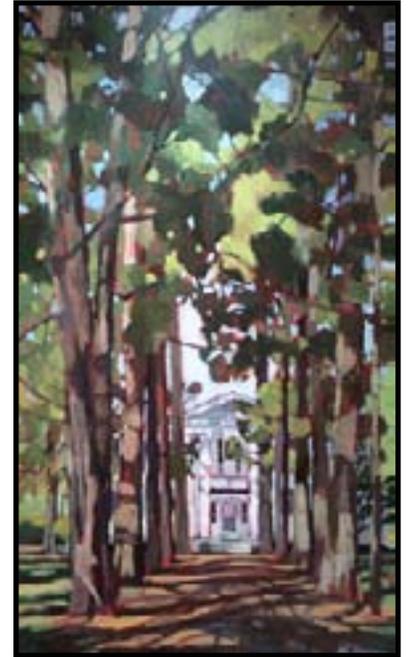
April 3, there will be a reception for Amy from 4:30 to 8:30pm at the Featured Artist Show at Artists, Incorporated, 3365 Morgan Drive, Vestavia Hills, (205) 979-8990.



April 6-11, Amy has been invited to participate in the annual Spring Plein Air Invitational hosted by the Gadsden Museum of Art, featuring about a dozen regional plein air artists. Artists will be painting from April 6-11. Plein air works will be exhibited at GMA through May 2.

April 16, there will be a reception from 6:00-8:00pm at Aldridge Gardens. Amy is the co-chair and 1 of 10

artists (including Amy Collins) featured in a juried exhibit of plein air work.



Artist Proposals Wanted for Studio Classes

The Museum is seeking proposals from artists and educators for studio classes for children, teens, and adults.



Classes will be held between April and December 2015 and offered for adults. Available timeframes are Tuesday through Friday between 10AM and 5PM, Thursday evenings, and/or Saturdays. Classes can range from a one-time workshop to a four-week session.

Proposals will undergo a review process, and potential applicants will be contacted for a meeting to discuss the class proposal in more detail as well as compensation. Creative proposals not chosen for this term may be kept on file, and applicants may be contacted for future opportunities.

For more information, please contact Kristen Greenwood, Interim Curator of Education and Associate Curator of Education for Public Programs, at kpgreenwood@artsbma.org.

<http://www.artsbma.org/artist-proposals-wanted-for-studio-classes>

NEW ONGOING CLASSES

“STILL LIFE PAINTING” WITH SCOTT THOMPSON

Thursdays, 6-8 pm, March 12 - April 30 (excludes March 19)

Samford Academy of the Arts:

<http://www.samford.edu/academy-of-the-arts/>

Academy's phone number: 726-2739

Learn to paint a realistic still life using a limited palette of acrylics and focusing on simple shapes. This course combines painting from photos as well as from our surroundings. \$200.

Scott explains, “I teach landscape painting, intro to drawing, still life painting and a class called quick studies on a year around rotation. The classes are 7 weeks and are designed for beginners, intermediate and advanced.”

“MAKING MONEY WITH YOUR ART” WITH RICHARD RUSSELL

“I am offering one-on-one sessions on how to make money with your art. The cost is \$75 per hour (two hour minimum the first visit only). Results are guaranteed, I just can't promise they will be good! Call my studio at 637-0538. I can customize a plan that fits your lifestyle. I already made all the mistakes. Mistakes you can avoid to save you time and money. The only thing finer than being an artist is being an artist and selling your work!”

Richard Russell, President-Richard Russell Studio

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Works on permanent display in:

NFL Hall of Fame
College Football Hall of Fame
US Cycling Hall of Fame

Bear Bryant Museum
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

ONGOING CLASSES

PAINTERLY IMPRESSIONS IN OIL WITH DAVID NICHOLS

Forstall Art Center, Mondays, 1:00-3:30pm.

\$140 per month. (4 classes) Returning students pay \$120 per month.

Award-winning David Nichols has been a professional artist since 1986. His approach to impressionism is to create art that is just that, an impression. David's paintings capture the essence of the subject, the way it speaks to him. To register, call Forestall Art Center (205) 870-0480.

PAINTING IN ACRYLICS WITH RON LEWIS

Forstall Art Center, Mondays, 6-8:30pm. \$125/4 weeks, ronbeckylewis@aol.com

Experienced artist and instructor, Ron Lewis, will begin a new four week class on the most versatile of all painting mediums, acrylics. You can paint thick or thin, realistic or abstract, and make them look like oil or watercolor. Over time Ron covers it all. This class, for the beginner through the experienced painter, will explore drawing, color and composition. A mixture of demonstrations and individual instruction, the goal of this class is to improve your painting skills while enjoying the process.

TUESDAY OPEN STUDIO LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

Forstall Art Center, 7:00-9:00pm for all Tuesdays EXCEPT for the last Tuesday of the month which runs from 6:30-9:30 to accommodate long poses.

\$7.00 per class. Beginner to advanced.

Drawing from life is one of the best ways to train your hand to do what your eye sees. The first Tuesday of each month is costume night. On the remaining Tuesdays models are nude, rotating between male and female. Only 18 year-olds and up are allowed on evenings that the models are nude.

RON LEWIS WEDNESDAYS

Mountain Brook Community Education Center, 32 Vine Street, Crestline Village

9:00-11:30am

Paint in watercolor, oil, or acrylics. Ongoing 6 week sessions are only \$85 for group and individual instruction, beginner to advanced. To register email ronbeckylewis@aol.com

PORTRAIT DRAWING CLASSES

Rollina Oglesbay is now teaching from her home basic drawing skills classes and portrait classes. Contact her at rollinaoglesbay@gmail.com.

VIDEO SEMINAR

Thomas Andrew's video seminar entitled, "How to Make Money Selling Your Art" can be found on his website www.ThomasAndrewArt.com.

Member News

Welcome New Members!

MBAA welcomes these new members who have joined since our last newsletter. We invite our new members to arrive 30 minutes early for our meetings. Arriving early would give our new members the opportunity to get to know each other better and meet the MBAA members who are setting up for the meeting.

Erin Adrian
Gail Benson
Marcie Braden
Jenny Cash
Amy Crews
Barbara Durrett
Frances Faulconer
Shannon Hopkins
Carol Little
Katherine Long
Lois Mash

Lesley McCrae
Katherine Monroe
Melanie O'Keefe
Beverley Phillips
Danielle Phillips
Michael Roach
Jane Reed Ross
DeAnn Thorn
Kay Vinson
Jan Whitt
Portia Williams

Cindy Woods

Returning Members:

Carolyn Thomas Jones
Amy Peterson
Sandy Tilt
Libby Wright

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRODUCTIVE MBAA MEMBERS

Etta Yeary Exhibit at Shoal Creek Country Club



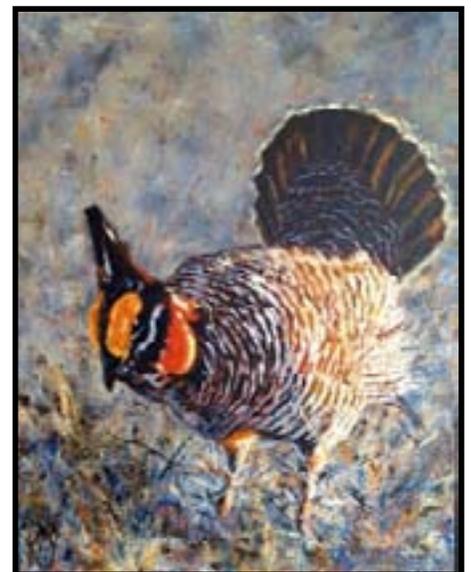
Shoal Creek Golf Club held its first “Evening of Art and Hors D’ Oeuvres” on Saturday, February 21. Sixteen members and residents exhibited their art.

Etta Yeary exhibited four paintings. Two paintings were of landscapes at Shoal Creek. Other paintings included Etta’s grandchildren fishing, and a painting of lotus lilies on a pond at Shoal Creek.

Sue Key - Featured Artist

Sue Key is the featured artist at the Lesser

Prairie Chicken Festival, April 15-22, in Woodward, Oklahoma. Prairie Chickens are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, in danger of extinction within foreseeable future. One of Sue’s wildlife photographer friends recommended her for the event. This painting of a male Prairie Chicken showing off by bowing, dancing, “booming” for the girls. They will make a poster and t-shirts of the image!



MEMBER NEWS . . . CONTINUED

Katherine Anne Hicks Barber's Vintage Festival Posters

"I have painted the past six Barber's Vintage Festival posters. This year Barber's has added a new event, and asked me to paint the poster art. It will be for the inaugural "Barber Historics". It will be patterned after the Vintage Festival, but instead of vintage motorcycles it will focus on historic cars.

For the inaugural poster I painted a Lotus t79 as it would look racing on Barber's track, passing the race control building, the checkered flag and starter stand. It is the famous Lotus that Mario Andretti drove when he won the 1978 Formula 1 championship, so I portrayed Mario Andretti driving it. (L-R: Lee Clark, Assistant Manager, me, Jeff Ray, Executive Director Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum)" The festival this year will be held on May 15-17.



Darrell Corbin's Radio Show

This news is from the husband of Denise Corbin who we lost to cancer last May. We all got to know Darrell at the holiday show where he sold so many of Denise's paintings. Ron Lewis says he was famous!

Before quitting to care for Denise, Darrell was very a popular DJ, famous in the industry for his knowledge of music from the 60s' to the 80's. Currently, Darrell is broadcasting on XM Radio Channel 32, The Bridge! He performs 3-6 Monday-Friday offering music from the 60's on up to the music of today ! Tune in to Darrel's show to hear the music you know and grew up with--and the kind you still enjoy!

Yvonne Andrews Wins Award

Yvonne Andrews received 2nd Place in 2D at the Jerry Brown Festival of Art held March 7 and 8, and had two pieces accepted into the Alabama Wildlife Flora and Fauna Art Show.

Suzanne Stewart Wins River Road

Suzanne Stewart has been awarded First Prize in the 45th River Road Show in Baton Rouge. This is a wonderful show sponsored by the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild. The show is held in the Louisiana State Archives. Her win there is akin to winning Energen. It is a very prestigious show.

*First Prize River Road Art Show winner
"Mother's Day Tea Party"*



Condolences

MBAA received news that Diane Hathcock's husband Ron passed away on Monday, March 9. We extend our deepest sympathy to Diane at this difficult time. Cards can be sent to her at 607 Green Valley Drive, Moody, AL. 35004.

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Thank you for supporting our programs by designating Hand in Paw as the recipient of your Holiday Art Show fund-raiser totaling \$4,114.75. Because of caring donors like you, more people in need will reach their therapeutic and educational goals with the aid of Animal-Assisted Therapy.

Children who have come from abusive and often violent homes will have an opportunity to learn healthy ways to manage their anger. In our 12-week *Pawsitive Living™* program, youth 8-18 years of age, also learn compassion from our therapy animals and their caring handlers.

Through our *Petscription* program, patients and their families dealing with serious illnesses will receive special visits that deliver a positive distraction from pain and worry. More Occupational, Physical, Speech, and Recreational Therapists will have the opportunity to incorporate animals into therapy sessions, making difficult work seem more like play, and helping people reach goals faster as a result.

Our *Sit, Stay, Read* program was designed for children who struggle to read at grade level, but are able to find support from a four-legged friend – a Hand in Paw therapy animal who is “all ears.” Reading time in our program leads to improved reading skills and increased self-confidence.

Because you cared enough to support these programs, people of all ages are being motivated and comforted by Hand in Paw Therapy Teams. Your gift helps us recruit, train, place, and support Therapy Teams. Placing more Therapy Teams in the field will allow us to activate new partnerships with community agencies that have been on our waiting list for services.

Thank you again for your support.

For the Therapy Teams and the people they serve,

Laura
Laura Cardwell
Executive Director

*It was such a pleasure to meet you all
Thank you so much for choosing us.*

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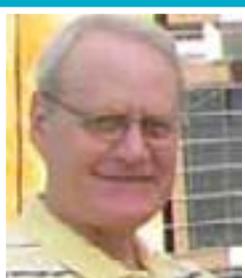
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