



June 2011 Newsletter

Landings Art Association June 2011 Artists of the Month:

Opening Reception: Sunday, June 12, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Plantation Club

The Landings Art Association Artist of the Month presentation for June will undoubtedly be a highlight of the 2011 exhibition season, featuring works by members of the Association's 2010-2011 Board of Directors. These dedicated individuals provide the essential volunteer leadership and support needed to advance every aspect of The Landings Art Association. In addition, they are artists recognized for their many creative talents that add to the vibrant fabric of our community. This exhibition and sale is dedicated to all they, and the LAA, contribute to the strength of the arts here at The Landings. The exhibition is on view at the Plantation Club Gallery from June 1 through July 6, 2011.

Introducing the Landings Art Association *2010-2011 Board of Directors* up close and personal, with a preview of their art:

Tina Austing: Tina was program co- chairman for 2010-2011 and describes herself as an active "colorful clay" ceramist. Because she works in 3-Dimensional medium, regrettably, Tina will not be showing at the Plantation Club Gallery. However, she frequently exhibits at the Spring and Fall Art Festivals in the Village, so look for her there. As she says, "I love the LAA and enthusiastically support its endeavors!"

Suzanne Croci:



Past President and longtime LAA Board member, Suzanne has now assumed the responsibility for LAA communications. A talented and versatile artist, she works in a variety of media including watercolor, acrylic, pastel, mixed media and water-based oil. Suzanne says, "I love the impressionist style with flowers and landscape. However, it is difficult to capture the beauty I see.....but it is worth the attempt."

Nancy Dancu: Nancy continues to be the steadfast secretary of the LAA, an office she has held for many years. A relatively new Board exhibitor, we look forward to her second year of participation. Last year, in anticipation of the Board exhibition, she said, "I am feeling guilty." Hopefully this year Nancy's guilt has been replaced by eagerness. Nancy has been painting in watercolors since the fall of 2005. She studies with Rebecca Willis here in Savannah in the winter, and continues to enjoy various workshops with Joe Miller during her summers in Boone, NC. Nancy will assume the duties of membership chair for 2011-2012.

Margie Sone Gravina: New to the Board in 2010-2011, Margie was also program co-chairman. She is an artist and jewelry designer whose creative works radiate all the excitement and color of her native Dominican Republic. She says, "Painting, in a variety of media, is my greatest passion" and now, in addition to her homeland, this historic city, with all its elegant charm and cultural arts, inspires her creative zeal."

Carl Kotheimer:



Outgoing president of the Landings Art Association, Carl says of his art, "I became hooked on photography after receiving my first camera, an old Rollie twin lens, from my father in the late 50's." Since then, his style has evolved from strictly black and white darkroom work to his photographs that are uniquely vibrant and painterly, printed on canvas. The breadth of Carl's work can be seen at his Golden Eye Gallery recently relocated to City Market, 309 West St. Julian St., Studio 4, upstairs.

Dave Nuttall: Dave will "retire" this year from the on-going work of the LAA treasurer which has for many years been a top priority for him. Fortunately, however, he still finds time to pursue his interests in watercolor and mixed media – activities that have thrived in retirement here at The Landings.

Juli Murray: Juli also will "retire" this year from her long tenure as Membership Chair. She says, "I am always looking for new ways to experience art in different forms. Watercolor and photography have my attention, but I am always excited by the consideration of a venture into other forms of art."

Penny Thompson:



In her second year as Vice President of LAA, Penny's enthusiasm and energy continue to inspire. About her art she says, "I am an artist who loves expressing the unique beauty around in watercolors. I take photos of scenes and objects I find interesting and then I try to enhance them further by changing the composition and using bold transparent colors and shadows to add vitality. My goal is to be the "Best of the Show" artist at Merrill Lynch some year!" What a talented group of individuals whose talents, artistic vision and leadership have enhanced our organization as well as the broader community.

On behalf of every LAA member, a heartfelt “*Thank You*,” particularly to those “retiring” from the LAA Board this year. An opening reception in honor of all 2010-2011 LAA Board Members will be held in the Plantation Club Gallery at The Landings on **Sunday, June 12, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** A members’ bar will be accompanied by a fruit and cheese buffet compliments of the Landings Art Association.

Artists of the Month Schedule, June - September:

June: Regular member wall and Board Show on AOM wall.

July: “LAA Goes to the Beach” on both walls. All members may exhibit.

August: Tribute to Betty Skinner on both walls. All LAA artists are welcome to contribute to this exhibit honoring Betty Skinner who started the LAA 25 years ago. Anyone who ever took a class from Betty is invited as well.

September: Regular member wall and Jean Shomaker and Bill Jessup on AOM wall.

The LAA Spring Show at Merrill Lynch:



Peoples’ Choice Award:	Martha Sanders “Portrait of Miss Megan Roberts”
First Runner-Up:	Penny Thompson “Shrimping Fleet”
Second Runner-Up (Tie):	Lisa Swan “Remembering” Bess Ramsey “Bagel”

Doug Herrick took some great photos of the exhibit before the crowds came, and Rochelle Frank has them posted on our website www.landingsart.org.

The LAA’s May Exhibition and Sale at the Plantation Club Gallery, Fri., May 6 through Wednesday June 1, featured 24 outstanding award winning works from the Association's 24th Annual Spring Art show held at the Merrill Lynch Building in the Village. This year, 96 works were judged by prominent Savannah artist **Robert Isley** who awarded 3 winners in each of 7 categories: Oil, Watercolor, Acrylic, Mixed Media, Photography, Pastel/Pencil/Other, and 3-Dimension/Jewelry/Ceramics. In addition, 5 honorable mentions were selected for special recognition, along with a Best of Show. A "People's Choice" award, voted by the public, also was displayed at the Plantation Club Gallery.

LAA Spring Art Show Chairs, Joni Arb and Gail Wickstrom, were particularly delighted to recruit Robert Isley as the show’s distinguished juror. A graduate of Atlanta College of Art with honors, Isley has been a full time artist since 1990 and his work is frequently included in juries and invitational exhibitions throughout the southeast. Born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, he now resides in Savannah. Isley is particularly known for his small oils that interpret everyday life and scenes with a delight and simplicity that connects with the viewer. A member of the Plein Air Painters of the Southeast (PAPSE), his work is featured at Anderson’s Fine Art Gallery, St. Simons Island, Friedman’s Fine Art, Savannah, and Walls Fine Art on Wilmington Island.

LAA artists receiving Spring Art Show awards:

Best of Show

Judy Anderson
1st – Martha Sanders
2nd Robert Probst
3rd Tom Moran

Watercolor

1st Bess Ramsey
2nd Steve Schetski
3rd Philip Saraf

Acrylic

1st Stuart Evans
2nd Gail Quinn
3rd Karen Macek

Mixed Media/ Pastel

1st John Nelson
2nd Ching Levy
3rd Vicki Jenkins

Photography

1st Hunter Logan
2nd Judy Burk
3rd George Gojman

3D/Jewelry/Ceramics

1st Judy Mooney
2nd Carolyne Graham
3rd Dave Walton

Honorable Mention

Billie Collins, Margie Gravina, Allan Boyce, Sema Hamarat, Eva Bulman, Neil Austing, Sally Clark, Tonnie Glick, Lea Wright, Pepi Streiff

This 2011 Annual Spring Art Show serves to both celebrate and showcase the depth and breadth of the immeasurable artistic talent that exists among LAA members. Award winners were presented at the Plantation Gallery during the month of May along with the inaugural exhibition of Dave Ryden's acclaimed "Golfer Nickname Series."

The Landings Art Association 2011 Scholarship Award

Each year the Landings Art Association awards a \$500.00 "Judged Portfolio" Scholarship to a graduating senior at the Savannah Arts Academy (a Savannah Public School) who will be majoring in art in college.

The applicants must provide a disc with their portfolio on it, a personal essay, grade transcript, teacher letter of recommendation, and a letter of acceptance to a college.

Mr. Steve Schetski, head of the Art Department at the school, coordinates the process of application. and a Scholarship Committee from the LAA does the judging.

This year the winner is *Sharon Duke*. Sharon had an excellent, G.P.A., letter of recommendation, essay, and a strong portfolio. Sharon has been accepted into Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). She plans to go into either graphic design or animation. Sharon says "Looking towards the future excites me more than anything, and being able to pursue art is a dream come true in itself."

Betty Skinner Tribute Show at Plantation Club Gallery

Reception: Sunday, August 14, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Plantation Club



Betty and Her Class

During the month of August, the Landings Art Association pays tribute to founding member Betty Skinner by presenting **Our Island's Inspirations: A Betty Skinner Tribute Exhibition**. The exhibition will be present works in a variety of media by Betty's students and other LAA members. All LAA members are invited to participate in this exhibit, as well as anyone who ever took a class from Betty. It is our hope that this exhibition will bring attention to Betty Skinner's extraordinary artistic talent, her role as teacher and mentor, as well as her resolute artistic vision to enrich The Landings community through art. A history of the genesis of LAA in Betty's own words can be found on our website, www.landingsart.org, under "About the Association."

If you would like to participate in this tribute exhibition, please contact Sandra Edgar Davis at davismands@comcast.net or 598-5479, Sally Jones at Sally4th@bellsouth.net or 598-5488, or Martha Hough at mchough@verizon.net or 401-598-7109.

The show will run from Wednesday, August 3 to Wednesday, September 7 with in-take 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, August 3. The Gallery Reception honoring Betty Skinner and the participating artists will be held on Sunday, August 14, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Plantation Club Gallery.

In Memoriam: George A. Skinner

Beloved husband of Betty Skinner, the Landings Art Association's founder, George Skinner passed away Sunday, May 22, 2011. George was a lovely gentleman. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Brenda Turner continues to win awards:



One of Brenda's gouache paintings of Colorado cows was accepted into the Red River National Watercolor Show in Fargo, North Dakota. This gives her signature status in that society by dint of having been accepted into their show three times in the last three years. The gouache painting City Market West received a merit award and stipend in the Alabama National Watercolor Show.

The Landings Art Association is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1987 to promote aesthetic enrichment and education in our community. Currently more than 250 members represent a wide variety of artists, art appreciators, and supporters of the arts. Residents of the greater Savannah community are welcome to join. For more information about LAA, visit www.landingsart.org or contact Nancy Dancu, membership chair, at 912-598-0434.

Newly Elected Officers and Committees for 2011-2012 (so far):

Co-Presidents: Penny Sebrell (pennysebrell@aol.com) and Penny Thompson (ppandjt@comcast.net)
Vice President: Chad Hoover (chad@chadhooverart.com) and Rebecca Willis (Rebecca.willis@rocketmail.com)
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