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Newsletter Editor: Rose Weber Brown

Letter From the Editor:

Dear Contributing Members,

It never ceases to amaze me how many really talented artists there are in F.L.A.G. and how many awards are collected throughout the state along with the recognition of so many other rewarding activities. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!** Now for the "Nitty-Gritty". Please help me to compose a BETTER NEWSLETTER - more informative and correct. We must have the name of award that was won, name of organization, location and date, and name of show. Please reveal this important information to me. **DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET! MOST OF ALL - SEND ME YOUR AREA!**

Thanks,

Rose

AREA I

ANJAL Solo Exhibition "Computer Art" - The Art Gallery, Broward Community College, Hollywood, Florida. Group Invitational "Art From A Different Perspective:, Gardens Art Gallery, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Anjal, also was a panelist during Southeastern College Conference, Richmond, Virginia. "The Site-Specific-Multi-Media Installation as an Experiment in Creativity."

LYNNE KROLL National Association of Women Artists "Through a Woman's Eyes", Palm Beach Community College, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. October 29 - November 20, 1998 Women in the visual arts, Open juried show, Schacknow Museum of Fine Arts, November 4 - December 7, 1997 - Judges Recognition. Symphony of the Americas, "CHAR-IT-ABILITY" Invitational, Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art - January 8, 1998 Museum of New Art - January 9-16, 1998. National Association of Women Artists: "Honoring Women Artists" Johnson Gallery, Bedminster, N.J. - February 26-March 27, 1998. Florida Artists Group 48th Annual Exhibition, Jackson Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL April 9 - May 31, 1998. Southern Watercolor Society, 21st Annual Exhibition - Heritage Hall Museum, Talladega, AL April 7 - May 10, 1998. National Collage Society "Postcards from the Edge" Artstown Gallery, Ohio April 19 - June 1, 1998. Winner of the 1998 South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Grant - an Award for Artistic Excellent - \$15,000. Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida "1998 Consortium Fellowship Grant Winners" May 14 - July 14.

WILMA BULKIN SIEGEL The Faces of Aids quilt was featured at Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, Florida in December 1997. Wilma had a one-woman show at Florida International University, Miami, Florida in December 1997 - January 1998 - "The Faces of Aids". She also had a feature interview for four minutes on CNN - December 1997.

AREA II

I'm sure "NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS" in Area II and everyone is happily painting or doing their thing.

AREA III

JOHN BARENDS Featured on the February '98 cover of Sarasota Art Review Magazine as gallery owner.

RICHARD CAPES Listed in Artist Hall of Fame, Sarasota, Florida Video Archives Production, April 1998. Two works accepted in the Southern Coastal Invitational Miniature Show, February 20th - March 7, 1998, Venice, Florida. Charity Donation Event - Five originals sold for over \$8,000 - Manasota Lighthouse for the Blind, November 1997.

JULEE DOCKING 2nd Award - "Still Life Studies". Venice Art Center - November 1997. 3rd Award - "Abstract" Venice Art Center - December 1997. Julee was accepted in University of Tampa Scarfone Gallery National Exhibit in February 1998.

DONALD CARMICHAEL One-Person Show at Venice Little Theatre during season run of The Music Man. Invited to show several works "Spring Watercolor 98" at Nuance Galleries, Tampa - opening March 13, 1998. Invited to show six works "Notable Venetians Invitational" at Venice Art Center, during month of April 1998. Invited to be featured in new book coming out in December 1998 "Marine Art - A Collection of Fine Art", published by Rockport Publishers. Marquis Who's Who Publishers have invited Don to be included in their new 16th edition of Who's Who In The World. He has been in their Who's Who in American Art since 1973.

JEAN GERMAIN- Photographer Received an award in the juried show "Forms and Faces" at the Venice Art Center-Venice, Florida. She exhibited in two Juried Shows at the Sarasota Visual Art Center. Her photographs of Jazz musicians were in an invitational exhibition for the International Record Collectors' annual Worldwide show in Sarasota. Jean's photographs of Jazz musicians, Dick Hyman and Ruby Braff are on a C.D. cover "Play Nice Tunes."

BRUCE GREGORY In April, '97, Bruce was invited to speak to a group of students at P.S. 34 (public school) in New York City for their "ARTS" Day in May. In 1956, he had painted two murals (36' x 14') each on the walls of the school auditorium. There he spoke to the students of P.S. 34 and the next

BRUCE GREGORY (continued)

day he spoke to the students of the United Nations General Assembly Hall where in 1952 he painted two murals on the east and west walls (30' x 30'). All the murals were in good shape. In June '97, Bruce had five paintings included in the "Scottish Show" at Venice Art Center, Venice, Florida and in December '97 four of his paintings were juried into the "Pioneer" show at the Sarasota Visual Art Center. Bruce is represented by Peter Wallace Fine Arts on Longboat Key, Florida.

CONNIE O. HELLER 1997 and 1998 has proven to be a very busy time Connie reports. 1997 Florida Artists Exhibit, Venice Art Center, Award, Venice, Florida NAWA (National Association of Women Artists) Florida 2nd Annual Exhibit, Northwood University, West Palm Beach, Schacknow Museum of Fine Arts, Coral Springs, Art Gallery Eissey Campus, Palm Beach Gardens, Northwood University, Small Works, West Palm Beach. Hodgell Gallery, Solo Show, Sarasota, Florida. 1998 25th Anniversary Invitational Exhibit, Greenwich Art Gallery, Greenwich, Ct. Northern trust Bank Juried Exhibit, Longboat Key, Florida. WCA State Show "Approaching the Millennium Exhibition", Art League at Manatee County. Invitational Exhibit "Abstract Plus Two", Manatee Community College South Campus, Venice, Florida.

PHYLLIS HELLIER Exhibited in the Following:

Southern Watercolor Society 21st Exhibitions '98, Heritage Hall Museum, Talladega, AL. Art Encounter, Naples, Florida Awarded 2nd Place, '98. Visual Art Center, Punta Gorda, Festival of Art '97, awarded 1st Place and the All Members Exhibition, Awarded 2nd Place. New Horizons in Watermedia (Five Florida Artist) Exhibited at Manatee Art Center, Brandenton, FL and Ormond Beach Museum and Gardens, Ormond Beach, FL '97. Florida Watercolor Society 26th Exhibition, '97, Melvin Gallery, Lakeland, FL. awarded the Winsor and Newton Award. Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition, '97 and Awarded Signature Membership. Georgia Watercolor Society XVIII National Exhibition '97 included in Traveling Exhibition. Helliier, had paintings published in the "Best of Watercolor 2", '97 "Painting Composition", '98 and "Creative Inspiration" '98, Rockport Publishers.

NAT KRATE had a one-person exhibition in January 1998 at the Hang-Up Gallery in Sarasota. He won an Award of Excellence at the Statewide Fine Arts Exhibition at the Ridge Art Association in Winter Haven, FL. Two of his drawings were accepted for exhibition in the "Drawing Now" National Juried Drawing Exhibition at the Venice Art Center, Venice, FL. He is included in the Invitational Portrait Exhibit at the Art League of Manatee to be held May 1-15, 1998.

ROGER MCMULLAN 1997 Artists Forum, Annual Juried Exhibition, Brevard Museum of Art and Science, Group Show; Melbourne, Florida. The 62nd Cooperstown Art Exhibition, National 1997, Cooperstown Art Association, Group Show: Cooperstown, New York. The Halpert Biennial National Exhibition, Appalachian State University, Group Show; Boone, North

ROGER MCMULLAN (continued)

Carolina. 1998 Fulton-Burt Fine Art Gallery, Group Show; Sarasota, Florida. Statewide Exhibition, Art League of Manatee County, Group Show; Bradenton, Florida. Fulton-Burt Fine Art Gallery, Exhibition of New Paintings Sarasota, Florida. Roger is represented by the Fulton-Burt Fine Art Gallery, Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Florida.

ELEANOR MERRITT One woman show at Hillsborough Community college, Tampa, Florida 1997. "Abstracts and Angels" Group Show; Venice Art Center, Venice, Florida, Merit Award, December 1997. Women's Caucus Exhibition November 1997 Berniece Steinbaum Gallery New York City, NY. "A Reunion of Spirit" Group Show Museum of African American Art November 1997 to January 1998 Tampa, FL. "Gullah Celebration" Group Show: Self Family Gallery; Hilton Head SC February - March 1998. "Drawing Now!" National Juried Exhibit Venice Art Center, Venice, FL January thru February 1998. Petticoat Painters Members Show; Hilton Leech Studios, Sarasota, FL February 1998. "Diverse Origins" Group Show; Core New Art Space, Denver, Colorado March 1998. "Conversations" Collaboration Series with Jamie Friedli at the Hilton Leech Studios, Sarasota, FL May 1998. Eleanor was the juror for Anna Maria Island Art League Craft Festival; March 1998 And Lecturer: Art League of Manatee county; Lecture Series; January to April 1998. Longboat Key Education Center; February 1998. And Curator: Manatee County African American Festival of the Arts; Crosley Museum, February 1998.

MORRIS MITCHELL Awarded a residency at "The Newfoundland Artist Colony", Newfoundland, Canada - summer of 1997. One person exhibition "Meza Fine Art Gallery", Coral Gables, Florida February 1997. One person exhibition "Creative Edge Gallery", Bradenton, Florida March 1997 Included in a "National Drawing Competition", Venice, Florida January - February 1998." Ringling School of Art and Design Exhibition of Fine Arts Faculty" 508 Gallery, Sarasota, Florida Fall 1997. Exhibited in "All Florida Artist Invitational" Curated by Leslie Aslander, Sarasota Visual Arts Center January 1998. "Ringling School of Art and Design Faculty Invitational Exhibition", Venice Art Center Feb. 1998. "Ringling School of Art and Orals Committee" Thesis Review, Sarasota, Florida 1998. One person "Exhibition Fulton-Burt Gallery", Sarasota, Florida April 1998.

FLORENCE PUTTERMAN Solo Exhibitions October 1997 at Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York. January 1998 Ziegenfuss Gallery, Sarasota, Florida. February 1998 - April 2, Burroughs-Chapin Art Museum, Myrtle Beach, SC. Group Exhibitions Summer 1997 Colour Graphic Triennial, Krakow, Poland. January 1998 Allentown Art Museum Biennial Allentown, PA. March - April 1998 Stockton National Exhibition, Haggin Museum, Stockton California March - May 1998 Del Mar Drawing Exhibition, Corpus Christie, Texas.

LEONA SHERWOOD 1997 - Included in these shows: International Fine Arts - Art League of Manatee, Venice Art Center Biennial - Two Paintings. Florida Artists Group Annual, Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society - Hilton Leech Gallery, "The World Around Us" - Art League of Manatee; Three Honorable Mentions, Sarasota Visual Art Center "Winter" Women Creating Art (Recently changed from "Women's Caucus for Art") Longboat Key Art Center Members Show at Longboat Key Art Center. Invitational Collage Show - Art League of Manatee; Penwomen Annual State Show - Lee Scarfone Gallery, Tampa, FL. Leona had an interview article - the Longboat Observer in April by Dora Walters. 1998 Invitational "Women Artists" - All Angels Gallery- Longboat Key, FL. Inclusion in two more Rockport Publishers Books, "The Best of Watercolor - Painting Texture" and "Creative Inspirations". Leona was accepted in two national shows, The Penwomen Biennial-Lee Scarfone Gallery, Tampa, FL and Hilton Head, SC Art Center Annual. She had two paintings accepted in "The Artists Eye" - Art League of Manatee. Accepted in Shannon and Great Northern Bank Shows at Longboat Art Center 1997 and 1998. Leona again had an interview article with Longboat Observer in February 1998 by Barbara Conrad.

AREA IV

There has been no news reported from Area IV at this writing. Certainly everyone is busy creating and selling.

AREA V

Nine Artists from Area V participated in an Exhibition (along with artists from Area IV) at Arts on the Park in Lakeland, FL November 4 - 26, 1997.

ELIZABETH CLEMENT October 1997 - Award of Distinction - Arts on the Park, Lakeland, Florida. Her award winning artwork, "Celebration of Technology" has been reproduced as posters and as a "blown-up" enlargement displayed outside Ridge Art Association in Winter Haven, Florida. In spite of a recent carpal tunnel surgery (painting hand, of course) Betty continues to conduct Abstract Workshops at the Art center, St. Petersburg, Studio 1212, Clearwater, and for SOHO Gallery in Pensacola. Betty states these workshops have given her great enjoyment, the opportunity to act as a dedicated painter of abstract works and for meeting so very many wonderful painters. We're sure the "wonderful painters" feel the same way about Betty. She received the 2nd award at the "2D-3D" Show at Lee County Alliance of the Arts in Ft. Myers, Florida in March 1998 and a Best of Show in the Arts on the Park Gallery's "Senior Showcase" in February 1998. All this plus the administrative work for the Florida Artists Group and the Ridge Art Association of Winter Haven, Florida. Our thanks to Betty, our President, for doing such a great job!

PENNY COSENTINO-GAY Award of Excellence "Company of Women", Ridge Art Association, Winter Haven, Florida - September 1997. "Sisters on the Surface" (what a great title). Penny and her sister Norine are having a two-person show at Ormond Memorial Art Museum, Ormond Beach, Florida, March and April '98. How nice for each of two sisters to exhibit their accomplishments together!

CINDY EPPS-SMITH 1st Award in "Non-Representational" at Lakeland Art Guild November '97 show. Cindy has rendered nine commissioned Christmas card designs for a popular radio station WONN-WPCV.

CECIL HERRING has designed and posted her own website at <http://www.spacescapes.com>, a virtual gallery of her paintings, watercolors, photography and digital fine art. "Ezekiel's Vision" was selected as the Poster for Orlando Museum's Art and Technology Show "Beyond the Virtual Edge" and she was invited to show nine of her works in the multimedia event. She has been invited to be Artist of the Month for September by Orlando Museum. "Red Gull and White Gator," a digital work on canvas, won a merit award at Mt. Dora Center for the Art's 7th Annual Central Florida Art Exhibition. "Death, Birth, Life," a digital triptych, won second award of \$500 at Ridge Art Center's "A Company of Women". In January, Cecil received a large commission for 23 works of her digital art works for Americatel Corporation, a Latin American telephone company with corporate offices in Miami. She was able to print them herself on her new large-format ENCAD Novajet Printer. The largest work in the Americatel Collection is 32" x 42". She is printing her works herself on canvas, watercolor paper and silk in addition to high-gloss photographic paper. ENCAD Corporation has written a website story about Cecil's work that will appear on the world wide web towards the end of April. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of RaveMuseum, a virtual museum founded by Pygoya of Hawaii, was included on NASA's website and will be included in a millennium 2001 show of global artists.

GREG JONES continues to be successful winning awards at outdoor and Gallery shows. In January, he received a first place at a Longboat Key Show; In the Ridge Art Association Fine Arts Show in Winter Haven, Florida (now hanging) he earned an Award of Distinction.

FRED MESSERSMITH Fred's watercolor painting, "Maine Woods," is featured on the cover, Frontis-piece and on page 12 in "Landscape Inspirations" 1997 by Rockport Publishers. A second watercolor, "Harbor Lights II," is on page 121 in "Best of Watercolor-Painting Color" also by Rockport Publishers.

JEANNE SCHUBERT has been involved in teaching workshops. Last weekend she did a demo at Brevard Museum in Melbourne, Florida. Jeanne will have a show and do a workshop on March 28 at a new gallery in Clermont (owned by Hope Barton). City Hall in Orlando will show her work, as a recipient of an Arts Council award, along with work of the other winners.

CHRYSSIE TAVRIDES won the top award in the Ridge Art Association's "Company of Women" Show in October '97. She plans to teach a workshop at Ridge Art Association, Winter Haven, Florida in the near future.

AREA VI

DOUG and PAT BROWN The area VI Chairman, Jean Troemel, reports they are working and showing in Canada this winter.

CLARINDA JENNISON Best of Show, Jacksonville Watercolor Society Fall Show '97. 2nd Award- St. Augustine Fall Show '97.

JAN JOHNSON 1st Award - Jacksonville Watercolor Society. 2nd Award - Fall River Festival, Palatka, Florida. Barnett Bank Award, Honors Show, St. Augustine Art Center.

PAT NOLAN won 3 awards in St. Augustine Art Center shows.

KATHERINE PARKER featured in the Artist Magazine in an Article she wrote titled "Discover the Magic of Monotype", February '98. She received an Award of Distinction in the Juried Crystal River Fine Art Festival. (location not given.) Parker was demonstrating her monotype technique at the Appleton Museum in Ocala, Florida in March '98. A collection of her monotypes was purchased for the Women's Wing of Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

ENZO TORCOLETTE restored the copper sculpture of the Spanish-American War Memorial, Key West, Florida. Enzo had a one-man show at Arts on Douglas Gallery, New Smyrna Beach, February 7th through March 3rd, '98.

JEAN WAGNER TROEMEL Jean is exhibiting 18 Alkyd paintings, March 1 through May 22 at the Florida Supreme Court Building (Tallahassee) "Native North Americans at St. Augustine". She is also included in the traveling collection "Coast to Coast" contemporary landscapes to be shown at 16 museums and galleries. Jean shared a most inspiring article in the Ledger on December 24, 1997 with Rhea Chiles (Florida's First Lady). Jean was asked by the trustees of the Florida House to paint a portrait of Mrs. Chiles. Jean accepted the commission and painted two portraits. The informal portrait was selected by Mrs. Chiles to hang in the Florida house in Washington, D.C. The formal one stayed in Tallahassee, Florida. Congratulations, Jean!

DICK ZAYAC received the Flo Pallet Award at the Jacksonville Watercolor Society's Exhibition, Jacksonville, FL.

AREA VII

LEE ACKERT - 1st. award Cape Coral "Happy Hour" juried show 1998. 1st. award - Ft. Myers Beach Art Association, March '98. Award of Merit Art encounter, Naples, Florida - January '98. Lee was accepted in art in Public Places at Southwest Florida International airport, Ft. Myers, Florida, January thru May '98.

ROSE WEBER BROWN - had a one-person show at Cape Coral Arts Studio in Cape Coral, Florida the month of December '97. Rose won an award in "Approaching the Millennium" show, Women Creating Art, at the Art League of Manatee County - Bradenton, Florida - March '98. She had a painting accepted in Southwest Florida International Airport's ninth annual Arts Exhibition - February - May '98 and another painting accepted in "2D/3D" Show at Alliance of the Arts - Fort Myers, Florida, March '98. She won 2nd award at Ft. Myers Beach Art Association Juried Spring Show March '98. She will be included in a 4 - Member Show at Charlotte County Art Guild in Punta Gorda - October '98. One of Rose's paintings has been included in Rockport Publishers "Marine Art - A Collection Of Fine Art" to be released in December '98. Slides were submitted from around the U.S. and abroad. In June '98, she will be showing in International Society of Marine Painters in their annual juried show at Bayview Gallery in Camden, Maine, July '98

JEAN DEAN - Jean had an exhibition in the new SyZyGy Gallery in Fort Myers, Florida in February '98. She won awards in Barrier Island Group for the Arts - Sanibel - Juried Show, and the Women's Caucus for Art "Approaching the Millennium," Bradenton, Florida. She is included in the 1998 Who's Who in America and the 1998 Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

MARY KEOGH - Phillips Gallery in Barrier Island Group for the Arts, Sanibel Island was the place for Mary's 2 person show (with Joyce Scalzo) November 1-25, 1997.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rose Weber Brown*

P.S. Thanks so much for the members
who did send their news in some kind of order.
It helps to take the frustration out!