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From the President



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Flash! The Florida Artist Group has entered the 21st century. This newsletter is coming to you via electronic medium! Area chairs will print and mail copies to those of their members who do not have e-mail.

Other special news: Cecily is no longer our Treasurer – Roberta Schofield is; Roberta is no longer Newsletter Editor – Cheryl Day-Swallow is (news to go, henceforth, to CherylDay@CherylDay.com). Richard Capes has accepted to be chair of the Awards Committee and Linda Blondheim has created a flag blog -- all await your input.

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Members' News

Area II

Lois Barton had a solo show, "As I See It", at the Meyerhoefer Gallery in Lake Worth in October.

Emalee Andre had a two-person show at Creation Art Gallery & Studios in Juno Beach on November 8th.

Fern Samuels was co-chairman of and exhibited in a National Association of Women Artists exhibit at the Coral Springs Museum. She is also included in The School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a photo of her work. She is currently working on a one person show in Palm Beach and is in an exhibit at the Lake Worth (Florida) Art League.



Joan Lyon

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Joan Lustig is showing monotypes and collages in the "Rock Paper Scissors" Exhibit at the Mulry Fine Art Gallery, West Palm Beach. The show will run from February 23 to March 31, 2008. She was juried into the National Collage Society's 23rd Annual Juried Exhibit which was at the Cornell Museum, Delray Beach, in September-October, 2007. She received a *Third Place* award in the Artists' Guild of the Palm Beaches exhibit, "Art 2007" at Northwood University, West Palm Beach, which was from August to November 2007. She received an *Award of Merit* in the N.A.W.A show, "Sharing a Vision of Contemporary Art" at the Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach - April-May, 2007. And she received a *Judges Recognition* in the NAWA show "Impressions" at Northwood University, November, 2007 to January, 2008.



Judy Lyons Schneider

Area III

Joan Lyon had a solo show titled "Florida Focus and Beyond" in November at Harmony Gallery in the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center with a portion of the sales donated to the Florida West Coast Symphony.

Manatee Community College Fine Art Gallery is hosting the exhibition "Color Matters" New Paintings by **Eleanor Merritt**. The show ran January 21st Through February 21st, 2008 at the MCC Fine Art Gallery at 5840 26th Street, in Bradenton.

Barbara Harrison exhibited her "Small Works" at the Harmony Gallery in Sarasota in October. She is now represented by Serrano Contemporary Art gallery in Chelsea, Manhattan!

Julia Hyman's sculptures exhibited January 15th through February 23rd in the center gallery of the Sarasota Arts Center in conjunction with the Lighthouse for the Blind. The title of the show is "Touch". Viewers will be encouraged to examine the work with both their eyes and hands.

"Beyond Ink & Glue" - Works on Paper by **Judy Lyons Schneider** exhibited at the Glen Gallery in the Longboat Key Center for the Arts January 30-February 20, 2008.

Titled "Origyn: Homage to Womanhood," **Peppi Elona's** solo show at the Venice Art Center was on exhibit January 8 to January 27.



Eleanor Merritt

Area IV



Members' News – Area IV - from page 2

Area Chair **Cheryl Day-Swallow** has accomplished wonders - she organized an area exhibition that included **every Area IV FLAG member**, she inspired them to work outside their comfort zone by dictating a specific size (16" x 16"), she organized the opening, and published a catalogue of the show. Congrats to Area IV for coming through! (see photo above)



Peppi Elona

Brooke Allison, co-founder of the Pastel Society of Tampa Bay has been involved in finding venues for the two year old Pastel Society to show. The society has held exhibitions at Harbor Hall in Palm Harbor and at the new Dundee Recreation Center. The society had its second members' show at the Octagon Gallery in November 2007. Any artist interested in the medium of pastel is welcome to join. These frequent membership exhibitions have been for the purpose of letting the public know who they are. Brooke won the *Pastel Society of America Award*. In New York at the Pastel Society of America Exhibition, Brooke received the *Savior Faire Award* for "Poet", a small portrait of a man sitting against the light. Brooke teaches pastel and oil painting at the Dunedin Fine Art Center.



Brooke Allison

Marjorie Dean Andruk is currently working on a wonderful book of art work. Currently she is waiting for final color coordination to be approved before her 1st printing. Her son and his family are here visiting from New Jersey. They like it so much, they may just move here.

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Upcoming venues confirmed: 2009 Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in Tarpon Springs, also in 2009 Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, in 2011 Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture. Unconfirmed, with no regrets, yet, are Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala at which we requested 2010 and 2011 an Maitland Art Center for 2008. As soon as we have a venue for 2008, we will let you know.

At our last board meeting we were so proud of the professional quality of the newly elected members.

The next new member applicants will, in 2008/2009, be requested to send electronic (jpegs on CDs) images.

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Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow is working on some new gourd rain sticks, the first of which was accepted into a juried show at the Sarasota Art Center. She is also very busy getting her art completed for shows in Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Dunedin Fine Art Center to coincide with Convergence 2008.

Marjorie C. Armston Dimmitt is painting with her focus being on possibly having a show approximately a year from now. It is her hope that the sales from this show would benefit a major organization in Clearwater. She will keep us updated as the time arrives closer.

Margaret R. Rigg is enjoying her time with her new dog. And at the current time is working with some experimental paintings and drawings.

Roberta Schofield has completed a piece to be exhibited in *11-9-89, Artists Celebrate the Fall of the Wall* featuring pieces of the Berlin Wall painted by Florida Artists. It was an intense experience to have this extraordinary surface to work on.

Rebecca Skelton had her work at the Florida Craftsman over the holiday. She has been working very hard preparing for upcoming shows at galleries.

For the second time **Taylor Ikin** was asked to be a juror for the Calendar of the ALIANZA HISPANA DE LA BAHIA DE TAMPA, INC. It is an amazing opportunity to see the vast amount of great work in the area being produced by outstanding Hispanic painters. She is honored to be a part of this ever growing event in our community. In January she received an award from the Board of County Commissioners in recognition of her 8 years on the Arts Council of Hillsborough County. She and three other people have formed a business called Real Tampa Bay which promotes all things Tampa Bay, primarily the unknown historical places and the arts. Visitor related, it will be using the most current and exciting ways of sharing the area with everyone. Stay tuned! Her class of very independent folks meets on Tuesdays at the Indian Rocks Beach Art Center. There is so much going on at the Center...night classes, life classes...check it out... and if you only want to visit the gift shop...you are welcome! She will also be teaching in Sarasota (March), Louisiana (April), Maine (June) and Antigua (October). Just let her know if you would like to grab a paint brush and join her...or check her website, www.taylorikin.com and also hit the puzzle tab!



Roberta Schofield



Rebecca Skelton

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Melissa Miller Nece was elected to Signature Membership in the Miniature Artists of America. This is determined by acceptance into a certain number of sanctioned miniature exhibitions and awards. "Determined Stride," one of her five accepted entries in the Miniature Art Society of Florida's 2008 annual international show, was awarded *First Place in Human Figure*. It sold too! Derwent has released their new Blender/Burnisher pencil sets. Two examples of her artwork have been included on the product's information leaflet. Legion Paper is featuring her colored pencil drawing "Three Couples" in their new advertising campaign for Stonehenge paper. The first publication with the ad is the Winter 2008 issue of *American Artist Drawing Magazine*. (Right on page 3!) It can also be seen at their website, www.legionpaper.com.



Mindy Colton

Mindy Colton's large 12 1/2 ' monumental sculpture "Renewal" is in the 2008 Marco Island Foundation for the Arts Artquest Sculpture Exhibit. She hopes the FLAG members in the Naples/Marco Island area will tour all the sculptures on display thru April 15. She also won *First Place* in the Open Juried Florida Artist's Registry Exhibit at the Gallery at Avalon Island, Orlando. She was awarded her third *United Arts of Central Florida Professional Development Grant* to study with a national bronze sculptor near Sedona, AZ. Life-size "Wind Dancer Pegasus" has been purchased by the Honors College at the University of Central Florida and will be installed in March. The unveiling is being planned for April to celebrate their 10 year anniversary. Too, one of her sculptures was accepted into the 21st "Animals in Art" at the Louisiana State University College of Veterinary Science, Baton Rouge.



Jean Troemel

Ahlin shared the spotlight with Entertainer Bobby Goldsboro at the Gallery at Avalon Island in downtown Orlando with "Recent Works on Paper". The gallery located at the corner of Magnolia and Pine Streets is open from Tuesday - Saturday 12-6pm -- February 21 - March 14.

Area VI

Jean Troemel, a survivor of breast cancer, was included in an exhibition and fund raiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in September, 2007. Ten survivor artists each donated an original art work to the cause which created much attention healthwise and artwise and was considered a financial success for northeast Florida.

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Members' News from page 5

Gretchen Ebersol has 8 works on exhibit at the 5th Annual Invitational Exhibit at the Women's Center of Jacksonville.

The "Country Roads" exhibit at the Leesburg Art Center in November included work by **Linda Blondheim**. Her work was also featured in "Art in the House."

In October, **Beau Redmond** had a successful exhibit at "Arts on Douglas" in New Smyrna.

Sydney McKenna was commissioned by Mayo Clinic to paint two pieces for their new Hospice chapels. She exhibited at Butterfield Garage Gallery in St. Augustine in November, and will be exhibiting at the Jacksonville International Airport's Haskell Gallery in April, May and June.



Sydney McKenna

Area VII

The Burlington Art Gallery (Burlington, North Carolina) featured artist for January was **Robert York**. There was a "Meet the Artist" on January 12th. **Bob** also had a two-person exhibition with artist, Nancy Diciolla, at the Caswell Council for the Arts during the month of January, 2008. The exhibition, entitled "The Shape of Color", opened on January 6th in the Gallery of the Caswell County Civic Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

The Cape Coral Art Studio hosted a retrospective exhibition of the work of **Pat LaVigne** in August. A Retrospective exhibition is a great honor! Congratulations, Pat!

Janis Balabon completed several commissions in 2007 including a portrait that is hanging in the Vatican.



*Barbara Leto,
new in Area V*

Welcome New Members

Area II

Nadine Meyers Saitlin, Boca Raton -
pastel, pencil, paint, assemblage

Area III

Howard L. Cowdrick, Sarasota - *acrylic, mixed media*

Area IV

Pamela Miles - Indian Rocks Beach - *painting, mixed media*

Area V

Cheryl Bogdanowitsch, Winter Park, FL - *sculpture*

Lynn Hughes, Lakeland - *watercolor*

Barbara Leto, Cocoa - *watercolor*

Fred Samuelson, Rockledge - *mixed media*

Rose Ann Samuelson, Rockledge - *acrylic painting*

Henry Sinn, Winter Park - *mixed media, fabric, paintings*

Idith Levy, Orlando - *oil painting, mixed media*

Area VI

Barbara Wagner, New Smyrna Beach - *oil painting*

Area VII

Janet Mach Dutton, Cape Coral - *watercolor*

Bettina Edwards, Bonita Springs - *photography*



*Cheryl Bogdanowitsch,
new in Area V*



*Howard Cowdrick,
new in Area III*

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In Memory

Mamie Harrison, Area IV, died Oct. 13, 2007. She was 92. Mamie was President of FLAG in 1985 and 1986. Mamie was born in Spring-town, TX in 1915. She went to Business College in Fort Worth, TX. In 1938, she moved to Florida and married. During World War II, while her husband was in the Air Force, she joined and became active in the Daughters of the American Revolution. For her entire life she was active in her community. She was Past President of the Dunedin Youth Center, a founding member of Play PARC, a charter member and Past President of Studio 1212 Clearwater, Past

President of Florida Artist Group, a statewide organization, a member of the YWCA Board of Directors, and later the Senior Board for the YWCA, was on the Board of Trustees for the Red Cross and Community Chest, and was a long time member of the Carlouel Yacht Club. She traveled extensively in North America, Europe and Russia. Her travels encouraged her interest in art and she won many awards for her artwork and participated in numerous regional and state exhibitions. In 2002 she was elected to the Dunedin Senior Hall of Fame, by the Committee on Aging, City of Dunedin.



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