

February Newsletter 2007

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Feb 20 7:30 p.m.
Skidaway Island
Presbyterian Church

Holly Koons McCullough, Curator of Fine Arts and Exhibitions at the Telfair Museum of Art, will speak about upcoming exhibitions, including the big Spring and Fall 2007 shows. She may update us on the permanent collection and other interesting things happening at the Telfair and Jepson.



Ms McCullough earned her BA at the University of Georgia in English and art history, followed by a Master's degree in art history from the University of Notre Dame. She joined the staff of the Telfair in 1996, and served for some years as the museum's Curator of Education before assuming her current position in 2000. McCullough is the primary author of the Telfair's first collection catalogue, and has organized numerous exhibitions, including the recent "Luster of Silver: Contemporary metalpoint Drawings" and upcoming exhibits on the work of Savannah artists Marcus Kenney and Christopher A.D. Murphy.

Holly is an excellent speaker, and you can be assured of an enjoyable evening.

For information, contact Sally Clark, 598-9723

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

By Peggy Hale

In January, the Plantation Club Gallery will feature artist John Higgenson. Everyone is invited to attend an Opening Reception for John with a member bar and a cheese and fruit plate provided by the Landings Art Association on



Friday, February 9 from 5-6 p.m.

This modest 84 year old gentleman brings to the Landings a rich and varied career magnified by a wealth of talent. His artwork reflects a long involvement and interest in art. Born and raised in Northern Ireland, he experienced a sickly childhood that encouraged his father to cover the walls of his nursery with rolls of white paper for drawing. His illness encouraged him to pursue a career in medicine. He studied in Dublin and Glasgow, where he met his wife, Nan. They are still together after 58 years! A good job offer took them to South Africa and then to the University of Kansas during which period he developed his work in cancer research. In 1963, they became American citizens. In 1966, they moved to Lyons, France where John had been elected Founding Director of the International Agency for Research in Cancer.

Retiring to DC in 1981, the next 15 years were spent in a research professorship at Georgetown University. His interest in art was renewed in the early nineties due to an influential amateur artist friend. During that time, he studied at the Corcoran Institute and began to develop an interest in art history. In 1996, after buying and selling 4 to 5 lots at other retirement locations, they chose to move to the Landings. John then took more courses at SCAD. Now he paints for his own pleasure and for the people who collect his art.

Working in oils, John's goal is to do more than the camera can do, to make a painting, not a picture or a likeness. At SCAD, the teaching mantra was "looseness". As John says, "I am trying to develop a semi-impressionistic style that will let me use strong primary colors in a wide range of subjects and interpretations which permit me to improve my ability to do more abstract and colorful works". He is fascinated by the impressionists Bonnard, Matisse, Van Gogh, and Picasso.

Recognizing the influence historically that artists had on one another, his "Seduction at Moon River" is a play on Manet's "Dejeuner sur l'Herbe," an oft interpreted classic.



What a wonderful opportunity to meet this talented, interesting man and his wife, Nan. We hope you can

join us at the Plantation Club Gallery on Feb. 9th!

Happy Valentine's Day



UPCOMING SAVANNAH- AREA EVENTS

Golfing for the Cure

The Landings Women's Golf Association is seeking donations for their raffle associated with their "Golfing for the Cure" tournament on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. All proceeds will be donated to the Anderson Cancer Institute in Savannah. Art works produced by our own talented Landings residents are always a highly sought after raffle item.

To contribute, please contact Milda Blaney at 598 3979 or Peggy Hale at 598 7390 or peghale2@aol.com.

It's Time to Think about the 2007 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 following are guidelines for the artwork, which must be submitted by the end of April. **The original artwork becomes the property of the Landlovers, and used as the prize in an art raffle.** There is no monetary remuneration.

1. The artwork submitted should NOT be framed. NO FRAME - NO GLASS.
2. The artist must be a member of either LAA or Landlovers.
3. The artwork must be two dimensional - either horizontal or vertical.
4. Size about 8" x 11" preferred, but no larger than 11" x 17".
5. Image should be reducible to 4" x 6" card size.
6. Image should reflect the uniqueness and beauty of the Landings, with a holiday theme, but not with religious symbols.

Watercolor Workshop - Lian Zhen April 17-20, 2007

The four day workshop is now filled. If you would like to be on a hopeful list for this workshop (Cost \$300), please send a deposit check for \$50, payable to the Landings Art Association, to Paulette Cliff, 2 Turtle Lane, Savannah 31411. Your name will go on the "waiting list", and your check will NOT be cashed unless you are called to fill in for someone that cancels from the workshop. Please go on the artist/instructor's website www.lianspainting.com to view his painting style. Any questions, call Paulette at 598-9409.

Artist of the Month for 2007-2008

For those of you interested in being Artist of the Month next year, please contact Sally Brown at 598-3948. She will be collecting applications and presenting them to the Board which will select next year's artists. Requirements can be obtained from Sally or seen on our web site. Some of you have been on the waiting list and Sally will be contacting you.

Spring Sidewalk Show

Our Spring Sidewalk Show held in conjunction with Smith Brothers will take place on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, May 12th. More information will be forthcoming but keep on creating everyone!

Poster Contest for 2007 Spring Art Show at Merrill-Lynch

We look forward to receiving exciting entries for this year's Spring Art Show Poster Contest. Keep in mind that the winning entry will be adapted to an 8½" wide by 11" high format for poster printing and that entries should be submitted unframed. A cash prize of \$100.00 awaits this year's winner selected by your Art Association Board. Two runners-up will receive \$50.00 each. Entries should be dropped off at the home of Brenda Turner, 1 Milledge Lane or

Stuart Evans, 5 Westferry Ct. between March 19 and April 1st. All art work will remain the property of the artist.

Thanks to Those Who Participated in The Gift of Art

The Gift of Art at Plantation Gallery in December was very successful. Forty-five artists were represented by 85 paintings. Seventeen artworks were sold and over a dozen charities received 10 percent of the selling price of the artwork. Our hope is to make this an annual exhibit. We expect that sales will grow each year as the public becomes more aware of the show and how it works.

The Artist of the Month reception at the Plantation Club Gallery, usually the second Friday of the month between 5 and 6 p.m., is also growing in size and popularity. We encourage all of you to come and support our featured artists. The LAA provides a complimentary fruit and cheese plate and there is a member bar. Watch the web site, the Twatl, the Skinnie and our own newsletter each month for the date.

AOL CUSTOMERS

About 35 members with AOL internet service are unable to receive Jorge's LAA "info's" which often contain crucial information that comes up between Newsletters. Tom Clark, an AOL customer, showed Binnie how he got around the problem and perhaps it will work for others, too.

1. Click on "Manage Mail" on the email bar at the top of the inbox page.

2. Next screen, click on "spam" and you will see all of the mail that AOL considers to be spam that it has barred from your inbox. Find an LAA "info" and click on it to highlight it.

3. Go to the bottom of the page to "This is not spam" and click on it while the LAA email is still highlighted.

From then on, your computer should let LAA mailings come in to your inbox. Give it a try!

LAA MONTHLY – NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

Please contact Pat Killewald at pkillewald@comcast.net, call her at 235-3761 or tube Nancy Heck or Binnie Kurtzner if you have any shows, exhibits, articles, thoughts or other material that could be included in a future newsletter. We are particularly interested in members' artistic achievements and awards, exhibits, workshops, classes, publications, etc and any other relevant art related activities or opportunities in the greater Savannah area.

INSTRUCTION – ART VIDEOS

Grace Rohland is the video librarian. Videos can be selected at the monthly members meeting or at Grace's house, 129 Mercer Rd, by appointment. Contact Grace at 598 8217 to make an appointment. Members are urged to return videos on time.

MONTHLY PLANTATION DISPLAY

To hang your art in the monthly members' display at the Plantation Gallery, bring all ready-to-hang artwork on the 1st Wednesday of the month between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Contact Peggy Hale at 598-7390.

www.landingsart.org

Our Virtual Gallery is Open to the Public and it is open 24 / 7 to all viewers around the globe! Visit the website regularly to view our member "Artist Galleries" and for all your Association needs: full color newsletters, application forms, membership list, calendar with all scheduled events, questions and answers, resources, video list, and much, much, more.

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