

## Area Chairs

Area I	Anjal Soler, Ft. Lauderdale
Area II	Cecily Hangen, West Palm Beach
Area III	Judy Lyons Schneider, Bradenton
Area IV	Cassandra Gordon-Harris, St. Petersburg
Area V	Carol Frye, Lakeland
Area VI	Sydney McKenna, St. Augustine
Area VII	Joan Klutch, Sanibel

## In Memory

Long-time Area VII FLAG member, **Jean Dean**, passed away on July 29th in Maine. "She was an outspoken feminist and champion of the rights of minorities - whether it was women, blacks, Native Americans or gays, she felt very passionately about these things. She could not physically get involved, but she tried to speak through her art," said her longtime friend Gaye Gilmore of Naples. Over the course of 45 years, she explored all sorts of artistic genres - landscape, watercolor, ceramics and mixed media. She found that abstract acrylic painting was her true calling. The Deans moved to Cape Coral in 1963, a time when there were precious few people here, let alone art lovers who appreciated abstract expression. They relocated to Fort Myers in 1989. She knew she could make more money painting

## PLEASE NOTE

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palm trees and subtropical sunsets, but she steadfastly refused to compromise. "An artist has to be true to herself," she said in a 2002 interview with The News-Press. And so she continued to create her abstract images, using the vivid hues that became her trademark.

Area VII FLAG member **Ralph LeVigne** died this year. The first photographer who joined FLAG, Ralph is remembered by his many colleagues, including his wife Area VII member **Pat LeVigne**, as an artist with an eye for provocative visual statements of man and nature. His work goes beyond technical into the realm of mood, feelings and color. He exhibited his photographs all over the west coast of Florida and participated in most Florida Artist Group shows since becoming a member.

Former Area IV Member **Ruth Andress (Stone) Page** passed away last month. A long-time activist in the Tampa Bay area, Ruth was a true leader in the community. Her painting was primarily focused on the relationship between nature and artifice. She had been very active in FLAG until the death of her husband in 1999.

## From the President

I want to thank Roberta Schofield for developing a new website for FLAG. This is a big forward step in showcasing FLAG.

Plans for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition and Symposium, which will be held at the Ridge Art Association in Winter Haven, are proceeding well. The committee from Area V, chaired by Carol Frye, has worked hard and diligently for this event. We should all make an effort to attend and not just submit our work. The annual meeting is where artists interact and develop lasting camaraderie, attend an outstanding educational symposium and become a more integral part of FLAG

With the able assistance of Jean Troemel, we have made arrangements to have the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition and Symposium in May 2007 at the Daytona Beach Museum of Art and Science. A committee from Area VI working on that event is chaired by Sydney McKenna. We will learn more about the exhibition and symposium for 2007 at our annual meeting in May.

The position of treasurer was held by Nan Griffin who has resigned and relocated. Fern Samuels has also recently resigned as corresponding secretary, since she is also relocating. On behalf of FLAG, I want to thank both Nan and Fern for the dedicated jobs they did.

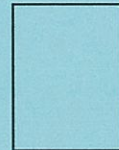
Cecily Hangen has graciously accepted the position of treasurer. We are looking for a replacement for our corresponding secretary. If anyone would like to volunteer for this position or will accept Roberta Schofield's position as newsletter editor, so that she can accept the position of corresponding secretary, please contact me. Too often, because we are all so busy, the same people shoulder the responsibility of keeping FLAG a viable group.

I want to especially welcome the eighteen new members. We are anxious to meet them and hope they will all attend our conclave in Winter Haven. I want to encourage them to get involved in our organization at either the area or the state level. New volunteers offer fresh and stimulating ideas.

*Joyce Novak*

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## Members' News

### Area I

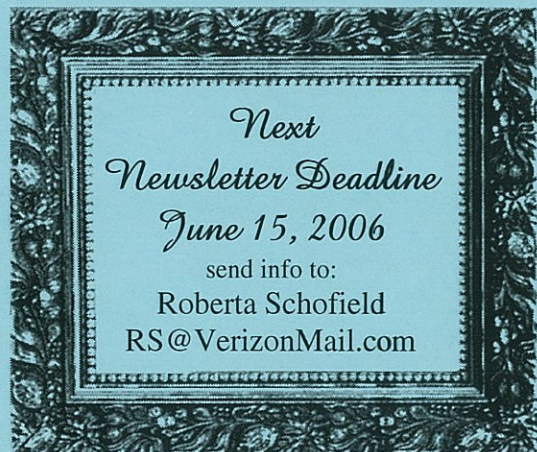
The Women's Caucus for Art Florida Chapter honored **Anjal Soler** of Fort Lauderdale and **Eleanor Merritt** (Area III) of Sarasota with the *Florida Lifetime Achievement Awards*. An exhibit at The DeLand Museum of Art called *Anjal Soler and Eleanor Merritt - Women's Caucus for Art Florida Lifetime Achievement Awardees*, in conjunction with the awards. Soler's work "Sheroes" and Merritt's work, "Shadows, Sentinels and Spirit Dreams" was on display July through September of 2005. The WCA Florida Chapter also held a banquet and recognition ceremony at the Museum. Both artists were recognized for their continued efforts on the behalf of women artists in the state of Florida as well as on a national level.



**Rowena Smith** exhibited at the International Society of Experimental Artists in Ft. Worth, Texas, was included in the National Collage Society's new publication "Collage in all Dimensions", and participated in the 116th Annual Exhibition of Small Works at the NAWA in New York City. Her handmade mask was auctioned at a fund raising gala at a 5th Avenue Penthouse. (Aren't we all just a little jealous?) Her work was accepted into the WCA Central Florida Chapter's National Juried Exhibition at the Maitland Art Center, the piece being purchased by a new collector. She was juried into three successive exhibitions at the Boca Raton Museum Artist Gallery at Mizner park, was included in the annual artwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale and was an unwilling participant in the destructive activities of Hurricane Wilma. She also conducted a workshop at Flamingo Gardens in Davie.



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### Area II

A Group Show is scheduled for May 15 to August 4, 2006 at Palm Beach Community College—Eissey campus.

**Fern Samuals** won *3rd prize* in Images April exhibition Boca Raton Museum of Art Guild Exhibition, exhibited in the FIAG Area Exhibit in Long Boad Key Center for the Arts, and the 12th Annual Cornell Museum All Florida Art Exhibition. She won *1st Prize* in the NAWA 10th Anniversary Exhibition in Palm Beach Gardens.



### Area III

Area Chair **Judy Lyons Schneider** had a one-person show, "Print, Paste and Paint," at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota during December. January sees her sharing a 2-person show with new member **Nancy Turner**, "meanings and meditations," at Art Center Sarasota. Her work is included in a curated show at Peter Paul Gallery in Sarasota called "Check the fine print: Contemporary Printmakers Showcase" through January, and will be showcased at Urban Way Gallery in Bradenton from mid-January through mid-March. Whew! We are grateful Judy has time to help out FIAG.

**Julee Docking** won an *award* at the N.L.A.P.W. Biennial Exhibition in Gainesville, won *2nd Place Award* in Manatee Art Center's "IMAGINE" show and was accepted and sold in W.C.A.'s Selby Garden show.

**Barbara Harrison** had a solo show, "Explorations," of painted wall sculptures at the Sonnet Gallery in Sarasota in November.

**Sue Turconi** was a featured speaker at the European Council of International Studies annual conference held at the World Convention Center, The Hague, The Netherlands, in November. Her topic was "Break through barriers; the cultural challenge of creativity in the world of art." She spoke on three occasions: as an artist, as an educator and as a survivor of the world of art and the ivory tower. She showed slides and prints of her work and student work she has accumulated over the years. (this was a fabulous experience) if you want to know more, check out [www.ecis.org](http://www.ecis.org).

FIAG President **Joyce Novak** had two one-person exhibitions last fall at the Venice Art Center and at Florida West Coast Symphony's Harmony Gallery. She exhibited her Wetlands Triptychs Series I through IX at both places.

**Jean Germain** had a 25 year retrospective exhibition of over 100 photographs. 50 of those were of jazz musicians whom Jean photographed as one of

the founders and official photographer for the Jazz Club of Sarasota since its inception in 1980. A DVD was produced of her other images accompanied with poetry and music which will be introduced in a gallery this summer in the Berkshires in Massachusetts where Jean has a summer home.



A solo show of the work of **Barbara Harrison** was presented in November at the Sonnet Gallery in Sarasota.

### Area IV

**Taylor Ikin** had her one woman show of her water-media landscapes on yupo paper at the Leepa Rapner Museum of Art in Tarpon Springs this summer. We hear from many sources that the work was excellent!

**Roberta Schofield's** biography will be included in the Marquis publication *Who's Who of American Women* in their 25th edition in 2006. Her show at Clayton turned her into a "Professional" Photographer by actually having some sales of photographs!. She looks forward to her show at the Turner Center for the Arts in Valdosta, GA in March and she's hopeful of a show in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.



The group Area IV exhibition in Indian Rocks Beach October through December was a success with 35 area members participating.

### Area VI

An article in the current edition of *Sunset Studio* magazine covers **Gretchen Ebersol's** Altered Books. It is a magazine devoted to mixed media and paper arts.

**Jo Sinclair** has begun workshops at Butterfield Garage Gallery. The first one is in January. It is called "Inspire to Create;" 4 sessions inspiring anyone to create, discovering the source of one's own personal content, and opening the potential, possibilities, and processes of their art making.

**Jean Troemel** has been included in Marquis' *Who's Who of the World* 2007 and Marquis' *Who's Who of American Women* 2005. She also received *2nd Place Award* in St. Augustine Art Association's juried show "Artists and their image."



**Linda Blondheim** remains very active with many exhibitions and workshops. Her work was included in an exhibition at the Dowling Museum in Alabama and she participated in "Paint-Outs" in

Orlando and at Florida's beaches. Her work will be included in an exhibition at the Isabel S. Comer Museum in Alabama, though the date is yet to be announced.

Area Chair **Sydney McKenna** had and exhibit at Butterfield Garage in November with many sales, and was asked to join Winrights Gallery in Jacksonville as a result of the exhibit.

**Jan Miller** had a one woman exhibit at the Joyce Petter Gallery in Douglas, Michigan in June/July and also was included in the Miniature Show at the Arts on Douglas Gallery in New Smyrna Beach in December. She has been very busy managing the Butterfield Garage Art Gallery in St. Augustine, and was invited to speak at the Art Summit At the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art in October. The curator, George Kinghorn asked Jan to talk about the organization of an alternative art gallery space; This included the business aspects of a cooperative gallery space and also the philosophical and logistical aspects



of keeping it together. Butterfield Garage is entering its 8th year in 2006. as the FLAG State Membership Chair, Jan has been responsible for organizing the jury of prospective new members at the January business meeting held in Sarasota. Skirt magazine of Jacksonville will be featuring some of Jan's work in their January issue. "I've been TOO busy to do much of my own art. New Year Resolution: Say NO to more things that take me away from painting!"

### Area VII

**Mary Keogh** broke her quiet in a big way by having a solo show in Milwaukee (her home town) at the Uihlein Peters Gallery in June.

## FL.A.G. Website

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Please check "Member Artists" if your work isn't in there, first check:

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## 2006 SYMPOSIUM

You will be receiving information by separate mail with the details.

To summarize:

Ridge Art Association Gallery  
Winter Haven

Forms & \$ due 4/22, work due 4/28-29  
Exhibit 5/3-5/31, 2006

May 5 - Check in and Opening Reception

May 6 - Annual Meeting

Activities & Lectures

Awards Banquet

May 7 - extended check-out to noon

Please mark your calendars NOW

For a great time with your colleagues!!

## Welcome New Members

Area II - Lois Barton  
Area III - Peppi Elona, Gay Germain, Joseph Melancon, Melody Oxarart, Sally Sloan, Jerome Sobel, Nancy Turner  
Area IV - Rhoda Tritschler, Cheryl Ann Day-Swallow  
Area V - Mindy Colton  
Area VI - Maribel Angel  
Area VII - Pamela Brodersen, Cheryl Fausel, Gail Jones, Christine Reichow, Richard Rosen, Christine Wyatt