

HAL Art news

HUNTSVILLE LEAGUE

WHERE LOCAL ART MEETS THE COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY/2006

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Peter Grant

A wonderful year! 2005 was a super year for our artists and gallery. Our annual "Collectors Draw" and "The Unique Views of Huntsville" at the Huntsville Museum of Art were very successful events. Additionally, we were selected by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce as a finalist for the Small Business of the Year. What an honor.

Our league is so successful because of the many people willing to contribute art, time, and money. Financially, we are doing well and our numbers of both artists and league members are growing.

2006 should be even more exciting.

Collectors Draw is just around the corner and Janet Schumacher is doing a wonderful job with this event. The search is on for sponsor support to help promote another spectacular show at the museum this year. Much is happening at Huntsville Art League.

Your involvement and support is appreciated! Member support enables us to help Huntsville be a wonderful community and a great place to live. ☺

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / GALLERY DIRECTOR

by Annette Tecza

The Collector's Draw artwork is spectacular again this year! Our community is very fortunate to have such talented and generous artists. Thank you to everyone for their hard work to make this year's Draw such a success! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this month. ☺

Clockwise from top; "Koalas" and "Morning Light" by Dorothy Montgomery, "A Georgia Harbor" by Malinda McCleary.

Hal Artists Exhibit Their Work!



Every month we feature the HAL Limelight Artist on our cover, but there will be no Limelight exhibit in February due to Collector's Draw. This month we're focusing on the many HAL artists who's work is on exhibit about town.

Times Gallery

Selected artwork by *Dorothy Montgomery* will be on exhibit at the Huntsville Times Gallery during the month of February, 2006.

Dorothy has painted professionally in Huntsville for 35 years, doing portrait and animal commissions as well as other subjects in oil. She is an exhibiting member of the Huntsville Art League Gallery (HAL) and teaches adult oil painting classes at Southerland Station.

The Huntsville Times Gallery is located at 2317 S. Memorial Parkway and is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is free. For further information, please call the Times at 532-4494 or HAL at 534-3860.

Arts Council Gallery

Malinda McCleary is the featured artist at the Arts Council from January thru March. Hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.



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Gallery Tour

EDUCATION NEWS

by Susan Christian

The winter schedule has been going great and we are not done yet. During February you can find a ton of exciting classes, one or maybe two just right for you. For our children we will be offering *Paul Rufe's* always wonderful Japanimation, *S. Renee Prasil* will be making sculptures from paper casting, and *Candace Bean* will continue with her exciting Multi Media classes. Also, look for Candace's ever popular Spring Break Camp coming up in March. For our "Young" at heart, *Marica Leonard* is starting her Pastel Class, *S. Renee Prasil* will be putting your artwork on the floor with her Floorcloths

class, *Barbara Barnett* is getting us all ready for the Easter season with her workshop, Pysanka, Ukrainian egg decorating. *Walt Schumacher*, our resident computer guy, has Digital Printing with Photoshop elements and Website construction to keep us all up to date. Last but not least *Harriet Dobbins* is back and will be teaching a great Pastel Painting class for the person on the go. We are ready for you to call HAL at 534-3860 today so you don't miss out on a single minute of fun. Our wonderful classes and Instructors are waiting for you. ☺

HAL 2006 Calendar

February

- Feb. 1 Judging for Collector's Draw
- Feb. 4 Collector's Draw Reception
- Feb. 19 Collector's Draw
- Feb. 21 5-7 Heritage Club Artist's reception
- Feb. 25 Change out for the Gallery - AGAIN

March

- March 3-4 Trinity Market Place
- March 21 Membership meeting at HAL Speaker is Huntsville Artist/Jeweler Jackie Miller.

April

- April 28-30 Panoply

May

Huntsville Youth Orchestra and HAL – Joint event at the home of Parker and Virginia Griffith "Celebrating the Arts"

August

Deadline for submissions to Monte Sano Art Festival

September

- 2nd week Unique Views – Possibility of return event.
- 3rd Sat. Monte Sano Art Show

October

Harrison Brothers – a Saturday in October

October – November

Possibility of weekend event at Fayetteville, TN

Don't Miss Out!

Please submit address, phone and/or email changes to Walt Schumacher 536-1284 email: waltshoe@comcast.net

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Heritage Club

K.M. McWhorter and *M.J. Montgomery* are sisters raised in the Springhill section of Mobile, Alabama as Kay and Martha Morrison. After attending the same schools through high school, Kay attended Emory University, graduating from the University of Alabama while Martha later (as the younger sister) headed to Auburn to pursue her love of all creatures great and small. Although their styles differ, the sisters love to encourage each other and in the summer of 2004 they went before the Standards Board of HAL and were accepted as exhibiting members where they continue to inspire each other.

K. M. McWhorter is currently exploring layering in her work using color, lettering, paper and German Schlag leaf in various hues. She continues to develop pieces of traditional calligraphy using illuminated letters and touches of gold while also exploring combinations of less realistic watermedia with lettering which is evolving into personal variations of letterform design with pen and brush. While McWhorter enjoys doing work which varies in size from an inch square to a full sheet, this exhibit will be of her larger work.

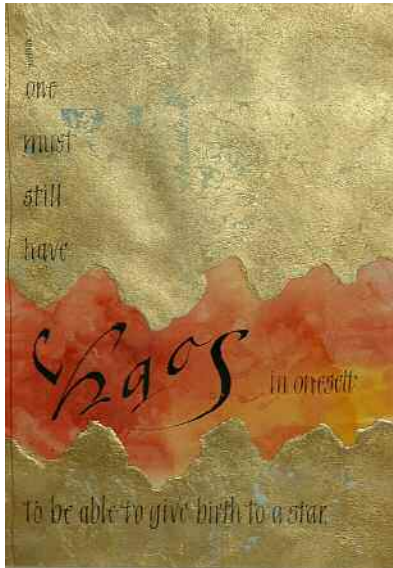
Montgomery's work focuses upon the beauty of landscapes, interesting buildings, and creatures of all sorts, especially birds and dogs. She enjoys photography and painting but does use watercolor as her primary medium with some experimentation in gesso and acrylic. Most recently, Montgomery has studied abstraction and is including that in some of her newest work.

You are cordially invited to attend the exhibit reception at The Heritage Club, February 21, 2006, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

HAL Membership Meeting Speaker

by Peggy Montano

There will not be a membership meeting and program in February because of our annual Collector's Draw event. At our March 21 membership meeting, we will be welcoming Huntsville Artist/Jeweler Jackie Miller. Mrs. Miller designs and creates beautiful pieces,



Top; "Chaos" by Kay McWhorter, bottom; "Roaring Fork Waterfall" by M.J. Montgomery

some of which have been featured on QVC. There will be more information about the meeting in the March newsletter.

Awards

HAL artist *Tracey Allyn Greene* recently won a Patron's Choice award at the online artists' site, EBSQ (www.ebsqart.com). She is a juried member of that community, which runs monthly art shows and has a strong following of collectors. Tracey specializes in pet rock portraits, and patrons of the site chose her memorial rock portrait piece of two cats "Pixie Mestizo and Ophelia" as the Patron's Choice award winner for December's Better Late Than Never show. You can view the piece at http://www.ebsqart.com/ArtShows/cmd_79_Exhibition.htm.

Other News

Submitted by S. Renee Prasil

United Cerebral Palsy is planning a fundraiser auctioning art created by their clients (children with autism/cerebral palsy/etc.). The projects have been designed, but additional hands are needed to oversee/help the children with their art (set up/clean up/finish work is involved). There will be times when a 'sub' is needed. This is a worthwhile volunteer activity (no pay). The kids are in varying stages of handicap, and all love "creating art!" The center is on Max Luther Drive and the "classes" are on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and possibly Thursdays from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm for the rest of January and first two weeks in February. Anyone who is interested may leave a message at 533-7329.

Collector's Draw Update

The Collector's Draw Committee has received a commitment for a total of 129 pieces of work! Fifty seven pieces have been received so far. Please fill out the bottom of the commitment form and attach to your work or mark your work with a note labeled "Collector's Draw" stating your name, title of the piece, and medium.

All artists donating artwork will receive a certificate of appreciation. The certificates are available at the front desk in a manila folder.

All artwork must be received by January 28th. Judging will be on February 1st. Preview reception on February 4th from 6-9 pm. The draw will be on February 19th.

The preview reception is open to everyone, so come, dress up and enjoy. The artists are encouraged to mingle with the buyers to answer questions and show off their great artwork. Winners of award ribbons and gift certificates will be announced.

Special thanks go out to the committee members: *Heike Covell, Teresia Reid, Barbara Barnett, Tim Prost* and *Walt Schumacher* who have helped a lot!

Thanks!

Janet Schumacher, Collector's Draw Chairperson, JanetSchu@yahoo.com ☰

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HAL General Meeting

No general meeting in February due to Collector's Draw.

UPCOMING DATES

Figure Drawing Group
Every Monday 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 for next month's issue of the HAL News by the 15th of the month to

Martha Montgomery,
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AND **Susan Steinhauer,**
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Submit all digital photos to
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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!

WELCOME!

New & Renewing Members

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Plein Air

Anne Southard will call a meeting in early Spring to determine a specific time to restart the plein air group. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Anne at Annehntsvll@aol.com.

Condolences

Sharon Hutson, daughter-in-law of Joan Hutson, long-time HAL member and exhibiting artist passed away January 14th. Condolences may be sent to the family via email at cartertrentfh@earthlink.net.

The Huntsville Art League lost a good friend and faithful supporter with the death of *Marcie Haraway*. In spite of a debilitating disease, Marcie gave more than 100% in the causes and success of the Art League. She was an inspiration and will be missed. Condolences go out to her family.

Reminder!

Thanks to *Nikki Chenault*, the monthly calendar for the HAL gallery workers is now

being sent out by email. Please check each month to be sure you remember to work on the date you signed up for.

Exhibition Opportunities *Huntsville Public Library* *Calling for Visual Artists*

The Huntsville Public Library is now accepting applications from visual artists interested in participating in a juried show in Spring 2006. The show, "Art of the Jazz Age: Contemporary Art Inspired by The Great Gatsby" will feature artwork related to the 1920s, jazz, The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald, or Zelda Fitzgerald and her art. Submissions must be postmarked by Friday, March 10, 2006. "Art of the Jazz Age" will be on exhibit March 27-April 15. For more information visit the Huntsville Public Library website at www.hpl.lib.al.us or call Diane Metrick (256) 532-5950. This event is part of The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.