

HAL Art LEAGUE news

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Peter Grant

Greetings from your President. Soon it will be time for elections to be held for the new board of directors for the Huntsville Art League. The board members are a driving force behind HAL, represent all the members and serve to help HAL move in a positive direction. There are a variety of positions available — treasurer, program coordinator, and vice president for sure — and we need YOU to help. If you are interested in serving as a board member or know someone who you think would be an asset to the board please give a current board member a call. Thanks to all willing to give of their time and service to the Huntsville Art League. ☸

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / GALLERY DIRECTOR

Next year, the Alabama Bureau of Tourism & Travel will be promoting 2007 as “The Year of the Alabama Arts”. The Year of the Arts will encompass all forms of the arts including painting, music, dance, theatre, storytelling, sculpture, pottery, crafts and quilting. 2007 is also the Huntsville Art League’s 50th anniversary. Many special events are planned. We would love for our members to join in planning for the year and to share memories of HAL with us. Call 534-380 or e-mail us at hal351@hiwaay.net and let us know how you would like to help.

A special thank you goes to Parker and Virginia Griffith for graciously hosting our joint fundraiser with the Huntsville Youth Orchestra in their home. I have known the Griffith family for over 20 years and am, once again, grateful for their support.

Thanks in advance also to the Huntsville Youth Orchestra and our team at HAL for their hard work on this event. ☸

Limelight – Tracey Allyn Greene



Tracey Allyn Greene grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, forty minutes north-east of Philadelphia. She graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in English, and is now an artist living here in Huntsville.

The recurring and intermingling themes of her life center on her love of animals and her love of beauty. The longest portion of Tracey’s professional life was spent as a veterinary technician. Her home is alive with a menagerie of pets. For a number of years she successfully pursued the expression of physical beauty through the hobby of bodybuilding. And for the last four years she has rekindled the artistic roots of her youth and vigorously pursued drawing and painting first as a pastime and now as a career.

Tracey works in a variety of media and on a variety of surfaces, but regardless of the particulars it is here that most often her dual loves of animals and beauty come together. She does Chinese brushwork on paper and acrylic pet portrait commissions on river rocks. She employs the classical techniques of the masters with oil on canvas. Or, walking away from convention, she mixes the styles and techniques of these various modes with her love of the colors of the impressionists, to yield unique artistic combinations.

Tracey’s work was featured in a gallery show in Penn Yan, New York. Her art has graced the walls of the Heritage Club in Huntsville, Alabama. She is a member of the Huntsville Art League (HAL).

Above: “Magnolia” and right: by “Blue Point Portrait” by Tracey Greene



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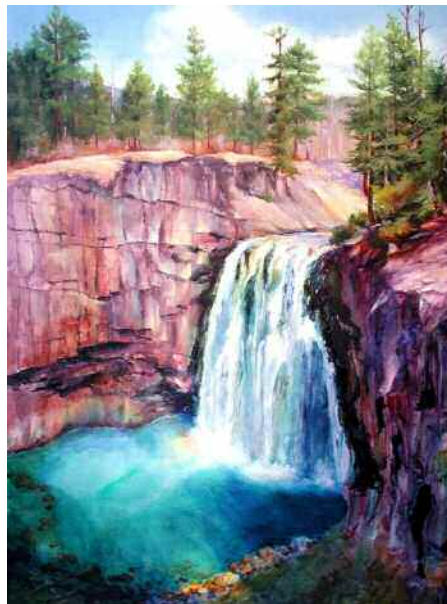
Her work was accepted last year and this year in the Alabama Flora and Fauna Art Show. She is a juried Plus member of EBSQ (www.ebsqart.com), an online artists' colony, and she regularly sells her work through the HAL gallery, through online auctions and via commission. ☰



Left: "Littlejack" and above: "Cassady's Closeup" by Tracey Greene.

HAL NEWS

Exhibitions
Times Gallery



Left: "Waterfall," above: "Fishing on Green Mountain," and opposite page: "Jim: Study in Red and Green" by Terri Shows.

Terri Shows, HAL exhibiting artist since 1991, will display paintings in watercolor, oil, and acrylic at the Huntsville Times Gallery during the month of May.

Many of you know Terri as the coordinator/herder of cat-like artists for HAL's Figure Drawing Group. She describes this as a mostly self-serving position which allows her to exercise her love of rendering

faces and figures every week with a congenial collection of artists and models.

As a longtime student of Chuck Long's in a succession of media, Terri offers her "Story of Three Color Wheels" to any fledgling artists who might take courage from it. In the early 1980's, her long-suffering husband, Otis, gave her a gift of watercolor lessons with Chuck, along with everything on his

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famous supply list (including the requisite tube of Hooker's Green) and a drawing table. Week 1 was manageable—the application and mixing of Alizarin Crimson, Cad Yellow, and Thalo Blue to form 12 circles of primary, secondary, and tertiary colors in a roughly circular ring around neutral gray. Week 2 was magical—oohing and ahhhing over the master's demo, a transformation of 140 lb. Cold Press whiteness into a sparkling landscape. Week 3 was madness—a quick deterioration from blind hope to searing panic in response to the kind, encouraging phrase, “Now you do a painting.” Those other words, “Remember, you're painting to learn!” held no comfort, as Terri saw in front of her only an UGLY PICTURE (read FAILURE.) She went home and stayed away for several years. Her second outing yielded yet another color wheel, shaped more like a flat tire, and one more...yes, UGLY PICTURE.

Finally, in 1987, Terri returned to create her third color wheel (pieceacake), watch yet another demo (ooh-ah), but, before the dreaded Week 3, she tried something new—practicing at home. The “painting to learn” concept finally caught, and she settled into the joy of having a work on the drawing table to wake up to in the morning. Her husband's patience paid off—he never nagged—and Terri became more accepting of herself and of the growth process. The relationships among technique, design, and expression seem always to be out of balance but change comes only from showing up in the studio, preferably singing and even—on a good day—dancing.

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

Peter Grant will continue to exhibit at the Arts Council Offices during May and June. Don't miss this chance to see Peter Grant's exciting paintings.

The Arts Council offices are in the North end of the Von Braun Center, off Clinton Ave at 700 Monroe, Suite 2. Office hours are M-F from 9 AM to 5 PM. Call 519-2787 before you go as the office is not always available to the public.

Heritage Club

Tracey Allyn Greene and **Caroline Wang** will continue to exhibit their artwork at the Heritage Club in April/May. See last month's Newsletter for the complete write-up.

Awards

Sam Tumminello was given an Award of Distinction for a gelatin silver print entitled: “Tuba Player” in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's recent art contest: “Art in the Jazz Age: Contemporary Art Inspired by The Great Gatsby.”

Four paintings by **S. Renee Prasil** were accepted into the “Creativity-Magic City Arts/BellSouth” art show held recently in Birmingham, Alabama. Two of these pieces received awards: one ‘Honorable Mention’ and one ‘Purchase Award’. The purchase award was from BellSouth for their Corporate Collection.

Marcia Leonard has been awarded signature status in the Watercolor Society of Alabama.

Peggy Montano had a painting accepted into an online gallery at artjury.com. The painting, titled “Japanese Garden” was the one she did last year for Unique Views of

Huntsville. The painting is listed under Acrylic/oil category on the webpage of the American Juried Art Salon (above artjury.com).

Other News

The Huntsville Art League has partnered with the Huntsville Youth Orchestra for a joint fundraiser, “Celebrating the Arts”. The event will be a magical evening of art and music at the home of Parker and Virginia Griffith on May 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information, or to receive an invitation, call HAL at 534-3860.

Call for Officers!

HAL is seeking the following candidates for the HAL '06-'07 board: First Vice President, Second Vice President (Speakers), and Treasurer. The jobs really only takes a few hours a month, and you get unending gratitude! ☺

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UPCOMING DATES

Gallery Change-Out

The next change-out will be May 3.

Figure Drawing Group

Every Monday Morning
 9am-noon • 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 details, 534-3860

General Membership Meeting & Program

Every 3rd Tues., 7 pm, HAL Gallery

WELCOME!

New & Renewing Members

Carrie Alderfer
 Tippen H. Anderson
 Donna C. Beadle
 Conrad & Patricia Cook
 Juni Daniels
 Harriet Dobbins
 Barbara Faulkner
 Rubye Jones
 Rex Mills
 Al Phillips
 Elsabe Webster

New Exhibiting Artists

Main Gallery
 Brice Head
 Barbara Barnett
 Dan Tatum
 Elsabe Holst Webster
 Visions Gallery
 Maite Clyatt
 Glennis Black

HAL 2006 CALENDAR

May 3	Change out at HAL Gallery	September	Unique Views of Huntsville, back by popular demand, in the works
May 20	Huntsville Youth Orchestra & HAL – Joint fundraiser at the home of Parker and Virginia Griffith “Celebrating the Arts” open to exhibiting HAL Artists	Sept. 16	Monte Sano Art Show
August	Submission deadline Monte Sano Art Festival	October	Harrison Brothers – a Saturday
		Oct. 7-8	HAL will participate in the Fayetteville TN. Art Center event by displaying work

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Well Wishes

“Get Well Soon Wishes” to Marjorie Ashcraft and Conrad Lippert (surgeries.)

Congratulations

Congratulation to Susan Steinhauser on the marriage of her son, Jason, to Melissa Davis on April 21st.

2006 Limelight Exhibitors

May: Tracey A. Greene
 June: Patti Eldridge
 July: Collector’s Draw Artist Encore
 August: Peter Yu
 September: Ed Starnes
 October: Anita Hoodless
 November: Maria West
 December: Jerry Brown

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit articles for next month’s issue of the HAL News by the 15th of the month to
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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!

Don’t Miss Out!

Please submit address, phone and/or email changes
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