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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dan Tatum



Hello! I am pleased to take the helm of the Huntsville Art League for the 2007-2008 year. My earliest art lessons were at the age of 8

in Florence, Alabama from Mrs. Tuthill. In the sixth grade, at Kilby Training School, I was the artist for the school student paper, "The Kilby Pig" (it was full of news). I don't recall any specific art lessons during my teen years, however, I was always on the homecoming float design and decorating committee and I did the same for my fraternity while in college. Over the last twenty years I created almost 100 watercolor and ink caricatures as departing gifts for employees in the various offices where I worked as an engineer and manager at Redstone Arsenal until retiring in 2004. I am a certified trainer in leadership and Myers-Briggs and still occasionally teach classes.

In my 20's and 30's I dabbled some with acrylics and oil and sold several pieces but did not seriously begin art lessons again until 1984 when I took a basic drawing class at UAH Continuing Education. Since that time, I have studied under **Chuck Long** (watercolor), **Don Howard** (caricatures), **Cindy Procius** (caricatures), **Cynthia Parsons** (workshop), **Heike Covell** (watercolor), **Marcia Leonard** (pastel), **Matting and Framing (Josh Logan)**, and **Kathryn Vaughn** (watercolor).

I was previously president of the board of directors of Theatre 'Round the Corner, on the board of Huntsville Little Theatre, chair of an Arts Council special committee, president of Civitan Club, and president of my college fraternity.

I am married to Patricia, a professional project management trainer. We have five children. Our son, Grant, is a graphic

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## June Limelight: Sidney Brannon



**Sid Brannon** is the HAL Limelight Artist for the month of June. This is his first solo exhibition and his works cover an array of subjects. A reception to meet the artist will be held on Sunday, June 3, from 2 - 4 pm at the HAL Gallery.

New to painting, Sid has enjoyed a love for watercolors for many years. The delicate colors have always been a favorite, but now, as the artist, he can put vibrancy in the colors to give a touch of life.

Working with his instructor and mentor, the very talented **Chuck Long** has allowed Sid to lean on his many years of varied experiences. Drawing inspiration from fellow artists; namely **Ed Starnes**, **Dorothy Montgomery**, **Teresia Reid** and **Marcia Leonard** has given him the nerve to branch out and experiment with new techniques.

Traveling with his wife Bonnie to see some of the great museums of Europe as well as the majesty of our own country, has opened new vistas and divined a need to paint many various subjects. "My perception of subject matter has changed greatly and I have begun to feel the fabric of a composition. Perhaps this will allow me to transfer what I feel to what one sees."

"I paint and paint, but there never seems to be enough time to paint!" Sid has plans for workshops and other studies which will further enhance his painting and allow him greater satisfaction. ☰





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designer with a major advertisement firm in Birmingham; daughter Kory is a master scenic artist for theaters in Seattle, WA; daughter Jennifer is a child psychologist in Birmingham; daughter Kelly is a manager at Carrabba's in Huntsville and daughter Sara is a psychologist in Charlotte, NC.

With your help, I will try to lead HAL to a great 50th year. ☺

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / GALLERY DIRECTOR

by Walt Schumacher

If you check the masthead at left, you will notice a lot of changes since the last election.

**Dan Tatum** is now our President, **Judith Fields** is First Vice President, **Peter Grant** is Second Vice President, **Fred McBride** is Secretary, and **Jerry Brown** is Treasurer. I am filling in as acting Gallery Director and Education Director.



I want to welcome several new exhibitors to the HAL scene, and encourage them to check the Masthead for any opportunities to participate on open Committees.

HAL successfully exhibited at the Parkway

Place Mall on May 11th and 12th. We had two dozen exhibitors, 5 tables and a ten foot sign! It was a good experience, and one we will repeat (we have already gotten an invitation from Madison Square Mall!) We are looking forward to Summer Camps for the kids, and Sid Brannon's

Limelight for the adults. Also visit your favorite HAL artists at the Sidewalk Arts Stroll, downtown every third Thursday. Everyone have a great summer! ☺

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

by Walt Schumacher

Play ball! On the HAL lineup we have two new teachers leading our HAL Summer Camps this year:

**Tym Davis** earned his BFA and M Ed from the University of Montevallo. He has taught art to preschool through college-aged students and currently teaches at The Country Day School in Huntsville. This is his seventh season to teach art camp, but his first with HAL. He works in all media: painting, drawing, printmaking, and ceramics, with a focus in clay sculpture. His work has been displayed in galleries and art shows throughout North Alabama including The Clay House Museum and Artistic Images Gallery.

Vinchenza Sweet-Mikell has a BA in Art Education from UAH, and an MA in English. She has been an art teacher at Monrovia Elementary School for the last 4 years.

Also returning on our Children's roster is **Candace Bean, Lori Connors, and Paul Rufe**. They will be heading full and half day

camp, Saturday classes, and afternoon classes.

We also have a full lineup for Adults this summer: Classic Oil Painting with **Gabrielle Dempsey**, Fundamentals of Drawing with **Lori Connors**, Digital Photography and Printing with **Walt Schumacher**, Flameworked Glass Beads with **Kay Basiago** and Principals of Drawing with **Robert Bean**.

**Robert Bean** is another instructor new to the HAL lineup. Robert is a professor of art at Alabama A&M University where he teaches painting and drawing classes. Robert received his Bachelor of Fine Arts at Mississippi State University and his Master of Fine Arts at Louisiana State University. His work has been shown in numerous regional and national exhibitions.

If you have not yet received a schedule, download one at [huntsvilleartleague.org](http://huntsvilleartleague.org), or call HAL at 534-3860. ☺

## Exhibitions

### Times Gallery

An exhibit of photographs by **Fred McBride** currently being shown at the Heritage Club through the end of May will move to the gallery of The Huntsville Times where they will be on display from June 5th until July 3rd.

### Heritage Club

The Heritage Club will feature Huntsville Art League artists **Glennis Black** and **Dan Tatum** during June and July.

**Glennis Black**, a gifted artist, brings to her work a unique blend her life experiences and natural abilities. While Glennis is an educator, having her master's degree in education and teaching at the Limestone County Career Technical Center, her artistic talents extend far beyond her vocation to include sculpture and oil, acrylic and water-color paintings. Her current medium of choice is oil, and her subjects range from her beloved countryside, still life and portraits. Her art is collected as far away as Russia & Australia, and more close-to-home areas here in the United States.

**Dan Tatum** was born and raised in Florence, Alabama. He had his first art lessons at the age of seven and since that time has studied with acclaimed Huntsville artists Chuck Long, Marcia Leonard, Heike Covell, Kathryn Lansing Vaughn and others. He specializes in watercolors and pastels of Huntsville, various travels, and pastel commissions of pets.

You are invited to attend a reception for the artists on Tuesday, June 12th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Heritage Club is located at 111 Washington St., Huntsville, Alabama.

### Awards

**Dan Tatum** received acceptance of two of his pastels into the Arts Alive Juried Competition at the Kennedy-Douglas Center for the Arts in Florence, AL. The two chosen were "Number 7, Piazza Navona, Rome" and "The Pink Chamber, Antelope Canyon, Arizona." Dan also had one painting ("Horseshoe Bend, Colorado River, Paige, AZ") accepted into the Alabama Pastel Society's Seventh Members Juried Exhibition being held in June at the Tennessee Valley Art Center in Tusculumbia.

"Pileated Persistence" and "Bobcat," two watercolors by **MJ Montgomery**, were



recently accepted into the Alabama Wildlife Federation's annual Flora and Fauna show held in Millbrook, Alabama. "Bobcat" is owned by A.C. Shelton, Jr. of Jacksonville, Alabama.

### Other News

The entry deadline for the Sidewalk Arts Stroll has been revised to: **TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO WHATEVER EVENT YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN.** Much different! So at the moment, you haven't missed any deadlines but the one for May and possibly June (if you don't enter soon!). See <http://www.sidewalkartsstroll.com/> for the revised application. ☰



Top: Painting by Glennis Black.  
Bottom: "Mooresville One-Way Sign" by Dan Tatum.

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## HAL Members Meeting

No meetings in Summer

### UPCOMING DATES

#### Gallery Change-out

End of June

#### Figure Drawing Group

Every Mon., 9am-noon • HAL Gallery

#### Plein Air Group

See May Newsletter for complete schedule. Call Anne Southard for details, 881-2179

#### Peer Critique

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

#### General Board Meeting

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

#### Standards

2nd Mondays by Appointment.  
Call Gallery Director for details, 534-3860

## 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!

### WELCOME!

## New and Renewing Members

**Marty Garrett**  
**Fred & Jane Hutchinson**  
**and Deborah Horn**  
**Judy Babula**

**Tia Ennis**  
**Kay Siao**  
**Dan Tatum**  
**Barbie Woody**

**David Canupp**  
**Andrea Kincannon**  
**Stephen Goulbourne**

## New Exhibiting Artist

**Barbie Woody** has been painting in acrylics for the past six years. Her subject matter is usually of a Western venue. Cowboys with their leathery skin and big floppy brim hats are a must for her brush. Night scenes are a challenge she can not resist. These items of interest came from an association with other Western and Equestrian artists in California where she has lived for the last ten years. Now she is living in East Limestone County and is a member of HAL.

### HAL 2007 CALENDAR

#### June

- 6 Plein Air Artists, Marcia Leonard is getting permission for site this week.
  - 13 Plein Air Artists, Maggie Little's house
  - 20 Plein Air Artists, Guntersville Lake
  - 21 Sidewalk Arts Stroll, downtown Hsvlle
  - 27 Plein Air Artists, The Greenery and Big Cove Church, Huntsville
- Times: Fred McBride  
Heritage Club: Chuck Patterson, Dan Tatum  
Limelight: Sid Brannon

#### July

- 11 Plein Air Artists, To be scheduled July 18- Old Town area of Huntsville
  - 19 Sidewalk Arts Stroll, downtown Hsvlle
  - 25 Plein Air Arts, Hays Nature Preserve, Huntsville Times: Sid Brannon
- Heritage Club: Chuck Patterson, Dan Tatum  
Limelight: Collector's Draw Artists

#### August

- 16 Sidewalk Arts Stroll, downtown Hsvlle
- Huntsville Times: Sam Fara  
Heritage Club: August/September: Judith Fields, Sidney Brannon  
Limelight: Kay & Martha

#### September

Huntsville Times: S. Renee Prasil  
Limelight: Ed Starnes

#### October

Huntsville Times: Caroline Wang  
Heritage Club: Doris Sisk, Carolyn Wheeling  
Limelight: Peter Yu

#### November

Heritage Club: Doris Sisk, Carolyn Wheeling  
Limelight: Mary Reed  
Unique Views of Huntsville 2007 runs from 10/06/2007 - 10/14/2007

#### December

Heritage Club: December/January:  
Marcia Leonard, Teresia Reid  
Limelight: Katrina Weber