

HAL Art news

HUNTSVILLE LEAGUE

WHERE LOCAL ART MEETS THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER/2006

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Walt Schumacher

As you know, HAL is a co-op gallery; that is, it functions as a cooperative effort of artists, members, and volunteers from the community. We frequently partner with other non-profit organizations for the benefit of the Huntsville area, too.

So, volunteerism is at the heart of the organization. We have only three part-time paid staff, total. I actually consider HAL to be all volunteer. Our staff is so vastly underpaid; they regularly work many more hours than we pay them. So we are very fortunate and grateful for the contributions of many, many people.

That is why it is particularly painful to encounter a complainer. A complainer is a "volunteer slayer." Why? Because the wind in the sails of the volunteer is the gratitude of the "general public." That's what they're working for. A complaint, no matter how valid, takes the wind out of those sails. The volunteer feels like "my effort is unappreciated... what am I working for?"

I really think that if you didn't volunteer for the committee, or become part of the decision making process, you really don't have the "coin" to open the suggestion box.

So I would say, "Complaining is volunteering!" If you shoot down a volunteer, you'd better be prepared to take their place. You may find out that there are many other points of view, and that there are good reasons why things are done "that way." On the other hand, you may be able to convince the rest that your idea would make things better. That is truly a win-win.

One area where we definitely need help right now is in a Workshop Committee. We need just a few people to contact a teacher, schedule their travel, prepare the education area, and possibly arrange for lunches. Split among 3-4 people, this would only take an hour or two per workshop.

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November Limelight – Maria West



Maria West has been an award-winning artist since her early childhood days in Germany. She has broad experience in abstract and experimental art; many such paintings are displayed in museums and homes around the world. Lately, she has been working on a series of landscapes based upon her extensive travels, in both oil and water media. Some of these will be included in the upcoming exhibit. A reception will be held for Maria on November 5th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the HAL Gallery. ☰

Artwork by Maria West





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We are also looking for a Grant writer. There are many grants that HAL qualifies for, if we only had someone to fill out the applications! We are missing opportunities. If someone could contact me or Annette we'd appreciate it tremendously.

So, if I could paraphrase Al Capone on voting; "Volunteer early and volunteer often." HAL will be sincerely grateful! ☺

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / GALLERY DIRECTOR

by Annette Tecza

November is a wonderful month for HAL. The start of the holiday season always brings extra shoppers into the Gallery. Where else can you find such unique, wonderful gifts for your family and friends?

Our Collector's Draw tickets go on sale this month. **Janet Schumacher** is working diligently to make it a success again this year. We appreciate everything she does for HAL.

Maria West is our Limelight Artist. Be sure and stop by to meet Maria at her reception. She is as delightful as her artwork. If you have been to a Gallery Tour then you have enjoyed her creative flair. She is the creative genius behind our reception table. I love seeing what she comes up with for each event. Her reception will be November 5th from 1 – 4 pm. ☺

EDUCATION NEWS

As the days grow shorter and you move your evenings inside, come to HAL for some inspirational art classes! **Heike Covell** is offering "Watercolor for Beginners & Intermediates" beginning Nov. 7th. **Melinda Ortner** offers two identical sessions on "Basic Stained Glass," one starting on Nov. 6th and the other Nov. 7th. **Walt Schumacher** is offering 4 short classes: "Macro (Close Up) Photography" on Nov. 2, "How to Use a View Camera" on Nov. 6, "How to Make a Slide Show With Your Digital Pictures" on Nov. 27, and "Art Appreciation — Photography as an Art Form" on Nov. 30. **Lori Connors** has "Fundamentals of Drawing for Adults" on Nov. 16, and "Adventures in Art for Children" on Nov. 18. Of course, **Paul Rufe** returns with the ever-popular "Japanimation for Kids" starting Nov. 6. Sounds like something for everybody! Call HAL at 534-3860 for more details. ☺

OTHER NEWS

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HAL travels to Fayetteville

On October 7 & 8, HAL took its traveling road show to our sister institution in Fayetteville. They pulled out all the stops for us, and put on a very nice reception. On Saturday night they had a very interesting "Chinese Raffle." Several HAL members came up to see the exhibit, in addition to local art supporters. HAL is very happy to have partnered with their Art League, which is located at 303 S. Main Street, and gives a big thanks to **Andrea Shetley**, **Mark Kelso**, and all the other FAL members that pitched in. ☺

Exhibitions

HAL's Figure Drawing Group to Exhibit at Huntsville Times Gallery

Ever wonder what HAL's Figure Drawing Group produces from its "practice sessions" on Monday mornings with the model? Come to the Huntsville Times Gallery in November and find out. In addition to creating camaraderie and corny jokes, the artists are in fact working very hard to render the model in gesture poses of one to two minutes, moving through longer poses, and once a month spending the 3 hours on a single pose. Graphite, charcoal, conte, pastel, watercolor-soluble pencils and crayons, oil, acrylic, and watercolor may depict the faces and figures. Putting themselves "on the spot" are people who come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and ages—male and female—from many different cultural backgrounds and in a wide range of clothing styles. In this exhibit, expect to see how the artists choose to finish their work in the studio and to get a glimpse at other subject matter as well. The group hopes, above all, that you will come away with the goal of joining us in our supportive, non-critical atmosphere, no matter what your level of experience.

The Huntsville Times Gallery is located at 2317 Memorial Parkway SW 35801, and is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 534-3860.

Heritage Club

The Heritage Club will continue to feature the pastels and oils of **Ann Caudle** during the month of November. The Heritage Club is located at 111 Washington Street, Huntsville, AL.

HAL Membership Meeting Speaker

November Program to Feature David Stewart

The November program will be Tuesday, the 21st, at 12:30 (note the time change to accommodate the speaker's schedule). Our speaker for the meeting will be **Dr. David Stewart**. The topic will be "Representing the Unknown—The Role of Art when Science Falls Short." Dr Stewart received a master's degree in Art History from the University of South Carolina and completed his PhD on a British Symbolist painter named G. F. Watts after two years in England living at the Watts



Work from HAL's figure drawing group; from top: "Ruth at Burritt" by Terri Shows, "Mollie on Break" by Katrina Weber, and "Alana" by Lisa Ingram.

Gallery in Surrey. He is a professor of Art History at UAH and his research has ranged from 18th century garden architecture to contemporary photography. His favorite class to teach is Contemporary Art and Issues.

Awards

Tracey Greene was recently juried into the first annual "Moss Rock Festival" to be held at the Moss Rock Preserve in Hoover, Alabama on November 4 and 5. Information on the festival can be found at: www.mossrockfestival.com. The event is all about nature, using pieces of the natural world in artwork or depicting scenes of nature. Both Tracey's rock paintings and Asian paintings were accepted.

Caroline Wang's "Venice of the East" watercolor was accepted into the Decatur Art Guild juried art show "Barbs, Pickets, Words and Dreams..." which will run Oct. 12th - Nov. 25th at the Carnegie Visual Arts Center in Decatur.

COLLECTOR'S DRAW '07

Believe it or not, another year has passed, and it's time for another great Collector's Draw!!

The HAL board recently made a few decisions regarding The Draw. In order to make it a more pleasant experience for the ticket holders, only 100 tickets will be sold this year. The recommended value of the artwork will be \$150 and above. (Much of this art is valued at \$200-300.) Tickets will sell for \$115. This is more than last year, but we anticipate we will easily sell out, as usual.

We will send out a very limited set of "reminder" postcards, but the tickets are still on a "first come first served" basis. Exhibiting artists would not be "juried," but outside artists will have to pass a review process.

To minimize conflicts with other HAL exhibits, the Gallery Director requested the following dates: Tickets on sale: Nov. 1, Reception: Jan. 6, Draw: Jan. 21.

The "Call for Art" is out for all HAL exhibitors, members, and Tennessee Valley Artists! Those donating art will again be featured in an upcoming Limelight exhibit. Thanks to all for your generosity and support for Tennessee Valley art!

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HAL General Meeting

Tues., 11/21/07, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES

Gallery Change-out

November 3rd

Figure Drawing Group

Every Mon., 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

2nd Mondays by Appointment.

Call Annette for details, 534-3860

General Membership Meeting & Program

Nov. 21 from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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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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!

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Mark Teague

HAL 2006-2007 CALENDAR

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Heritage Club: **Anne Caudle**

Huntsville Times: **FIT Group**

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December

Limelight: **Jerry Brown**

January 2007

Jan. 6 Collector's Draw Reception

Jan. 21 Collector's Draw

Don't Miss Out!

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