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Hello Flag Members,

Wow! The 60th Symposium on Sanibel Island was terrific! It was colder than we expected, but then it was cold everywhere! The exhibition was great and the workshops were outstanding. Great Job by V.P. Joan Klutch and her Area VII artists.

Our next symposium in September of 2011 is scheduled in Area V at the Maitland Museum of Art. Ahlin has arranged this and will be spearheading the Symposium arrangements. She'll have all the members of Area III to help her! Meanwhile I'm sure there will be opportunities for Area shows around the state so keep on makin' art.

Since then we had a board meeting in February and voted for 17 new members, including some new ones in Area I where we've gotten a bit low!

We now have Symposiums scheduled every year out to 2015 except for 2012. And we have some extra exhibitions scheduled some years. Things are really looking up for FLAG!

I'd still like to get Area VIII in the Florida panhandle up and running again so if any of you know artists in Tallahassee, Panama City, or Pensacola or points in between that might make good members, send me names and contact information.

*Best regards,
Barre*

Area I
Chair Anjal

Wilma Siegel won a medal of honor for her paper works at the National Association of Women Artists annual show at Salmagundi Club in New York City.

Area II
Chair Cecily Hangen

Joan Lustig was juried into the National Collage Society's 25th Annual Juried Exhibit in Atlanta, November 6 to December 31, 2009. Inclusion in this show has made her a Signature Member of NCS

Joan was also juried, for the second year, into the "American Art Collector" book.

She is one of the artists in the "Ones to Watch" feature in the December 2009 issue of *Watercolor Artist*.

Joan is scheduled to have a one-woman show at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, opening on Sunday, March 7, 2010. It will remain for about 2 months.

Robin Smollar had three works selected to be a part of an international, juried art exhibition. And what is even more exciting; one of her pieces was selected as the visual statement for the exhibition.

Her piece titled: *The Reliquary of St. Meriweather Phipps Trump; Patron Saint of Palm Beach Purse Pooches* was used on the postcard for the event.

Nadine Meyers Saitlin received Best of Show, with a diminutive work, "14"x14" a "Small Red Landscape", juried into the 58th All Florida Juried Competition and Exhibition, Boca Raton Art Museum, June 10 through August 30, 2009.



Two other painting/pastels, "Playing in a Gray Blue Space", "August Abstraction at the Lake" were also accepted into the show.

Assembled Hanging, "Wrapped Trio", made from bamboo, feathers, leather and twine was selected for the National Collage Society, Mason Murer Fine Art, Atlanta, GA, November 6 - December 31, 2009

Nadine participated in "What Ties Us Together", a 4-person show, in celebration of the International Year of Fiber. She prepared outside installations made from bamboo and felt. Oct. 3 - Nov. 5, at the Curly Tale Gallery, Chicago Illinois.

This month Nadine announced the opening of her website www.saitlinportfolio.net.

Emalee Andre was awarded first place in the Boca Museum Artists Guild Gallery, May 2009 juried exhibit.

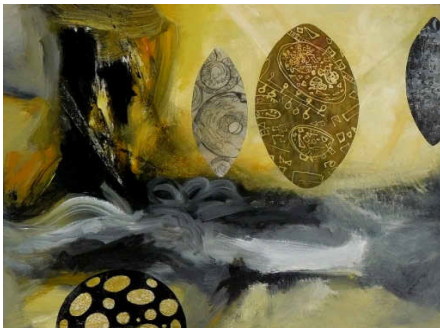
Emalee was also Juried into American Art Collector 2009 edition. Image titled Elizabeth's Hummingbird 30" x 30" acrylic.



*Elizabeth's Hummingbird
30" x 30" acrylic
Emalee Andre*

Lois Barton exhibited paintings and sculpture in a solo exhibit titled "Reconstructed Memories".

Lois was accepted into the American Art Collector competition in New York and will be in the catalog which is available through Alcove Books.



*Orbiting Sphere's Series
#4
Lois Barton*

Area III
Chair Howard Cowdrick

Joyce Novak had two digital paintings, Myakka II and Myakka VIII included in the Katherine Butler Gallery Artist Invitational.

Jean Germain exhibited her jazz photographs and book jazz from row six this past summer at the Litchfield Connecticut, and Tanglewood Massachusetts jazz festivals.

Jean was honored by the Ringling college of arts and science and longboat key center for the arts. with a recognition award as a photographer for her creative contribution to the community

Jean's book has recently been awarded a gold medal by new generation indie books for the best entertainment/pop and coffee table book category and the winner in the Florida publishers award.

Jean has just been invited to exhibit in the Naples museum this coming May.

Judy Kramer was invited to have an ongoing exhibition of thirty of her photographs at the Sokolov Hospital in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The exhibition was hung during Judy's 17th trip to Russia as part of a cultural exchange project sponsored by the Novgorod Alliance.

In September Judy coordinated an exhibition and artists' exchange to Velikiy Novgorod, Russia which was celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

Meg Pierce has been awarded the John Ringling Towers Award: Individual Artist Award, Visual Art for 2009-2010. The Sarasota grant is \$5000 and also includes a three week fellowship at the Hermitage Artist Retreat on Manasota Key, Englewood Florida.

Meg uses materials that were previously relegated to women's work such as buttons, pins and lace and turns them into very contemporary, highly stylized designs. With these funds she will create a large-scale triptych, using found materials and fiber.

Area IV
Chair Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow

Robert York's acrylic painting, "Pod," which won "Best in Show" at the Leepa-Rattner Museum in Tarpon Springs, Florida during the 58th Annual Florida Artist Group Exhibition was featured on the cover of L'Artiste magazine in June.

Robert will be exhibiting his sculpture with the Tri-state Sculptors Association at their Annual Conference and Exhibition, at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina.

Marjorie Greene taught again in the Big Draw marathon in Ruskin, Florida.

Patton Hunter had her second annual Open Studio and Exhibit which included her watercolors, ink and acrylic paintings at the Art at McNulty Lofts.

Melissa Miller Nece was one of the judges for the 2009 Prismacolor "For Art's Sake" National Art Competition. Entries were judged in six categories, with a different judge for each; Melissa's category, Colored Pencil, was the largest, with more than half of the total 1700+ entries. For more information on the winners go online at www.primacolor.com.

One of Melissa's colored pencil drawings was selected for the Inaugural Exhibition at the newly opened Florida Museum for Women Artists. It is a great honor to be included in the first show at the brand new museum in DeLand. The museum opened its doors to the public on November 14 and the Inaugural Exhibition runs to February 2010.

Melissa received an award for Waterscapes in the 25th Annual Cider Painters of America International Miniature Art Exhibit at the Vgogh Gallery in Kingston, PA.

Another of Melissa's miniatures received an Honorable Mention Award for Drawing at the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. 76th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature at the Mansion at Strathmore Gallery in Bethesda Maryland.

Denis Gaston recently completed a commission for a group of drawings for the new All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. The facility is a state of the art structure and will feature area artists' works throughout.

In late January, Denis participated in Temple Beth-El's Art Festival Beth-El. Held annually at the Temple in St. Petersburg, Denis will be showing there for the tenth year.

Denis is also an accomplished writer and in September had a children's story published in Stories For Children Magazine.

Mary Alice Braukman recently had a painting selected for the Rocky Mountain Watermedia National Exhibition in Golden, Colorado.



Work by: Mary Alice Braukman

Mary Alice will be featured in an article in the April issue of "Watercolor - American Artists Magazine"

Come visit Mary Alice during her workshop at Central Art Supply Company, St Petersburg, Florida. August 30 - September 3rd. Contact: Pat 727-898-8300 info@artworkshops.com

Jean Grastorf won First Place in with her watercolor "Workbreak", it also won the gold medal from the Florida Watercolor Society

Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow had 2 pieces of work exhibited at the Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Cheryl has also had work exhibited at the ICOT center Summit Building in November and February.

Margaret Rigg is currently working on her body of work, line drawings, all small works and hopes to have them completed some time this year.

Area V
Chair Mindy Colton

Mindy Z. Colton's Monumental Sculpture "Renewal" won the People's Choice Award in the City Of Eustis Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. She installed another of her large sculptures "Running Free" in the same exhibit.

Her Mixed Media Sculpture Unbridled Spirit: The Traveler won an Award of Excellence in the National League of Pen Women State of Florida Exhibition held at the Art Center of Sarasota.

At the National Exhibit "Horses in Art" at Emerald Downs near Seattle a pair of bronze sculptures won Third Place and sold to a major racing trainer.

A Linocut received an Award of Achievement in an Exhibit at the Daytona Art League.

Mindy has been busy as the Treasurer for the fledgling Florida Sculptors Guild which is having their second juried group exhibit at the Terrace Gallery of the Orlando City Hall January-March 2010.

She has also been selected to exhibit in the beautiful new facility at the Gateway Center for the Arts in Deltona and at the Golden Ocala Equine Art Reception and Gala. Only twelve artists are chosen from across the country.



Unbridled Spirit: The Traveler
Mindy Colton

Area VI
Chair Sydney McKenna

Jan Miller has opened her second gallery in St. Augustine called *Butterfield Too*. It offers local artist exhibition space and art workshop classes.

Jan was included in the Naples Art Museum, "Florida Contemporary Artists"

Jean Troemel received Best of Show award in the St. Augustine Art Association's 85th anniversary "Celebration" exhibition.

Sydney McKenna had an exhibit up at the Atlantic Center of the Arts' (New Smyrna) "Harris House Gallery" with sculptor Marsha DeBroske.

Sydney had 2 paintings chosen to go to New York City with a traveling exhibit for a travel writer's convention put on by the Visitor's and Convention Bureau representing the arts in St. Augustine.

Sydney has a piece in a traveling Museum Exhibit called "Liquid Muse: Paintings from the St. Johns Region". It began at the Thomas Center in Gainesville, then went to the Alexander Brest Museum in Jacksonville, then the Tallahassee Museum. From there the Florida School of the Arts and the final exhibition was held at The Museum of Florida Art in Deland.

Sydney is also teaching oil painting at Jan Miller's new facility "Butterfield Too", as well as at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.



"Halo"
48 X 48" oil on canvas
Sydney McKenna

Linda Blondheim continues to focus on North Central Florida's beauty in her current paintings. Enjoy them at: <http://www.lindablondheim.com>

Linda is busy with her workshops, if you would like more information please call her at her studio at 386-462-5726

Linda new page for art collectors is: <http://linda-blondheim.blogspot.com>
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** a special note**

Thank you to **Jan Miller** and **Sydney McKenna** for a wonderful job of presenting to the board members, the long list of 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.

Area VII
Chair Joan Furia Klutch

Peg Cullen, President of the National League of American Pen Women, SW Florida Branch Peg attended the 3rd Biennial Conference in Sarasota. She will be exhibiting her watercolor painting "Lorenzo" in the league art show.

Peg was also featured artist at Harborview Gallery in Cape Coral Florida, during the month of December.

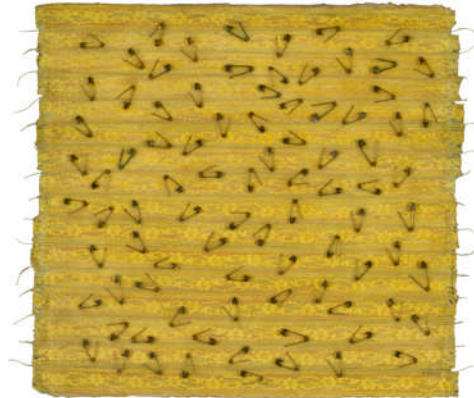
Peg also exhibited at the Art Expo held at in St James City, Florida in February.

Cheryl Fausel has been accepted into the Southern Watercolor Society's upcoming show. She won a second prize in the past two shows entered, both at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, the first judged by Carrie Burns Brown, and the second judged by John Salminen.

Cheryl also be featured in the upcoming edition of *The Best of American Watermedia Volume II*.

Cheryl also won an honorable mention in the Harvest Gold Exhibition held at the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda.

Cheryl also had work exhibited in the faces and figures show in Punta Gorda, and a member's show in Cape Coral.



Safety
13x12 trims, safety pins,
acrylic on board
Meg Pierce

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. Our volunteers are just like you busy. Respect and kindness go along way. Just be nice.
Thank you !

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