

AREA CHAIRS

Area I	Anjal Soler, Ft. Lauderdale
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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



Membership

Deadline for Membership Applications is
December 15, 2005

Applications will be voted on at the January 2006 Board Meeting, giving New Members a chance to participate in the next Symposium
We now have 125 paid active members.



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From the President

The 55th Annual Symposium/Exhibition had outstanding exhibition and symposium facilities at Florida West Coast University. The event was capably orchestrated by the Symposium Chairman, Joan Furia Klutch and assisted by FL.A.G. President, Bob York. The Juror, Caroll Michels, served as the Symposium moderator and in addition to working with a panel of FL.A.G. members, gave a riveting account of her book, "How to Survive & Prosper as an Artist". This Symposium was well attended by a large group of members, guests and art enthusiasts. All of the people in Area VII who helped make this a successful event should be commended for their efforts.

I am looking forward to our 56th Exhibition and Symposium in May of 2006 at the Ridge Art Association in Winter Haven, Florida. The chairman is Carol Frye who will be assisted by members from Area V. It never fails to astound me as to how the various areas are able to put together these fine annual events. To think that FL.A.G. is 55 years old lends credence to the strength and artistic skills of all the past and present members. It is through the work of the board, the Area Chairmen and the membership that this occurs.

A special "Thank You" is in order for Bob York. His guidance and his service as our president for the past two years are exceptional and are very much appreciated.

Joyce Novak

For Future Reference

All work delivered to FLAG exhibitions MUST be wired or otherwise prepared for installation. Work requiring extraordinary cleaning, repair or other adjustments will not be included in the exhibition.

Elections

At the 55th Annual Members Meeting of the Florida Artist Group, Inc., the following Officers were elected to serve the next two year term:

- President - Joyce Novak**, Nokomis
- Vice President - Cassandra Gordon-Harris**, St. Petersburg
- Recording Secretary - Fern Samuels**, Palm Beach Gardens
- Corresponding Secretary - AHLIN**, Maitland
- Treasurer - Nan Griffin**, St. Petersburg
(In place of an Assistant Treasurer, there will be a Finance Committee, Chaired by the Treasurer.)
- Membership Chairman - Jan Miller**, St. Augustine
- Member at-large - Shirley Frank**, Seminole

The Symposium

For our 55th Annual Symposium, we congregated at the Gallery on Friday evening in the new spacious gallery for the Opening Reception. The event that Area VII had arranged for us, spearheaded by Area Chair Joan Klutch, was very well attended by FLAG members and the community. Ms. Michels spoke briefly about her choices and the award winners were introduced with their work.



Bob York and Richard Capes



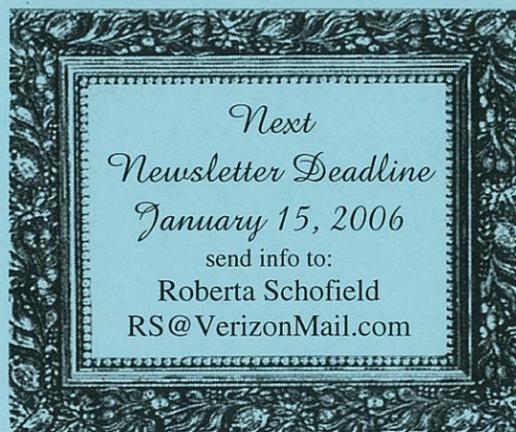
Juror Caroll Michels discusses show



Joan Klutch & Marilyn Niederman

Our Annual Business Meeting was Saturday morning followed by the Workshop conducted by Caroll Michels, *How to Survive and Prosper as an Artist*, including a Panel discussion with four FLAG members on the Panel with Ms. Michels. The workshop was also well attended; not just FLAG members, but it was "standing room only" when the general public came to this interesting session.

Saturday evening we met for the Annual Banquet after which the awards were presented by President Robert York. The excited award winners made everyone feel special. Sunday morning, after a delightful breakfast at the hotel, we left renewed and inspired to get back to work!



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Newsletter Deadline
January 15, 2006
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Congratulations!

Winners at the Boca Raton Museum of Art
Florida Artist Group Juried Exhibition

- First Place - Rebecca Skelton, Area IV**
- Second Place - Jean Germain, Area III**
- Third Place - Joyce Novak, Area III**
- Fourth Place - Shirley Frank, Area IV**



Members' News



Eleanor Richter at the Symposium

Area I
Eleanor Richter was awarded *Best in Show* in the Coral Springs Artist Guild's She is also having a "Creative Space" exhibit through the month of April at the Lobby Gallery of the Coral Springs Museum of Art.

Wilma Bulkin Siegal's major exhibits this year have included a Solo Exhibit at the Broward Community College's Pembroke Pines campus called *The Faces of AIDS*, a group exhibit called *The Art of Healing* at the Coral Springs Museum of Art and *Survivors & Liberators; An Exhibition of Portraits* group show

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at the Museum of Art Ft. Lauderdale. Congrats, **Wilma**. You sure do help make FIAG look great!

Area II

Emalee Andre had a mixed media painting juried into the International Society of Experimental Art's annual international exhibition held at the Alliance for the Arts Center in Ft. Myers. She won *Second Place* in the annual winter exhibition of the Artists' Guild of the Palm Beaches at Northwood University in West Palm Beach, won *Second Place* in the *Women in the Visual Arts Artistic Expressions II*, an open juried multi-media exhibition held at Palm Beach Gardens City Hall, and was invited to exhibit in a two person show titled *Double Visions* at the Juno Beach Town Center from April 8 through June 15, 2005 in Juno Beach.

Fern Samuels says "Thanks very much for the Ru Israels award that I got at the Symposium."

Area II has scheduled an area show at Palm Beach Community College in 2006.

Area III

Julie Docking had a one woman show *My world is my Garden* at the Celery Barn in Sarasota April 15 to May 6, where she sold 30 paintings! The May issue of *Style Magazine* did a big spread on her and the Pelican Press did an article, both with pictures. Great, **Julie!** Congrats!

John Barends lectured and exhibited a one-man show *The Painted word* at the Unitarian Universalist Church on May 15th and sold a mobile the first day! The was a half page on him also in the May issue of *Style Magazine* about his frame shop. Looks like **John** and **Julie** are making a great impression for FIAG in their area!

Judy Lyons Schneider has a one person show coming up December 4, 2005 to January 8, 2006 in The Gallery at Unitarian Universalist Church on Fruitville Rd. in Sarasota, and a 2-person show at the Art Center in Sarasota Members Gallery from January 5 to Feb. 7, 2006. She had a solo exhibition in March, 2005 at the Harmony Gallery at the Florida West Coast Symphony Center in Sarasota.

Susan Turconi exhibited in the *13th Annual all Florida Exhibition* at The Arts Center in St. Petersburg juried by William Zimmer of the New York Times and has been selected to participate in *underCurrent/overView* at the Tampa Museum of Art from July 25 to September 26. The Exhibition was juried by Jill Berk Jiminez, Curator of Exhibitions.

Richard Capes and **Judy Lyons Schneider** will be judges of a Members' Show at Longboat Key Center for the Arts in November, 2005.

Area II seems to have scored big at the *Signature Exhibition* of the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society shown at the Ringling School of Art & Design's Selby Gallery. *First Place* went to **Herman Bek-Gran**, with **Don Carmichael** and **Douglas Teller** each taking *Honorable Mention* awards. Great job of making FIAG look good!

Area III hosted a social meeting for *Areas III and IV*. It is hoped that this will be the start of something good! *Area III* also had an area show at the Selby Gallery of the Ringling School of Art & Design.

Area IV

FIAG VP **Cassandra Gordon-Harris** took *First Place* in the N.A.W.A 5th Annual juried exhibit at Norwood University's Jeannette Haire Gallery in March 2005. The prize is a one woman show at the Palm Beach Gardens City Hall August 25 to October 12, 2005. This upcoming show will feature 30 of Cassandra's paintings of women, abstract landscapes and drawings. She will also have a solo show at the Safety Harbor City Hall

May 20 - June 30th then will be moving it to the library July 1 - August 15, 2005. This year is looking much better than last for exhibition opportunities. Since the closing of Confident Galley she's had to dedicate herself to finding new exposure for her work. Cassandra will be part of group show at Beck Gallery in Land 'o Lakes at the end of June through August 2005.

Shirley Frank juried the Student Art Show at St. Petersburg College in April. She earned a *Merit Award* at the *Area III & IV* show at Longboat Key in January and *Fourth Place* at the FIAG Juried Show at the Boca Raton Museum of Art.



Cassandra Gordon-Harris, "Bowl of Peas"

The *Pastel Journal* for June of 2005 included an article on **Brooke Allison**. The article was written by Editor Maureen Bloomfield and covered **Brooke's** process. **Brooke** also held a national workshop in Pastel at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. To round out her accomplishments, two of **Brooke's** paintings will be included in *The Best of Pastel: Real Color* to be published in January 2006 by North Light Publications.

Area IV will be having an area show at the Arts Center in St. Petersburg in 2007, and an *Area IV and V* show at the Beach Art Center this Fall.

Roberta Schofield was included in the FIAG show at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. She juried the *15th Annual Black & White* show at Artists Unlimited in Tampa and the *High School Art Show* at Hillsborough Community College. She was Guest Speaker at the Awards Ceremony for the show. Third year in a row - she must be doing something right, but she has no idea what it is. Her big opening at Clayton Gallery is just around the corner (September 16th.)

Area V

AHLIN will have a solo exhibition (her 15th Biennial) at the Watergate Gallery in Washington, DC during December, 2005. If you're doing the holidays in our Nation's Capital, be sure to go by to see it!! Congratulations, **Ahlin!** She also received the *Richard Dean Andruk Memorial Award* at the 55th Annual FIAG Exhibition and was selected for the FIAG show at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. And, for those of you that didn't come to the Symposium, **Ahlin** will be our Corresponding Secretary replacing **Cassandra Gordon-Harris** who will serve as Vice President.

Area VI

Linda Blondheim has been selected to be an ambassador for *Plein Air* Painting at the Epcot Center Garden Festival on April 28-May 1st, 2005. She will do presentations about *plein air* painting twice a day for visitors to the Garden Festival. Her work will be included in the *Visualize the Word* exhibit at Melrose Bay

Gallery in Melrose which includes regionally acclaimed writers and artists, in the show *Bridges Of Marion County* at the Ocala Chamber of Commerce in Ocala, and in an invitational figure and portrait show featuring 14 recognized local and national artists at Alla Prima Fine Art in St. Petersburg. She will be part of a group exhibit *Natural Curiosity* at the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville Florida June 3 - September 11, 2005. (See Photo) She will teach a workshop on *plein air* painting at Acadia Workshop Center in June of 2006 in Acadia Maine.

Jan Miller is having a solo show at the Joyce Petter Gallery in Douglas, Michigan this summer.

Beau Redmond has created a small painting of St Cyprian's steeple (St. Augustine's Lincolnville Episcopal Church) for an Art in Public Places installation. The panels will be used on the ends of antique benches in a community center in Lake Helen. An exhibition of the artist's panels will be held at Arts on Douglas, New Smyrna Beach in June.

Daniel Ambrose and **Linda Blondheim** were both included in *Elements and Facades* at the Marion County Chamber of Commerce in Ocala.

Generous **Jean Troemel** has donated 17 paintings to the St. Augustine Historical Society. These **Troemel** paintings are of Indians who visited St. Augustine

between 1985 and 1995. These paintings will be included in the Society's permanent collection of art works.

Area VI members accepted in the FIAG show at the Boca Raton Museum of art are: **Sydney McKenna, Beau Redmond, Jan Miller, Jo Sinclair** and **Jean Troemel**.

Area VI is putting together an area portfolio which **Barre Barrett** will use to make exhibition proposals.

Area VII

Peg Cullen's watercolor paintings, "Kayakers" won *First Place* at Cedar Key Arts Center National Juried Art Exhibition in Cedar Key, FL. **Peg** is also exhibiting in a 2-person portrait show, *About Face*, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, where she will have 28 larger than life portraits on display.



Linda Blondheim at the Museum of Natural History