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The Florida Artist Group

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Greetings to all our great FLAG artists:

We started 2010 with a real highlight on Sanibel Island for our annual Symposium. However, the year then seemed very long indeed. We had many opportunities during the year for our members to participate in Area shows throughout the state.

It was a difficult year for me personally. As most of you probably know, I was diagnosed with breast cancer (rare for men) and had surgery in July. A PET scan shows no remaining cancer. I've been undergoing chemotherapy since to prevent any recurrence. In January I will be finished with the chemo and will start getting back to normal.

The stress and illness from the Chemo has prevented me from producing much significant art. We tend to take for granted our health and forget what a precious gift it is to be an artist. I hope all of you are able to work hard and are exercising your god given talent.

2011 should be a wonderful year for FLAG. We have our Symposium scheduled in September in Maitland at the Maitland Art Center, which recently merged with the Historical Association. The Maitland Art Center was founded and designed by architect and artist Jules Andre Smith in 1937. It was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The fine galleries and stunning Mayan Garden should be a fitting place for our Symposium.

Then we also have a state-wide exhibition scheduled April 28-June 26 at the Cornell Museum of Art in Delray Beach. This museum is also part of a National Historic Site in the center of Delray Beach in a beautifully restored Old School building. This prestigious Museum will be another great venue for FLAG.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Cornell Museum at our Symposium in Maitland. The Symposium will mark the end of my tenure as President of FLAG and I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve you.

*Blessings to all,
Barre Barrett*

Area I
no area chair at this time

Candy Childrey has been selected by the Artist Selection Panel for Aviation and the Broward County Public Art and Design program to exhibit in the Lee Wagener Art Gallery at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in 2012.

Candy had two of her photographs juried into the NewArt Exhibit at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach. They hung for a month from October 8-November 13.

She had one of her photographs, *Net Mending Fisherman*, juried into the National Photography and Digital Competition, 2010 at the Eissey Campus of Palm Beach State College. The juror was Anna Tomczak. It hung from October 19-November 23.

Candy had a Florida Environmental Exhibit consisting of six photographs of Florida's endangered and common species hanging in Governor Crist's Fort Lauderdale office from November 2009-November 2010. She had one of her photographs juried into ArtServe's ArtBRAVO exhibit in October.



Net Mending Fisherman
Candy Childrey

Area II
Chair Cecily Hangen



Spring Mood
Nadine Meyers Saitlin

Nadine Meyers Saitlin's work was accepted in the 25 Juried National Collage Society Show, *Wrapped Trio*: Wall hanging of bamboo, suede, leather, feathers and beads. December 2009, Mason Murer Fine Art, Atlanta, GA.

In the 18 Annual International Exhibition, Colored Pencil Society, Art Museum of Los Gatos, CA, Nadine's *Imagination at Play*, Colored pencil drawing. July - August 2010, was exhibited.

Katherine Bulter Gallery, 5th Annual Juried Exhibition, June-July, 2010, showed a work, *Jazzed Up*, Acrylic, and pen on canvas.

Earth Visions in the ARC Gallery at MOSI, Tampa, FL, May 2010 exhibited two works *Beautiful*, a wrapped sculpture, limb, feathers, twine and beads and a colored pencil portrait of the sculpture titled, *A Portrait of Beautiful*.

Nadine had two pieces in the 2010 Biennial Exhibition, Boca Raton

Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL. Red Dessert and January Abstraction Diptych. Both works are acrylic, pen and pastel on canvas. The show ran from June - August, 2010.

Fern Samuels won 2nd place in the Nawa Show at the Crest Theater in Delray Beach.

She is in a group show at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts in Tequesta.

She is represented at the Hangen Thompson Gallery in Palm Beach.

She is in a group show in February at the Arts Club Chicago.

She has combined 40 of her images with 40 poems in the book Every Woman Wears Many Masks. Which is now available at Amazon.com

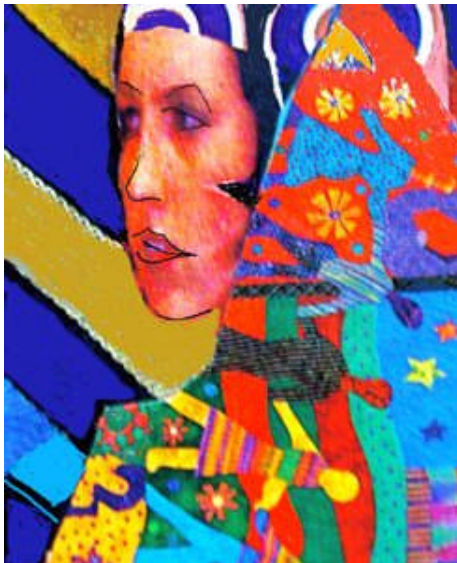


Two Herons I

*34.5 inches high including marble base
Limited edition bronze casting*

Harry Yeaw

A bronze sculpture, Two Herons I, by sculptor H. D. Yeaw FLAG Area II, was installed this summer at the Windjammer's new Surf Lounge at Atlantic Beach Park, Misquamicut, Rhode Island. A wonderful site with atmosphere and view of the Atlantic Ocean.



Imaginative

*16x20 C-print with collage
Fern Samuels*



New member to Area II

Environmental Series No. 4

30 x 22

*Mixed Media on Paper
Carol Staub*

Area III
no area chair at this time

Barbara L Harrison is now being represented in Sarasota by the recently opened Bolivar Gallery, 506 South Pineapple Av, the former site of Parkland Gallery, where her work had previously been displayed.

Eleanor Merritt was selected to be honored in the Longboat Key Art Center's 2nd Annual "Ageless Creativity Award" October 7 through November 18, 2010; recognition awards and ceremony on Thursday, October 28, 2010.

Longboat Key Art Center is now a part of the Ringling College of Art, and this exhibition selects artists who have given a life long commitment to "Creativity" as well as recognizing individuals who have influenced, enhance and improved our lives and community through their creative efforts.

"We are thrilled to have the work of Eleanor Merritt hanging in our facility. her commitment to her art form and her continued experimentation with materials and image demonstrates how "Ageless" the act of creativity is and how our curiosity compels us to continue to try new things and experiment with new techniques."

Julee Docking wishes to report she has just had her 90th Birthday and is still painting-resting on her laurels of last Year-winning a retrospective exhibit at Ringling College of Art and Design-plus Best-of -Show winner (\$500.00) at Venice Art Center and a merit award after that.

Janis Balabon was commissioned in the spring of 2010 for the General House of the Marian Fathers in Rome by: Fr. Jan M Rokosz, MIC, General Superior, to paint an image of "Our Lady" showing her pregnancy. This 4'x3' oil painting is on display in the General Headquarters of the Marian Farthers in Rome, Italy



Our Lady
4' x 3' Oil Painting
Janis Balabon

Area IV
Chair Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow

Taylor Ikin In July I once again enjoyed an Artist-In-Residence Grant from the South Carolina State Park System.

I started teaching for the Long Center as well as my Dunedin Fine Art Center Class.

I participated in A Lunch With An Artist program to benefit the Morean Art Center.

August took me to Antigua to deliver two paintings to a friend. Partial payment was the airline ticket!

I was thrilled my painting; "Out On A Limb" won an award in the FWS 40th Anniversary Exhibition at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in September.

My painting Florida Forever is now a part of the collection of the City of Tampa and is currently hanging in the Mayor's office.

In May my French friend Laure Pericot and I are taking a group to Nice for 10 days. If this is of interest, please contact me at taylor@taylorikin.com

Roberta Schofield has been making great strides with her new work; large format manipulated photographs.

A 2nd place award in Sunday in the Arts at Scarfone/Hartley Gallery in Tampa started the ball rolling.

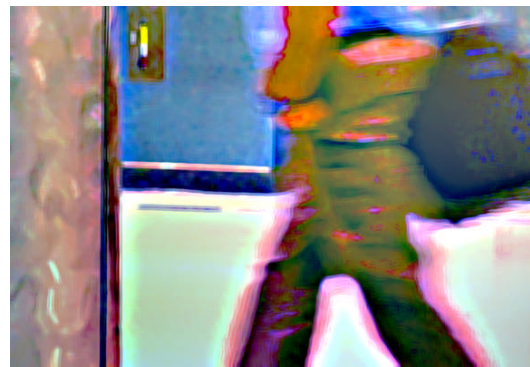
Then she was accepted in the 59th Annual Competition and Exhibition at the Boca Raton Museum of Art where her body of work won a \$500 "Equal Merit Award." This award caught the attention of the South Tampa News Arts editor, Esther Hammer, who wrote a full article about Roberta's work. A review of the show in the Palm Beach Post included a picture and a statement that Schofield's work was "arresting".

Other pieces of her work, when shown at Clayton Galleries this summer, were published in two different newspaper articles; one in the St. Petersburg Times and a paragraph and picture in Creative Loafing.

She was in a 4-person show in September at Clayton inspiring another large article and photo of her work in the South Tampa News.

Schofield is also scheduled for a solo show at TECO (Tampa) in March of 2011.

With all this attention; had she known, she would have started manipulating digital photos years ago!



Running
56" x 80" manipulated photo
Roberta Schofield

Mary Alice Harley was juried into the 2010 edition of the book "Best of Worldwide Mixed Media Artists".

She had three of her experimental mixed media paintings chosen for this publication.

Her painting, "Self Portrait-Mother" was selected to be in the International Society of Acrylic Painters-FL show. It was held in Tampa at the Carolwood Center, in December.

Mary Alice has just finished a very busy year as President of the prestigious Florida Watercolor Society and is very eager to get back to painting.

James Swallow has been very busy planning Photo Club Day, a state wide workshop for photographers. This years speaker is Rick Shammon. James & Rick will have a one day seminar the first day and the second day Rick will be speaking on HDR photography. For more info please contact Jim 727-596-7822 Jim@PhotographicArtSociety.org www.PhotographicArtSociety.org

Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow is busy preparing her new work called Tossed Salad. Toss Salad is a combination of fruits and vegetables made into intriguing kaleidoscopes.

The reception will be held at Summit Executive Center located at :
13575 58th Street North Clearwater
Florida 33760 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday February 10th, 2011
This is a free event and open to the public. For more information please go to: www.PhotographicArtSociety.org

Cheryl is also working on her last merit to receive her 3rd photographic degree with the Florida Professional Photographers Association. If you are interested in viewing Cheryl's ark work Please visit www.CherylDay.com



Purple Cabbage & Leeks
photography
Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow

Area V Chair Ahlin

Ahlin was named an Artist-in-Residence at the Maitland Art and Historical Association in the Bok Studio, named for Mrs. Bok of "Tower" fame who kept the then "Research Studio" thriving with her contributions. At that time Milton Avery and Ralston Crawford were "artists in residence" and creating monotypes.

Ahlin saw a recent show of Avery's MAC monotypes at The Phillips Collection in DC.

Ahlin is also working hard to secure and plan our next symposium which will be held in Maitland.

Mindy Colton won Best of Show at the Art League of Daytona., "Race Horse Memories"

Carol Frye's art piece entitled "Abandoned" (watercolor), won an award at the American Watercolor Society.

Carols Jezzersised" (Acrylic/Collage), won three "best in show" awards, (ISEA, and ISAP signature member, and The Florida Artists Group

This year Carol also added signature status in National Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, and Missouri Watercolor Society to her paintings.

To see more of her work please take time to visit her web site at:
www.carolfrye.com



Jezzersised
acrylic
Carol Frye

New member to Area V



Reborn in Florida 4
Photography
Pamela Z. Daum



Race Horse Memories
Mindy Colton

Area VI
Chair Sydney McKenna

Fran Carson said that one of the highlights of 2010 was being voted into The Florida Artist Group.

Her oil painting, *June Wheat*, won a Juror's Choice Award in the members show at the Art League of Daytona Beach.

The Deserted Wife, a graphite drawing, won Juror's Choice Award in the Figurative Show also at the Art League.

She had a One Woman Show at the Artisan Upstairs Gallery in DeLand in February.

She participated in the Area VI member show in St. Augustine as well as shows at the Maitland and Gateway Centers for the Arts, the Peabody Auditorium and others.

She did a Plein Aire Paint Out in Franklin, NC, in October. She is scheduled with Mindy Colton and Martha Mahoney for a three person exhibition at the Art League of Daytona Beach in February 2011.

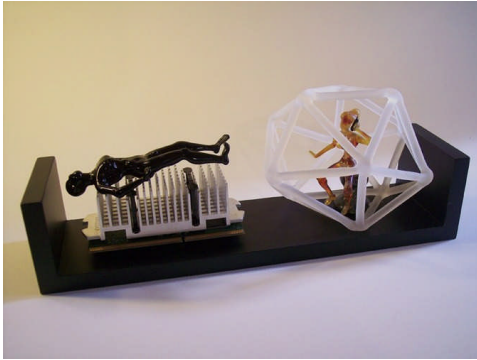
Fran also now has a website. Her new website is: www.franceshcarson.com



Afternoon Light
Fran Carson

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Area VI
Chair Sydney McKenna

New member to Area VI



Andromedia 2010
Glass, mixed media
James Stanford

New member to Area VI



Blue Current
10 x 24 x 6
Backlit mixed media wood & paper
Susanna Richter-Helman

Area VII
Chair Joan Furia Klutch

Joan Furia Klutch's watercolor won
2nd Place at the Barrier Island Arts
Sanibel Captiva League SWAC Show
this Spring.

*The winners of this show have been
chosen to exhibit at the Visual Arts
Center in Punta Gorda from
February 1 to 17th, 2011. All are invited.*

*Joan was the guest artist for the SWAC
General Meeting in Bonita Springs, Jan
12, 2011 demonstrating her Mix Media
and Painting techniques.*

*The focus will be the artist as the
inventor using various methods of
mixing, modifying, layering and using
mark making tools for exploring
uncharted territory.*



Rhapsody
Watercolor 22 x 30
Joan Furia Klutch



Untitled 6
Joan Brechin Sonnenberg

*Florida Artist Group Schedule
of Symposiums and State-Wide
Exhibitions 2011 -2015*

*2011 - State wide exhibition at Cornell
Museum in Del Ray Beach
April 28 - June 26 Opening reception
April 28, 2011 - prospectus to be emailed
Feb 15, Deadline for application and fee
will be March 15th*

*September 23. 24. 25 - Symposium and
Exhibition - Maitland Art Center - dates
and all information pertaining to this
symposium will be sent after April*

*2012 May – State wide exhibition at
Selby Gallery, Ringling College of Art
and Design*

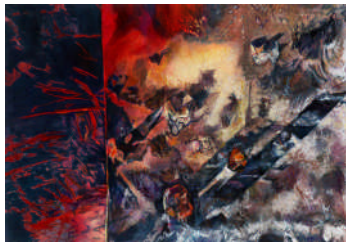
*2013 Symposium and Exhibition -
Orlando Museum (in discussion)*

*May - August State wide exhibition
Coral Springs Museum of Art*

*2014 - April or September - Symposium
and Exhibition -Nothing scheduled yet*

*Statewide Exhibition - Long Boat Key
Center for the Arts
(in discussion and could be a
Symposium site)*

*2015 - Symposium and Exhibition -
Leepa - Rattner Museum of Art
Tarpon Springs*



*Untitled 5
Joan Brechin Sonnenberg*

*Did you know that all members of the
Florida Artist Group that serve in some
type of capacity are
unpaid volunteers?*

*If a volunteer emails you, or calls you
for information, be timely and help
them, help you, by getting the
information to them in a timely
manner.*

*Our volunteers are what keep this
group going.*

*Currently we are looking to fill the
following positions.*

*Area 1 Chair
Area 3 Chair
State Publicity*

*If you would like volunteer to serve in
one of these positions, please contact
Barre Barrett at 904-246-9768*

*Thank you and may 2011 be a
very fun and fruitful year.*

*** a special note***

*Thank you to **Jan Miller, Sydney
McKenna & Roberta Schofield** for
a presenting to the board members,
the members that applied to become
members of the Florida Artist Group.*

*They made a very difficult job, look
easy. We appreciate all the work at
our members do to ensure that The
Florida Artist Group is well looked
after and run.*

Thank you.

Welcome this years new members !

The following applicants are now part of our group. They were voted during the January 28th board meeting. Please help us welcome them to the family.

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Area VI

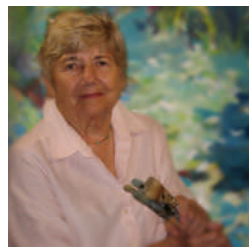
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The Florida Artist Group lost many good friends this past year.



Area III

*Herman C. Bek-Gran
Painter*



Area IV

*Marge Andruk
Painter
Past President of Florida Artist Group*



Area VII

*Gail Jones
Ceramics*

Herman C. Bek-Gran

Herman Bek-gran, 87, of Venice, died Nov. 22, 2010. He was born Dec. 18, 1923, in Hanover, Germany. He grew up in Detroit and left there for military service in World War II. During his service he married Phyllis Roseburgh, a fellow student at Cass Tech. On his discharge, they moved to New York City, where Herman began training as an artist at the Brooklyn Museum School and Franklin School of Design.

After his career in New York advertising agencies, he retired to Florida in 1990. During his years in commercial art, Herman painted every chance he got, including weekends and vacations. The rugged Maine coastline, the vastness of New Mexico, the drama of Bermudian skies, and the lush Florida landscape were his inspirations.

He is known for his vivid colors and dramatic land and seascapes. Herman was a member of the Venice Art Center, a signature member of the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society and the Florida Artists Group.

His paintings won numerous awards and prizes; therefore, the pieces hang in collections across the country. Herman was a faithful member of the Twelve Step Group for 47 years.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons Ian of Southfield, N.Y., and Peter of Key West; grandchildren Matthew, Patrick, Jody and Charles; and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions in Herman's memory can be made to TideWell Hospice, 220 Wesford Blvd., Venice. A memorial service was held in January in Venice.



Grand Canyon
Richard Dean Andruk Award 2002
Oil ~ Herman Bek-Gran



Storm over Pecos
Oil ~ Herman Bek-Gran 2000



Florida Flora
Oil ~ Herman Bek-Gran 2006

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