



May Newsletter 2007

LAA 20th Spring Art Show 2007

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the outstanding talents of the Landings Art Association members, many off-island, displaying an exciting exhibition of their work at the Merrill Lynch Building, 3 Skidaway Square, Skidaway Island. The show is open and free of charge from 10a.m. to 4p.m. on Friday April 27 through Saturday May 5 with the



exception of Sunday April 29 when the show is closed. A Gala Opening reception will be held on Thursday April 26 from 5:30p.m. to 8p.m. This festive Gala offers extraordinary art viewing, wine, and canapés for \$10 per person. Tickets are available at Smith's Market, C J's Hallmark, and the Village Pharmacy.

At the Gala, you can cast your ballot for the "Peoples Choice Award: and view the "Poster Contest" selections.

This year's show is being judged by artists Jan Clayton Pagratis and Lori Keith Robinson, proprietors of the Chroma Gallery in Savannah. They each paint individually and also collaborate on painting under the name of "Loja." Jan and Lois will judge categories of oil, acrylic, water media, pastel, mixed media, drawing, photography, sculpture / 3D, and jewelry.

The LAA is most grateful for the generous support of the Merrill Lynch Group which provides space for this show in their first floor lobby area. There is ample opportunity for everyone to enjoy the show at his/her convenience. Don't miss it! All Landings residents and the Greater Savannah Community are cordially invited.

Appearing in the picture above, left to right, are Spring Art Show Co-Chairpersons Stuart Evans and Brenda Turner along with Merrill Lynch Representatives Melissa Booker and Kelly Bouchillon.

Art in the Park

Landings Art Association members are busy creating work for their second annual spring show in Village Square Park, Skidaway Village, held in conjunction with Smith Brother's Village Market Spring Fling. The art show will take place on May 12, Mother's Day Weekend, from 10-3. Artists who wish to apply may contact Sally Jones at 11 Stargrass Retreat, Sally4th@bellsouth.net or 598-5488 for application forms. All exhibitors must be members of the LAA.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be the Rotary Club, which will be serving barbecue plates with all the fixings and barbecue butts and ribs to take home! The Library will offer a superb selection of books for sale outside their front door. For the car fanciers, the Savannah Mustang Club will exhibit autos, and for motorcycle enthusiasts, the Landings edition of the Wild Hogs, the low country LOCOS, will be displaying their bikes. Children will delight in a "Moon Bounce" and a ride on an antique fire engine. The Rogues will provide beach music and respond to requests for your favorite songs. Sounds like a fun day for all- all of it organized by Gary at Smith Brothers Village Market! Come join the fun!

Our Website

Lenell Dufour has already begun her new job as Website Administrator. Jorge Gojman's business obligations required him to pass on this responsibility and he is delighted to have Lenell as his replacement. Jorge is the creator and, until now, the only manager of our Website, our wonderful, indispensable Website!! It's become a vital organ of our organization; our most immediate source of information and a delightful place to visit regularly for Artist of the Month openings photographs, shows and other up-to-date happenings. Jorge, we all thank you and will always be in awe of your contributions and devotion.

Spring Art Show Poster

Maria Blanck's "It's Spring" is the scrumptious tulip painting featured on the promotional posters. Runners-up are "Spring Flower Basket" by Joni Arb and "Egret Eggs" by Nancy Heck. 17 members submitted exceptionally fine work to be judged. The board thanks you all for your outstanding efforts.

The Gift of Volunteers

So many great events....so many great volunteers. Thanks go out to the following hardworking members:

Holiday Party – Jane Alpert and her committee,

Artist of the Month – Peggy Hale, Sally Brown and Andy Borden,

Members' Gallery at Plantation – Peggy Hale, Sally Jones, Phyllis Tildes, Andy Borden, Peter Arrowsmith, Suzanne Croci and Bill Pfeifer,

Spring Merrill Lynch Show – Brenda Turner, Stu Evans and their committee,

Art in the Park – Peggy Hale, Sally Jones, Sue and Bill Jessup, Barry Cliff, Tina Austing, Claire Shaw, Penny Sebrell, Blair Gensamer and Binnie Kurtzner

Lian Zhen Workshop – Paulette Cliff
Plein Air – Celeste Jones

More Thanks

Peggy Hale's leadership this year has brought our organization to new levels of enjoyment and satisfaction. The new Artist of the Month format has produced a "can't be missed" monthly social event with more exposure for our artist members. She has set an organizational standard for our sales and has brought many new volunteers into the operation of our on-going activities, creating more leaders. Thank you, Peggy!

Newsletter Editorship Changing Hands

Jane Alpert will be adding her own magic to the newsletter as the new editor starting with the September edition. We appreciate our current editor, Pat Killewald, for stepping in at the last

minute to take over this task, for adding her own creative touches, and for tactfully helping contributors to be clear and on time.

May Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 7:30p.m.
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church

Pamela Dykema will demonstrate her technique with watercolor painting. After raising a family in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Pam Dykema, who often referred to herself as "Harriet Housewife," decided it was time to take on a new challenge. Just before she and her husband Bob moved to the coastal Southeast, Pam decided to further explore her artistic nature and her knowledge in the art of watercolor. It was something that she had had an interest in for a number of years.



Growing up in the midwest town of Galesburg, IL Pam enjoyed arts and crafts but never became serious about any particular media. Smitten with her first few lessons in watercolor, she was hooked. North Carolina was her next home and it was there that she pursued her newfound interest, learning more and more about light and shadow, color, design and shape.

Upon moving to Savannah, GA in 1996, a real passion for color and design began to grow. "Savannah is like a flower that just keeps opening." Pam relishes being in Savannah to capture the beauty of its historical architecture, seasonal flowers, marshes, waterways, and beaches.

In the fall of 2001, Pam joined Frances Mills in a studio/gallery in the City Market district of historical Savannah. You will find her there several days a week, getting a new idea going or taking one to completion. In addition to her body of work on display here and in her gallery, Pam accepts commissions to paint boats, home and personal portraits. Check her website at www.pamellasprints.com.

For more information, contact Sally Clark 598-9723 or Suzanne Croci 598-2876.

Artist of the Month

By Peggy Hale

The Landings Art Association is pleased to announce that it has selected seven of its artists to be featured next year (2007-08) at the Plantation Club Gallery. The artists applied to the LAA Board for the honor and were chosen based on their resumes and work. The selected artists are, in September, Lenell Dufour; in October, Angela Coonce, Joyce Weinzettel and Elizabeth Wolff; in November, Sue Gouse; in January, Tina Logan; in February, Paulette Cliff and Carolyn Wall; in March, Greg Hill; and in April, Penny Sebrell. December will again be our charitable fund raiser, The Gift of Art.

Other exhibits at the Plantation Club Gallery this spring will feature the award winners from the LAA Spring Show at Merrill Lynch in May and the LAA Board members in June. July will be a theme month open to all LAA artists. Our theme will be Flora and Fauna. August AOM's will be students in Betty Skinner's ongoing art class. We hope you enjoy these ongoing exhibits and will join us for our Opening receptions for the artists where the LAA provides a free fruit and cheese tray along with a member bar.

June Artist of the Month

In June, the Plantation Club Gallery will feature art of six of the eight board members of the Landings Art

Association.

Everyone is invited to attend an Opening

Reception for the board members with a cheese and fruit plate provided by the Landings Art Association and a member bar on Friday, June 8 from 5p.m-6p.m.



Judy Anderson (Treasurer) was born in Cincinnati, OH. After receiving a BS in Medical Technology from the University of Cincinnati and an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management she made a career in Information Systems in the Chicago area. She retired to Savannah, nine years ago. Judy studied art at the University of Cincinnati, Art Institute of Chicago, Evanston Art Center and the North Shore Art League. She has exhibited in juried shows in the Chicago area, including twice being accepted into the Midwest Print Show where she received the

Amoco purchase award. In the LLA shows, she received a first place, third places and honorable mentions for her monotypes.

Sally Clark (Program co-chair) began painting realistically in 1981 with transparent watercolor. She moved into abstraction and uses collage along with watercolor. Sally has a BA in Art History from Middlebury College. She was a docent at Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institution. Her formal instruction in watercolor has been with Edward Guy Corriero, Barbara Nechis, Frank Webb, Jean Dobie, Louise Cadillac, Carole Barnes and Easton Pribble. Sally's paintings are in galleries in Cooperstown and Old Forge New York. Throughout the years she has participated in many juried shows, has won awards and has participated in group and solo exhibitions. She has taught workshops in watercolor and watermedia.

Paulette Cliff (Membership co-chair) owned and operated an American crafts gallery called Northside Craft Gallery on Cape Cod for 15 years before retiring to The Landings in 1997. After coming here, she took up golf and watercolor painting. Paulette began her painting instruction with classes at Armstrong Atlantic, taking watercolor classes from Peggy Cone and various instructional artists during a two year drawing class. She has taken additional watercolor workshops with Rebecca Willis, Phyllis Tildes, Wayne Chambers, Tom Jones and Lian Zhen. She has served as Video Custodian, Membership Co-Chairman, Workshop Coordinator, and will become Programs Co-Chairman for the Landings Art Association.

Suzanne Croci, (Program co-chair) a graduate of Ohio State University with a Masters in Nursing, is a retired nurse educator. She moved to Savannah five years ago from Athens, Ohio where she lived for 31 years. She began painting in acrylic while her husband was a resident in Ophthalmology at Ohio State University. Raising two children and teaching nursing put painting on hold for many years. She has studied drawing and painting with artists in Columbus and Athens, OH, St. Petersburg, FL and Savannah. Watercolor is her present media of interest. She won an award at the 2004 LAA Spring Show. She has served on the Board as Membership Chair and Program Chair.

Nancy Heck (co-President) began painting in oils in 1942 in her hometown of Easton, PA. Over the years her teachers included Jacque Fabert, Carol Barany, Mary Whyte, Phyllis Tildes,

Gregory Biolchini and Daniel Greene. She co-coordinated a portrait workshop for Daniel in Doylestown, PA and at SCAD in Savannah. She has been a member of LAA for 14 years and has served as Program chair, President and Co-President. She has received awards in the spring art shows of 2000, 2005 and poster contest of 2007.

Carolyn Wall (secretary) learned to paint in Kindergarten in a small town near Augusta, GA. Serious study began at the Gertrude Herbert art Institute and later she received her B.A. in Education and a minor in Art from the University of South Carolina. She has been an active member of Art Associations in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia where she has taught and exhibited over the past three decades. She has been recognized with numerous awards for her watercolors. She came to Skidaway Island four years ago with her husband, John, who is the senior Minister of the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church.

Nominating Committee Report Leads April Membership Meeting

Sandra Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the board-recommended slate of officers at the April 17 Membership Meeting. She asked for additional nominations from the floor, but none were offered. The slate is:

President: Suzanne Croci
Vice President: Sally Clark
Secretary: Carolyn Wall
Treasurer: Joni Arb
Program Chairs: Paulette Cliff and Penny Sebrell
Membership Chairs: Tina Austing and Juliann Murray

Members will vote on this slate at the May 15th meeting, our last Membership Meeting until September. Sally Brown, Shar Trenkamp, and Binnie Kurtzner were the other Nominating Committee members.

2007/2008 LAA Program

Suggestions wanted!! We are looking for speakers/artists for our next season. If you know a sculptor, painter, photographer or anyone else involved in the fine arts who might be interested in speaking to our organization please contact Penny Sebrell at 598-8262 pennysebrell@aol.com or Paulette Cliff at 598-9409, pcandbc@comcast.net.

Plein Air

Celeste Jones has been ably heading up the monthly Plein Air painting sessions, but we're sorry to say that she will be moving to the state of Washington. It's our loss, but a big gain for her family! Celeste has been looking for someone to replace her duties of arranging locations and contacting participants. Let's not lose this enriching and pleasurable activity. Will someone step forward? Contact Binnie Kurtzner (598-0083) or Paulette Cliff (598-9409.) Many thanks, Celeste.

Upcoming Savannah-Area Events

Sue Gouse at City Market

Sue would like to announce her move into City Market art studio/galleries. She will be working with Pam Dykema and Frances Mills at 309 West St. Julian Street, studios FSU-4 and FSU-9. Her studio space is in FSU-9 with gallery space there and also at FSU-4. Her gallery opened April 9th. The grand opening will be announced at a later date. For more information Sue may be contacted at 667-4378



Brenda Turner @ Savannah Hospice

All are invited to the opening of "Recent Oils," an art exhibit featuring Brenda Turner, at the Hospice Savannah Art Gallery on Eisenhower Dr., Friday May 11, 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. Wine and cheese will be served. The show will run for the months of May and June. Hospice's regular hours are 8:30a.m. – 5:00p.m. during the week.

Julie Hanson Workshop

Save the dates! Check the website www.juliehansonart.com of Julie Hanson, Sarasota artist and art instructor of American Impressionism. We are working on recruiting her to do a three-day workshop in acrylic and/or oils on October 1-3, 2007. It will be part classroom and part plein aire (weather permitting). The estimated cost is \$150 per person, with a limit of 12 people. If interested, please contact Paulette Cliff at 598-9409 or Suzanne Croci at 598-2876 to reserve your place in this workshop.

Landlovers Holiday Card Competition

Each year the Landlovers organization of Skidaway Island uses the proceeds from the sale of its Holiday Cards to finance island projects. Past benefactors have been the Village Library, First Responders, the Nature Trail and the Aquarium. The original artwork will remain the property of the artist, but Landlovers will ask the artist to **donate** the original artwork for the auction. The artist may decline the request.

Artwork must be submitted to Leslee Bowler, 59 Peregrine Crossing between noon and 4p.m., BEFORE May 16, 2007. Call her at 598-5019 to arrange a time to drop off the art work.

Landlovers will showcase the winning piece at their opening reception in September.

- The artwork submitted should be UNframed. NO FRAME - NO GLASS.
- The artist must be a member of either LAA or Landlovers.
- The artwork must be two dimensional - either horizontal or vertical.
- Size about 8" x 11" preferred, but no larger than 12" x 18".
- Image should be reducible to 4" x 6" card size.
- Image should reflect the uniqueness and beauty of the Landings, with a holiday theme, but not with religious symbols.

Announcements

The Fall Merrill Lynch Show will take place on September 20. Don't put down those brushes, cameras and tools!

NO JUNE MEETING. The May Membership Meeting will be the last until September.

NO JUNE NEWSLETTER. This is the last newsletter until September's. Keep informed through the Website www.landingsart.org and through Lenell's "info's" that are sent directly to your computer mailbox.

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