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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by S. Renee Prasil

A "New Year" brings new opportunities to HAL! To name a few:

- Exhibitions and shows, such as Panoply (more info at the desk)
- Exciting new Art Classes
- Outreach opportunities to share our experiences and our art with our community.
- Other special events/sales for members (and non-members, too!)

(And as a 'teaser:' info on a very special event/show is coming soon! Stay 'tuned'!)

Along with the 'new', there are also some things that have remained the same, and for this we are grateful:

- Our Staff (Annette Tecza, Susan Christian, and Sandy Campbell), Executive Board and Advisory Board are continuing to give their best efforts on behalf of HAL
- The ongoing art classes, peer critique, life drawing groups, etc are still active and providing a service to artists, community, and HAL alike
- The people who are connected to HAL (artists and members) continue to be a group with which we can all be proud to be affiliated.

But there is also the 'old' that still needs our attention — we are still looking for chairpersons for Publicity, Workshops, Grants, & Education. A challenge for a New Year's Resolution — get involved with the organizational, day-to-day operation of YOUR organization! Elections are coming in May—now is the time to throw your hat into the "ring."

I hope your Holidays were happy and restful — here's to a Happy New Year! ☺

*Some of the beautiful artwork contributed to Collector's Draw include, clockwise from top left: Shop Windows, photography by Janet Schumacher; Mirror Image: Botanical Garden, watercolor by Ed Starnes; Berries From Brenda, pastel by Terri Shows; Turned Bowl, Norfolk Island pine and turquoise by Jack Rogers; Three River Rock Cat Paintings, painted rocks by Tracey Allyn Greene.*

## Collector's Draw 2005!

by Rachel Strange



The Collector's Draw is underway! The Huntsville Art League's only annual fundraiser is now in full swing, and it is shaping up to be very successful.

We've sold 100 tickets at \$95 each, and we have a waitlist for about a dozen more. The art that has been donated ranges from pastels, oils, and acrylics to jewelry, glass, fiber arts, woodwork, china painting, and more. Each donated item has a retail value of at least \$125, and some are worth much more. This fact makes Collector's Draw tickets easily some of the most coveted items around.

On January 14, the day before the Preview Reception, Misty Bennett, Associate Art Professor from the University of Montevallo, will be on hand to jury the art. After she makes her selections (I don't envy her this job!), six Awards of Distinction valued at \$100 each will be presented. These awards have been made possible by Laughlin Services, AmSouth Bank, Regions Bank, Meridian Arts Gallery, Frame World Art Gallery, and Compass Bank. Six Awards of Merit, typically valued between \$30 and \$50, will also be given. These awards were

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#### Gallery Tour

## EDUCATION NEWS

by Susan Christian

After the busy holiday season, do you need a new focus? There are some wonderful course offerings at HAL during the months of January and February. **Walt Shoemaker** will be offering a series of short classes on digital photography, website construction, photography for artists, and digital printing with Photoshop elements. **Linda Morton** will offer an advanced class on colored pencils, **Gabrielle Dempsey** will offer basic approaches to classic oil painting, **Millie Dempsey** will teach classical drawing for all levels of students, **Heike Covell** will offer a watercolor class for beginners and intermediates, **Caroline Wang** will offer a level IV class on Oriental painting, and **Marcia Leonard** will teach pastels. These classes range in

length from four to eight sessions. In addition, **Everett Cox** will teach a 10-class course on sculpting the head, and **Karen Reed** will teach a beginner's class (in four meetings) in stained glass to make a goose-neck lamp. For children there are Japanimation classes with **Paul Rufe**, multimedia art classes with **Sharon Albright**, and cultural multimedia classes with **Candace Bean**. What an opportunity to learn something new! For further information, please stop in or call the HAL gallery.

The education committee is always looking to expand the class offerings. If there is a class you would love to take and you don't see it listed, please ask. If there is a class you would love to teach, please let us know. ☐

## COLLECTOR'S DRAW 2005

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made possible by Quality Photo Services (2), Allied Photocopy (2), Ol' Heidelberg Restaurant, and 801 Franklin. These awards not only benefit the artists of the winning pieces, but they also add interest for the ticketholders and the public at large. Many thanks to these establishments, and to Mary Champion for obtaining their sponsorship!

Ticketholders and the public alike will get their first official look at the artwork up for grabs on January 15, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Preview Reception. Each ticket holder will be provided with a list of the art to aid their prioritization process. Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by some of the artists will be served, as will food contributed by local businesses. Kroger, Publix, Humphrey's Bar & Grill, Domino's Pizza, Fudgey Nut, Peggy Ann Bakery, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Buffalo Rock Beverages, Coca Cola, and If It's Paper are some of the fine businesses that have donated their resources to the Collector's Draw. Many thanks to Teresia Reid in soliciting their help!

The Collector's Draw itself will be held starting at 4:00 p.m. on January 30, 2005. The Draw is open only to ticketholders. These patrons' names will be drawn at random by the event's emcee, Steve Johnson of WHNT Channel 19. As the tickets are called, each lucky art collector will have the opportunity to make his or her choice from the stunning works that have been donated by Huntsville and area artists. It's fast-paced fun, and everyone is a winner. Mark your calendars! ☐

## HAL NEWS

### HAL Membership Meeting Speaker

Because of the intense activity surrounding Collector's Draw in January, the general membership meeting that would normally take place in January will be postponed. Be on the lookout for something special in February!

### Awards

The Huntsville Photographic Society holds a themed competition each month, with three categories; color, black & white, and slide.

Here are the year-end results for **Walt & Janet Schumacher**:

Janet: 1-First Place, 3-Second Place, 3-Third Place, 2-Honorable Mentions

Walt: 4-Second Place, 5-Third Place, 9-Honorable Mention; tied for most Wins overall; in Annual competition: Second Place in Prints, Third Place in Slides.

Member Walt Schumacher sent an image of Venus, Jupiter and the Moon recently to Sky & Telescope magazine. The picture will be included in their new bi-monthly magazine Night Sky. It is a "compilation" of 2 shots, one day apart, illustrating how far the moon moves in one day.

*Editor's note: we welcome news of your achievements and would love to share them with our readers. Please email Margaret Handley at jhandley1@comcast.net or leave a paper copy at the HAL gallery in the newsletter editor's slot with your good news.*

## Exhibitions

### Times Gallery

Heike Covell will be showing a variety of watercolor paintings through the month of January 2005. The subject matter includes landscapes and floral still life arrangements. The Huntsville Times Gallery, 2317 S. Memorial Pkwy, is open from 8am –5pm and admission is free. For more information call the Huntsville Times at 532-4494.

### Arts Council Gallery

Mary Ellen Davidson will be displaying her paintings at the Arts Council Gallery during the months of January, February and March. The Arts Council Gallery is located in the von Braun Center at 700 Monroe, Suite 2.

### The Executive Group, REALTORS

During the months of January and February, six HAL artists will be represented at The Executive Group, REALTORS office at 2304 S. Memorial Parkway: Shirley Barnes, Mary Champion, Patricia Eldridge, Anita Hoodless, Mary Ellen Davidson, and Dorothy Montgomery. For further information call 533-7210.

### Heritage Club

The Heritage Club will host a reception for Robin Roberts and Katrina Weber on January 11, from 5 to 7 pm. HAL members and their friends are invited to enjoy a glass of wine, a bite of cheese, and the exhibit of fifteen or so new works each by these HAL artists. The Heritage Club is located at 111 Washington St. NE.

## Panoply

This year, HAL will again support a tent at Panoply. To exhibit in the HAL tent the following criteria apply: All artists considered must be currently exhibiting in HAL at the time of application and must apply through HAL for inclusion in the HAL Tent. You may apply separately for an individual space/tent if you desire to do so. Each artist entry for the HAL Tent is either accepted or denied solely by the decision of the Panoply judge(s). Those artists accepted by Panoply are then given equal space in the HAL Tent. "Equal space" is determined solely on the number of artists accepted and the size of the tent provided. INFO ON APPLYING TO PANOPLY WILL BE AT THE DESK. See also the related article under "Juried Show Opportunities."

Late-breaking news: As we prepare for Panoply, our president, S. Renee Prasil, is currently looking for a sponsor to cover the cost of the HAL Tent. If anyone has any suggestions for potential sponsors, please contact Renee/HAL with the information. In the event a sponsor is unable to be found, HAL will provide funds as the budget allows. Participating artists will be expected to divide any tent costs that we cannot cover otherwise.

## Clean Sweep Resolution?

Christmas is over, the new year has begun, and we'll guess that you've made some New Year's resolutions... Does at least one resolution have something to do with organizing? Need to have a "clean sweep" of your studio?



"Summer's End," by Heike Covell is on exhibit at the Times Gallery.

## ARTIST SERVICES

### Juried Show Opportunities

By Mary Champion

**40th Eufaula Pilgrimage Art Show**, April 1, 2 and 3. Deadline for entry March 4, 2005. Booth fee \$75. Send slides or photos of work – call 1-888-383-2852 or email info@eufaulapilgrimage.com for details and entry form. Cash awards (unspecified) and purchase awards. Sample entry form on HAL bulletin board

**Red Clay Survey, Triennial Exhibit of Regional Art at Huntsville Museum of Art.** Deadline for entry March 4. Prospectus available after January 1, 2005 at www.hsvmuseum.org, or by calling David Reyes, 535-4350, ext 216. Red Clay juror Elaine Spatz-Rabinowitz has the option of selecting up to three works per artist for inclusion into the show. \$10,000 in cash awards will be awarded, including Museum Purchase Awards of \$4000, Juror's Choice

No longer doing outdoor shows and need to sell your equipment? Want to try a new medium? Need some extra cash?

We'd like to know who's interested in participating in a "yard sale" for art supplies and equipment at the gallery in the back studio or possibly at a main library meeting room. Gallery and Education would receive 10% of everything sold (15% for non members of HAL). What about February or March? If you're interested in participating in and/or helping with the "yard" sale please call Karen Young @ 837-3867 or e-mail her at rogyoung@msn.com. OR sign up and leave your comments in a folder at the front desk of the gallery. Hope to hear from ya'll. Thanks.

## Website

The HAL website has had a change of personnel this December. We extend our grateful thanks to Melissa Botero, the Volunteer Center volunteer who has worked on our website for so many months and who is moving on now. Welcome to Walt Schumacher, who is putting on an extra HAL hat and taking over the job of webmaster. Katrina Weber will continue to serve as information gatherer and coordinator, so please email her at chuckkat@pobox.com, or call 536-1397. Walt has been busy working on the website already – check it out at [www.huntsvilleartleague.org](http://www.huntsvilleartleague.org).

Award \$1500, Alabama Artist Awards \$2000, Merit Awards \$500 each and the People's Choice Award \$500. The 2005 Red Clay Survey will run from June 19 through September 11, 2005.

**Art in the Gardens**, a two-day juried outside show, will be held in June or July in Aldredge Gardens in Birmingham. Organizer Ron Worland is looking for Alabama fine artists and fine craftsmen who would like to receive an invitation. Ron is currently president of the Hoover Art Association, but will leave that office in 2005 to devote his time to developing Art in the Gardens into a first class show for Alabama artisans. Call Ron at 205-823-6824 or email rworland@bellsouth.net (HAL will receive a copy of the invitation when it is available, watch the bulletin board for details.) Jury fee \$25, booth fee \$50. Limited pavilion space available for artists without tents, first come first served!

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#### UPCOMING DATES

##### Gallery Change-Out

End of February. Call for details.

##### Figures, It's Tuesday

Every Tuesday Morning  
9am-12pm • HAL Gallery

##### Plein Air Group

Call Anne Southard for details, 881-2179

##### Peer Critique

Every 1st Wed., 7:00 pm, HAL Gallery

##### Board Meeting

Every 2nd Mon., 11:30 am, HAL Gallery

##### Standards

Every 2nd Mon., 2 pm, HAL Gallery  
Call Annette for directions, 534-3860

##### General Membership Meeting & Program

Every 3rd Tues., 7 pm, HAL Gallery

### Newsletter Submissions

Please submit articles and photographs for submission in the next issue of HAL News by the 15th to **Margaret Handley**,  
jhandley1@comcast.net

Please send us information on recent acceptances into local/state/regional/national/international juried shows along with any awards/recognition received. We want to acknowledge your achievements!

### Should We E-mail Your Newsletter?

If you would like us to e-mail your newsletter, please contact us at HAL351@hiwaay.net. You'll know all of the HAL news first and the saved costs in printing, postage, etc., could be used to garner additional patrons/members!

#### WELCOME!

### New & Renewing Members

Maeve Brackin  
Grace Dailey  
Barbara McCall  
Peter Perreault

Rachel Strange  
Esther Thost  
John Wolfsberger

### New Exhibiting Artists

Tracey Allyn Greene  
Peter Perreault

Dwin Hart  
Ellen Moran

#### ARTIST'S SERVICES

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*Panoply Arts Festival* is now accepting applications from visual artists interested in participating in the Boeing Company Art Marketplace during Panoply 2005, April 22-24. All submissions must be postmarked by January 14, 2005. For more information about Panoply, or to receive an application, call 519-2787. Applications also available online at [www.panoply.org](http://www.panoply.org). In 2004 HAL sponsored a tent for artists juried into HAL's main gallery. Please see the related article on HAL participation in Panoply. Be aware that in order to participate through HAL you must be juried in on your own application. ☐

### Photographic Services

Walt & Janet Schumacher are offering their photographic services to HAL Members/Exhibitors at a very reasonable rate. Please consider taking advantage of this offer (slides, digital 'captures', scanning slides/prints to digital files- all at \$2 each). For more info, please contact Walt at 536-1284 or [waltshoe@comcast.net](mailto:waltshoe@comcast.net). ☐

#### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### HAL General Meeting

There will be no January general meeting. Stay tuned for February.

### Condolences

Our condolences are offered to **Nia Thurber** (exhibiting artist/member) on the loss of her husband. (He was killed in a car accident Nov. 21 two minutes from home.)

We also offer our condolences to **Joan Hutson** whose mother died.

### Well Wishes

Many HAL members will remember Marcy Haraway. In spite of suffering with MD she was very active in promoting HAL's welfare while she was able. She is now gravely ill and living in Florida. She will surely enjoy a cheery greeting; Marcy Haraway, 21100 No. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-5822.

### Congratulations

**Sandra Fuller** welcomed a new granddaughter in October. ☐