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SEACOAST ARTISTS GUILD NEWSLETTER MARCH, 2009

GENERAL MEETING: Our next general meeting will take place on *April 5th at the Waccamaw Library at 2 pm*. Our guest speaker, Rich Kuhn, will speak on plein aire painting in oil.

A reminder: We will not have a general meeting for the summer months of June, July and August. The Board will continue to plan events over the summer and keep you informed.

DUES: According to our by-laws our dues are owing on February 15th. If you have not paid your dues please remit to SCAG, PO Box 2730, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Single membership \$25.00, Family membership \$35. Renewal members paying for the year '09 at our fall show will not have free membership in 2010. That scenario only applies to "brand new members" coming in at the end of the year. Membership cards will be available at the General Meeting on April 5th.

WORKSHOP: (See attached photos) The Maryann Davis Oil Painting Workshop that was held on February 28th, 2009, at Salters Cove, was a great success. Maryann, daughter of member Laverne Davis, traveled from Indiana to give us a special day of instruction from 9 am to 4:30 pm in oil to everyone's delight. Eleven artists attended the workshop and had time to complete at least two paintings. A profit \$550 was realized and we acquired five new members from the workshop. We thank Marcelle Cushman who did an excellent job of organizing the event and it is hoped we can talk Maryann into coming back to Seacoast for another workshop in the future. The comments overhead included, "Maryann is the best instructor I have ever worked under".

Special thanks to board member and resident Anne Dickson of Salter Cove for welcoming and providing Seacoast with such a lovely facility.

MOUNT PLEASANT: (See attached photos) The Mount Pleasant Show, which was sponsored by the First Federal Bank of Charleston, at the Sandpiper Retirement Village in Mt. Pleasant, took place from March 18th - 25th. SCAG member Laverne Davis along with Lynn Small, Special Events Coordinator of First Federal, did an outstanding job working with Marsha Claymen, Marketing Director at Sandpiper Village in organizing this event. Twenty-seven artists participated with a total of 83 pieces in the show. There was no entry fee and no commission was taken for the 4 pieces that were sold. A champagne reception was held and enjoyed at the conclusion of the event. The judges were Drana Conklin and Colonel Cliff Overbaum of Mt. Pleasant. The awards, reception, publicity and judges were all provided by First Federal. We have been seeking a

corporate sponsor for several years and we are delighted to have our "foot in the door" with First Federal. The bank was impressed with our work and stated they would love to partner with SCAG for another show in '10!!!! We suggested bringing it closer to our area which Lynn Small agreed to. We will be looking into area store fronts and other possibilities.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

BEST IN SHOW: SUSAN DUKE, "Rainbow of Flowers" - Watercolor

1ST PLACE: MIKE COVINGTON, "Marsh Moon" Photograph

2ND PLACE: JUDY O'BRIEN, "Far Eastern Influence", Collage

3RD PLACE: JANE WOODWARD, "Fishing on the Marsh" Oil

HONORABLE MENTION:

JANE WOODWARD "On the Inlet" Oil

MARYANN DAVIS: "Romance Novel" Pastel

MARYANN DAVIS: "Sugar Creek" Oil

A special thank goes out to Marcelle Cushman, the Intake Director, Edna Fenske, Publicity, Mary Dezzutti, Volunteer Coordinator and Show Display, and all the sitters and hangers who volunteered their time and traveled to Mt. Pleasant to make this show a success.

MAY ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Per our by-laws, the annual meeting will take place at our general meeting in May. This will be held May 3rd at the Waccamaw Library in Pawleys Island at 2 pm. Those board members that are up for re-election are: Frank McGrath, Anne Malarich, Walter Cushman and Ronald Blanchard. Any other persons interested in serving on the Board of Directors and placing their name on the ballot please contact Edna Fenske @ fensk@aol.com or call 357-2626.

BEGINNERS AND NOVICE SHOW: A show for artists with 3yrs or less experience in all categories and mediums is being planned for the month of June. It will take place at Applewood Restaurant. Further details to follow.

LAZY GATOR: Again this year we will have a sale at the Lazy Gator's anniversary bash on memorial day weekend. A great time was had by all last year. Keep the date open - further info to follow.

CHECK OUT WEB-SITE: As a member of the Cultural Council, Seacoast Artist Guild's info can be found on www.culturalcouncil.info, click on "artists & groups", scroll down to Seacoast Artists Guild for our latest info and pics.

REMINDER: Art In The Park, April 25th and 26th, June 20th and 21st and October 10th and 11th, November 7th and 8th.

Ron Blanchard,
President





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