

Ocean County
Artists' Guild
NEWSLETTER



Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Box 1156, Island Heights, New Jersey 08732

DECEMBER JANUARY 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 24 (Thursday)

Thanksgiving Day— Guild is closed.

November 30 & December 1 1-4 PM.

(Wednesday & Thursday)

Pick up work from November Members Show.
Bring in work for Members Holiday Show,

December 2 (Friday)

Poets Meeting—Open Mike, 7 PM

December 3 (Saturday)

Victorian Open House and reception for
Members Holiday Show, 10 AM-4 PM
Open Figure Drawing is cancelled for today.

December 9 (Friday)

Photography Club Meeting, 7 PM

December 11 (Sunday)

Victorian Tea, 2-4 PM. Sold Out

December 13-17 (Tuesday –Saturday)

Bring in new items for Gift Shop, 1-4 PM.

December 24-January 2

Closed for the Holidays.

December 31, 2011

Due date for 2012 membership renewal.

January 3 (Tuesday) Board Meeting, 7 PM

January 4 & 5 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Pick up remaining work from Holiday Show.
Bring in work for January Members' Show,
1-4 PM

January 6 (Friday)

Poet's Meeting—Open Mike, 7 PM

January 8 (Sunday) Show, 1-4 PM

Open receptions: Gallery Committee Past and Present, Faculty and Monitors Show, and Members

January 10 (Tuesday)

Courthouse Hanging, 1-3 PM

January 13 (Friday)

Photography Club Meeting, 7 PM

January 17-21 (Tuesday-Saturday)

Bring in new items for Gift Shop, 1-4 PM

January 25 (Wednesday)

No evening demo program is scheduled.

February 1&2 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Bring in work for February Members Show, 1-4 PM

President's Letter

Dear Members,

I hope you are adjusting to the cooler weather without too much grumbling! I've decided to spend more time at the gym during these cold days and also to start researching the subject of color in art. I'm reading a book by Nita Leland called Exploring Color and it started me thinking that I need to pay more attention to this particular area when I'm painting. My reading helped me realize that color is a more important aspect of creating expressive art than the shapes of things. Did you know that when a group of young children were asked to organize a bunch of different shaped and colored pieces of wood they organized them according to color and not shape. The conclusion was that color was an intuitive thing and shapes were an intellectual thing. So maybe we artists should be more concerned with emphasizing color with a little less stress on objective realistic shapes. The idea is to focus on, we might say, primal forces. This is what abstract painting is all about. So maybe those tedious photo references could take a back seat for the time being. Let's experience instinctive expression of ourselves in 'Technicolor' art. Just a thought, that's all!

The schedule for exhibiting member's art at the Toms River Courthouse has been changed. There is no 'changing of the guard' in December. Instead the next 'hanging' is Tuesday, January 10 and then every four months thereafter. Call Ellen at 732-330-3638 with any questions.

Our schedule of classes for the new year is enclosed. Note the new classes that we are offering and, of course, we have the old standbys—tried and true!

The Guild will be a winter wonderland of holiday décor come Saturday December 3. Attending our Victorian Open House and receptions is a great way to share and enjoy the holiday spirit with your fellow artists. We'll see you there!

The December Members' Show is the holiday show. With art work that appeals to the holiday gift shoppers, prepare some small framed pieces that will attract buyers. Our December reception is on SATURDAY, December 3, not the usual first Sunday.

We are joining the Ocean County YMCA at an art festival. Joanne Miller will be chairing a table for us at the 28th Annual Art & Decoy Festival on January 14 & 15 at Central Regional High School. She will be distributing literature, soliciting membership, and vending small items from our gift shop. Contact Joanne via the office for further information.

A Blessed Holiday to all! We'll see you again in February!

Nick Calavas

IN THE GALLERIES

December YOU are in the Galleries! Victorian Open House Members Holiday Show. Opening Reception—SATURDAY December 3rd

The Theme for December is Winter Wonderland!

Please don't forget to bring winter themed smaller artwork – especially for the Studio! We hope people will be encouraged to buy smaller works of art – what a great present - the gift of art!



In the Gallery in January features the work of Gallery Committee Members Faculty and Monitors

Two groups will be featured in our January 2012 shows in Galleries 1 and 2.

Gallery 1 will feature Gallery Committee Members – past and present. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gallery Committee cubby in the kitchen at the guild. Our slot has a big pink folder in it! It is easy to find! One of the divided sections will be labeled January 2012. Inside will be a sign up list for Gallery Committee Members – past and present. Please sign up a.s.a.p.!

You may also email me at sallyc111@verizon.net

Gallery 2 will feature a show done by Faculty and Monitors. As above – there will be a list titled Faculty and Monitors Show. It will be in the pink folder in the slot labeled January 2012. Please sign up a.s.a.p!

There is no Theme for the Members Show in January.

Please Note

The gallery committee requests that when members exhibit their artworks in the Members' shows, it is their responsibility to donate some refreshments for that month.



Call for Entries

This page is not intentionally left empty!

We need a volunteer to help us to know opportunities for our members to enter in juried shows in the greater shore area.

In The Spotlight

Lorraine Lenskold

Our jeweler extraordinaire, practically lives and breathes creating exquisite works of art. Lorraine loves art of all media and is driven to do art. She focuses on creating small pieces of jewelry with great attention to detail. For example, when she last visited the South West she was inspired to create her 'adobe line' of art. Since she is a metal smithy by profession Lorraine designs earrings and brooches of silver and gold which include much of the detail of adobe houses—the rafters and beams so typical of their style. The gold and silver pieces are worked with reticulated surfaces and interior cuttings. They include small portraits carved in stone. The results are small assemblages of finely detailed sculptures that are proudly worn by many happy woman.

Lorraine is ever conscious of the spiritual bond between all mankind and of the fragile environment of our planet. The small faces that she carves in bone or in tagua reflect the serenity and introspection she so values in her own life. Tagua is the stone she obtains through the Conservation International from the Cowatache Rain Forest area of Ecuador. She is proud that she supports a group which is rain forest friendly.

Carved portraits are a unique design throughout her artistic jewelry so when once Lorraine visited an exhibition of the art of Mesopotamia she was inspired to carve her portraits with the large eyes characteristic of Egyptian and Middle Easter art. Since the eyes are the windows of the soul, the large eyes of her carvings give Lorraine an opportunity to create the portraits of beautiful women each with a unique and exotic look.

Lorraine and her husband spend a good deal of time touring the United States in their RV trailer. These trips coincide with many fine arts shows across the country where Lorraine exhibits and sells her fine art jewelry. They both enjoy combining business with pleasure as they visit the National Parks and other US attractions. Some shows are right around the corner. Lorraine's last show was in Stone Harbor, NJ at The Wetlands Institute. The Wings 'n Water Festival held in mid-September was the 29th Annual Wildlife Arts Festival held there. Always a success for Lorraine she enjoys the visitors and the local coastal environment.

NEW WORKSHOPS—SIGN UP

Bob Sakson - Watercolor
Friday Feb. 24th.
10am - 3:00pm
members - \$65. non-members \$80.

Leona Lavone - Doodle Painting Workshop
Wed. Feb. 29th. 9:30am to 3:00pm
returning doodlers \$20 members \$30.
non-members \$40.

Beverly Golembeski Clouds in Watercolor
Thurs. & Fri. March 22 & 23rd.
9:30am - 3:00pm
members - \$80. non-members \$100.

Marcie Falconetti - Gourds
Thurs. April 19th, 2012
12:30 to 3:30pm
Members - \$60. non-members \$70.
Includes All Supplies

"Cheap Joe's" - Joe Miller - Watercolor
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. May 23rd, 24th & 25th
9:00am—4:00pm
Price to be Announced



Yes! Sign Me Up! Please fill out the entire form and put the instructor's name on your check. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Instructor _____

Class _____ Start Date _____

Make checks payable to: Ocean County Artists' Guild,
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Questions? Call Leona at 732-914-9941, email busby67@comcast.net

Member News

Elsa Herrmann received an Honorable Mention in the Tewksbury Historical Society's annual open show for her water color of "The Magic Shop".

Bill Unger received 1st place in the photo contest at the Renaissance with "Summer Lake"

Mona Kirk has won the Pauline Wick Award for her watercolor painting "The Gossippers" in the NJAAPL

Sussanna Anastasia has won Best in Show for "Red Oak with Butterfly" at the Garden State Watercolor Society Juried Show.

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Open Studio Workshops

For MEMBERS and GUESTS

Print Class

Tuesdays, 12:30-4:00 pm \$7 Guild donation + materials
 Reduction printing in all forms in the Studio

Do Your Own Thing

Thursdays, 10:00—3:00 pm. Come paint or sketch.
 In the Studio

Life Drawing Studio

Saturdays, 10:00—12:30 pm Model Fee \$10
 In the Studio

Clothed Model Studio

Sundays, 2:30—4:30 pm Portraits and figure
 Model Fee \$7 In the Studio

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Executive Board Meeting November 1, 2011

1. The rotted roof over the bay window was replaced. The roof repairs will be done before the winter. The downstairs bathroom is to be converted to a storage closet.
2. The publicity committee will meet once a month with the various event planner to make sure the events are published on time.
3. The Courthouse exhibit changeover was changed to Dec. 6th to Tues. Jan. 10th. The exhibit is for four months.
4. The Victorian House Tour will be on Dec. 3rd in Island Heights on a Saturday. Our Gallery reception will be the same day from 10-4.
5. The Wine Tasting has been cancelled. The Victorian Tea is sold out.



Free demos each month; check the Calendar of Events on page one. Bring your friends!

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