



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 24 (Wednesday)

Annual OCAG Dinner at Toms River Country Club, 6 PM. Registration required.

September 2 (Friday)

Poets Meeting, Open Mike, 7 PM.

September 6 (Tuesday)

Beginning of Fall Classes.
See schedule of classes for dates and hours.

September 7 & 8 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Pick up work from Members' Show .
Bring in work for Members' Juried Show,
Wednesday 1-4 PM & 7-9 PM and
Thursday 1-4 PM.

September 9 (Friday)

Photography Club Meeting, 7 PM.

September 11 (Sunday)

Opening Reception for Members' Juried Show,
1-4 PM. Awards at 2 PM.

September 11 (Sunday)

Drawing for Annual Masters' Art Raffle, 2 PM
Members Juried art show reception

September 18 (Sunday)

Song Circle, impromptu jam session, 7 PM.
All lovers of music are welcome.

September 20-24 (Tuesday –Saturday)

Receiving new items for the gift shop and
donated items for the OCAG Lawn Sale, 1-4 PM.

September 24 (Saturday)

Island Heights (& OCAG) Lawn Sale
on OCAG lawn. 10 AM-4 PM.

September 28 (Wednesday)

Pick up Members show work. Demonstration: Plein
Air Oil Painting by Eleinne Basa, 7 PM.
Open to all members and guests.

September 28 & 29 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Pick up work from Members' Juried Show.
Bring in work for October Members' Show
"Night", 1-4 PM.

October 2 (Sunday)

Opening Receptions: Solo Artist Ellen
Scharfenberg, Solo Artist Marie Licata,
Members' Show "Night", 1-4 PM.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

We mourn the death of long-time member, Phyllis Lieb, who passed away on July 7, 2011.

Recently my reading about the old masters and seeing their reproductions has inspired me to return to studying the classics of old . Looking at the works by such artists as Rembrandt, da Vinci and Titian is great for motivation and concept in my paintings. I'm inspired to connect with the museums in this area much more often than I have. We are fortunate to have many museums which provide motivation and direction for our work. The reason we still admire the masters of old is not because they were old stodgy men (sorry ladies!) but because they were geniuses in their areas. Many created their masterpieces at a very young age. Ever classical Raphael died at the age of 37 while Titian passed away at the age of 99. The works of the masters are as valid today as much as they were valued and admired through the decades. In da Vinci's drawing Head of a Woman he clearly shows five distinct values with precise control of light and shade. It's a beautiful drawing. In Madame Moitessier, the painter Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres shows her left arm in a precisely shaded contour so accurately and simply. The painting is incredibly classic! Rembrandt is supreme in his ability to make the paint itself an exciting optical experience. His brush strokes, which very accurately follow a shape, an eye for example, seem so effortless-almost casual– yet each stroke conveys a lifetime of experience and understanding. I suggest that you re-visit the works of the masters, old and young, and see for yourself that their lessons are not out of date.

Now to some business of the Guild! The membership renewal forms are available for your 2012 membership due by December 31, 2011. Please remember to renew your presence here since we depend on membership dues for our basic operating expenses. A new category we are starting as of 2012 is the \$60 family membership option. We are happy to welcome parents and their children to our OCAG family of friends. We have planning a new event to be held in October. A Fall Harvest Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday afternoon the 22nd. Look for more information on this in the October issue of the newsletter. Plan on attending with your family and friends for a casual and social afternoon.

In closing: "Keep your nose out of my painting," Rembrandt was quoted as saying, "the smell of paint is bad for you." In other words, don't look too closely at his paintings, to discover how he achieved his effects, because this is the mystery of the painter's craft. Rembrandt is on exhibit through October at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

*Sincerely,
Nick Calavas*

ISLAND HEIGHTS LAWN SALE

Island Heights is having a "Lawn (Yard) Sale" on Saturday, September 24. (Rain date is Saturday, October 1.) Since the Guild is invited to join the event we will have a sale on our lawn. Please call Joanne Miller at 732-244-5430 if you are interested in selling some of your treasures of any kind. You may also donate items to OCAG Tuesday-Friday, September 20-23. Thank you!

IN THE GALLERIES

THE ANNUAL JURIED MEMBERS ART SHOW

The Annual Juried Members Art Show 2011 is here! Reception is September 11, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Awards will be presented at 2:00 PM. This is YOUR show. Artwork will be exhibited in all three galleries. Please support the Guild and your fellow artists by attending our reception. This is an annual event "for members only." The show continues through the month of September.

Susanna Anastasia, Chairperson

SEPTEMBER DEMO

On Wednesday, September 28th, the Guild will host Plein Air painter Eleinne Basa, who will demonstrate her exceptional talent by doing an oil painting similar to those of the early Luminists and the Hudson River School artists of the 19th century. Paintings with an ethereal tonal quality of this type allure the viewer to move into the work with its radiant light and luminescent qualities.

A classically trained artist, Basa began painting at the age of 8. Her early education still influences her when she is painting en plein air, in that she is brought back to a time in her childhood when "painting was pure, and came from somewhere deep within."

A professional and full time artist since 2004, Basa often participates in national shows (Miniature Art as well) and has won many awards. She has been invited to show her works in the Salmagundy club and National Arts Club in New York. Eleinne lives in Jackson, NJ with her husband and two children.

MEMBER NEWS

Ellen Scharfenberg received a 1st place ribbon in the professional category for her pastel painting, "Foggy Morn", at the Laurelton Art Society's Festival in Art.

Pat Prusack was the 3rd place winner for her watercolor "Lazy Afternoon" at the Union County Senior Show.

Lou Riccio won Honorable Mention for his "Back in Time" in the Oil Still Life Open State Show of the A.A.P.L. at Middlesex County College.

Marie DeVenezia received the President's Award for her oil portrait "Vincent" in the American Artists' Professional League Show at Middlesex County College.

At the Renaissance Juried Art Show, 1st place in oil went to **Sonia Schories** for "Umbrella Man", 2nd place went to **Bill Unger** for "Born to Surf", 3rd place went to **Iris Schlager** for "Ducks". In Acrylic, 1st place went to **Betty DeGregorio** for "Crab Fest"- 2nd place went to **Iris Schlager** for "Mountain". And in watercolor, **Betty Degregorio** won 1st place for "Sunny Bunch".

Our list of award winners from the Ocean County Senior Show omitted our member, **Ann Boylan**, for her watercolor "Orchid in Progress."



Our member, Judy Maxson, is loving her life as a person of leisure now that she has retired from her full time job. On "Newsletter Day" at the Guild one can find her giving of her time with a group of other members as they prepare the printed paper for mailing. Between folding, sealing, affixing labels and sorting zip codes she helps to ready the publication for mailing to your home each month. Judy has played an active part in the Guild for the last ten years in addition to being on the Newsletter Committee. The water color workshops that she attends here have enabled her to do the art she always loved but somehow didn't have the time for. She is proud to enter her work in Leona's Student Show each year.

Judy is a great photographer who enjoys being a shutter bug both as a hobby and as a profession. Her photos of weddings have been enjoyed by many happy couples and her travel photos have been shared with many friends that have toured the country with her. Husband Bud and she have driven to Alaska three times spending a wonderful six weeks there on each trip. They and four other couples caravan in their RVs or with a trailer in tow to many areas of the country. A 'highlight' trip is their annual journey in October to Dunellen on the west coast of Florida to attend the Navy Blue Grass Band Festival.

When she is not on the road, Judy enjoys playing golf at Lakewood Country Club at the 9-hole course where she and her friends have fun struggling to locate the balls she hits to who knows where. Judy looks forward to her weekly book club meetings where she greatly enjoyed Water for Elephants and Color of Water.

THEME OF OCTOBER MEMBERS' SHOW - "NIGHT"

How does the night look to you? Are you outdoors, indoors, in the city, or camping out? What kind of activities happen at night? Is this a time for celebration or work or sleep or just hanging out? Consider the various moods we associate with darkness: Gloomy, cozy, scary, vast, soothing, etc. It all depends on the eyes of the beholder.

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NEW WORKSHOPS—SIGN UP

Roberta Carter Clark — Drawing Portraits from Photos
September 22nd & 23rd
Thursday & Friday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
\$80 members/\$100 nonmembers

Lewis Jacobs— Christmas Houses
October 7th
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
\$18 members/ \$20 nonmembers - (supplies included)

Marie Natale—Watercolor
October 13th & 14th
Thursday & Friday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
\$100 members/\$125 nonmembers

Leona Lavone — Greetings
October 26th
Wednesday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
\$35 members/ \$45 nonmembers

Theresa Heidel— Watercolor
November 18th
Friday 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
\$40 members/ \$50 nonmembers

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

Art Connections is an annual fund-raising event for the George Segal Gallery-the crown jewel of the Montclair State Art Galleries. Now in its eighth year it has become national in scope. All artists are invited to apply for this year's show which is widely supported by the university's alumni, gallery patrons, and the area's art collectors, curators, and art dealers. The prospectus is available at the gallery's website: www.montclair.edu/segalgallery.

NEW MEMBERS

Joan B. Myers
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Nicholas Azevedo



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Marilyn Cohen
Peggy Kennedy
Debbie Redden
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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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Highlights OCAG Executive Board Minutes August 2, 2011

1. Donald Jump Associates, Auditors, reviewed the completed 2010 Audit, the first since 2009. At this time no problems exist. Copies can be perused in the Guild office during Guild hours.
 2. Harry Bauer, from the Peto House, will attend the Installation Banquet on August 24th. Members are reminded to bring a table easel sized piece of your art work for display purposes.
 3. "Master Painter" Eddie McManus will be engaged to do exterior repair painting on our building in the near future.
 4. Tickets for the Master Raffle are still available. Call the office during Guild hours.
 5. Donations of matching tea cup, saucer and dessert plate will be gratefully accepted for the Victorian Tea to be held in December.
- Thanks in advance.

I always hope to make a discovery: to express the love of two lovers by a marriage of two complementary colours, their mingling and their opposition, the mysterious vibration of kindred tones.

Vincent VanGogh

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

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