

Landings **art** Association

May 2011 Newsletter

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2011: 6:00 p.m. B.Y.O.S.

Bring your own sandwich and join us at 6:00 p.m. prior to meeting. We want old and new members to get to know each other. Pop and chips and cookies will be provided. Please join us. Opportunity to view art videos is available also.

7:00 p.m. Meeting, Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church

Program: Patrick B. McLean



Patrick McLean has always drawn and painted. Everyone knew what Patrick wanted to be when he "grew up". Soon after receiving a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design, something wonderful, yet unexpected happened: he fell in love! His desire to marry and start a family easily outweighed all other pursuits. So, he decided to put his aspirations aside in order to provide for his new passion.

Now, sixteen years later, Patrick has returned to his love of painting. His desire is to humbly capture the beauty of God's wonderful creation and use his God-given talents to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Patrick and his family currently live in Effingham County, just outside of Savannah, Georgia.

See his work at www.patrickmcleanpaintings.com.

Artists of the Month: May 2011, Plantation Club Gallery

Dave Ryden and the Merrill Lynch Spring Art Show Winners



During the month of May, the Plantation Club Gallery presents an exceptional exhibition that combines the inaugural presentation of Dave Ryden's "*Golfer Nickname Series*" of paintings along with the Merrill Lynch Spring Art Show winners. The exhibition runs from Wednesday, May 4th through Wednesday, June 1st. You will not want to miss this unique offering sponsored by the Landings Art Association.

Artist of the Month, Dave Ryden and his wife Grayce, came to The Landings sixteen years ago from the Chicago area. He describes himself as a "painter who wields a palette knife and oil. I use an 8-inch palette knife and just go at it." And that he does! Dave's paintings are at once impressionistic, expressionistic and abstract. Preferring large canvasses, he creates highly textured surfaces of often bright and bold color. His compositions are direct, uncomplicated, and create a playfulness that undoubtedly inspires a smile.

Working quick large strokes with his palette knife, and no modicum of paint, he veritably "sculpts" his subject, on the canvas. A self taught painter who has moved on from his a career in advertising, Dave captures the essence of his subject, most often an animal or bird, with an undeniable wit that delights.

Inspired by the animal nicknames of such golf legends as Craig Stadler (The Walrus), Paula Cramer (The Pink Panther), Arnold Palmer (The King), and others, Dave has created a "must see" series of eighteen original oil paintings representing golf's famous nicknames, autographed by the PGA or LPGA golfer. But that is just where the story begins.

A caddy in his youth, and later a player, Dave recognizes the values taught by the game and wanted to support what golf teaches. An outgrowth of his exceptional talent and the whimsical amusement he finds in animals, the project became a way for Dave to contribute something special to young people and the game of golf. He created this unique, non-profit, series of paintings, inspired by golf greats and their animal nicknames, and he inspired those golf greats to join in the project with their autographs. Ultimately, the paintings will be sold or auctioned to benefit The First Tee of Savannah and Savannah Junior Golf.

In a December 2010 article by Nathan Dominitz, the Savannah Morning News noted that Dave Ryden, was "given the gift of painting" and now he "is giving a gift to the young golfers of Savannah." For the past three years, **The Golfer Nickname Series, *Nicknames that Enthuse and Excite the Game***, has been Dave's artistic focus; what was an inspired idea has now become a reality. The Landings Art Association and the Landings Club are delighted to

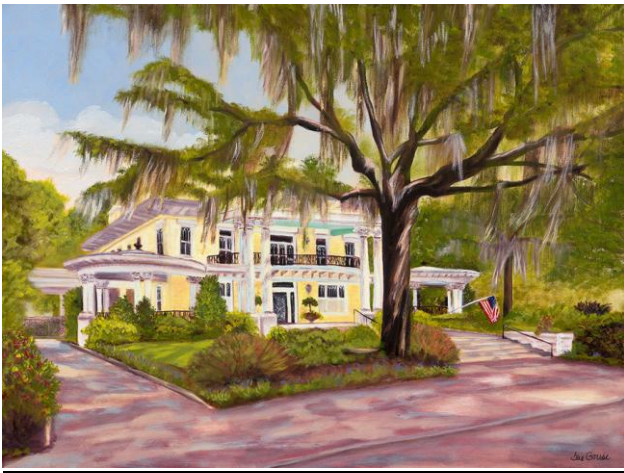
provide the very first opportunity to view this outstanding collection for the enjoyment of all, particularly during the Landings Club's Men's Invitational Tournament.

A well-known exhibitor at The Landings, Dave's work has also been featured in galleries in South and North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Illinois Colorado and Texas. Of particular note, in January 2010, the Palmetto Bluff Arts Commission chose two artists, from over 100 applications from artists and galleries nationwide, to exhibit their work at the highly acclaimed Palmetto Bluff resort community in Bluffton, South Carolina. Dave was honored to be one of the two selected.

At the time of this writing, the Merrill Lynch winners have not been announced. Look for that detail in a future issue of the TWATL, Landings Journal or on the Landings Art Association website, www.landingsart.org. The work of artists recognized with an award from this prestigious juried show will make for an outstanding exhibition at the Plantation Club Gallery. The works on exhibit will represent a variety of media including oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, and photography. The "Peoples Choice Award" will also be on display. Many of these works will be offered for sale by the award-winning artists.

The Landings Art Association is privileged to present this unique exhibition and sale during the month of May. Collectors, golfers, and art appreciators will not want to miss this opportunity to see more than 20 award winning works from the Merrill Lynch Spring Show, along with the acclaimed "*Golfer Nickname Series*" by Artist of the Month, Dave Ryden. It promises to be a celebrated highlight of the Plantation Club Gallery this year. A reception in honor of Dave Ryden and the Merrill Lynch winners will be held on **Sunday, May 15, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** in the Plantation Club Gallery. The reception features a members' bar and cheese/fruit buffet compliments of the Landings Art Association.

Sue Gouse Exhibit at Hospice Savannah Gallery, July/August



Sue Gouse will be displaying her art at Hospice Savannah July through August. The theme of her show is "Florals and Architecture." The reception will be Thursday, July 7, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The Hospice Savannah Gallery is located at Hospice House, 1856 Eisenhower Drive next to the Botanical Gardens.

Newly Elected Officers for 2011-2012

Co-Presidents: Penny Sebrell (pennysebrell@aol.com) and Penny Thompson (ppandjt@comcast.net)

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Welcome to the incoming Board and sincere thanks to the outgoing Board for jobs well done.

Brenda Turner's Paintings Accepted in following shows



"Pink Cow"

Georgia National Watercolor Show, Carrollton, GA., judge Christopher Schnick, gouache painting "Pink Cow", Honorable mention, March 5-April 23.

Louisiana International Exhibition, New Orleans, LA., judge James Toogood, gouache figure painting "Godot", May 7-May 27.

Tri-State Water Media Show, Tallahassee, FL, judge Michael Ireland, gouache figure paintings "Studio Model with Cat" and "James", May 6 - June 3.

Watercolor Society of Alabama National Show, Tuscumbia, AL., judge Jeanne Dobie, gouache painting "City Market West". May 15-July 10

Very Important "Artist of the Month" Announcements:

There will be no members' wall at the Plantation Club Gallery during the month of May! From Wednesday, May 4, through Wednesday, June 1, Artist of the Month **Dave Ryden** will debut his acclaimed "*Golfer Nickname Series*" at the Plantation Club Gallery. In addition, more than 20 **Merrill Lynch Spring Art Show** award recipients will be on exhibit. The LAA members' wall returns for the month of June. In-take will be Wednesday, June 1, and the monthly exhibition will also feature works by LAA Board members as **Artists of the Month**.

There are still openings for Artist of the Month in the upcoming months. Please contact Martha Hough, 598-7109, or Sally Jones, 598-5488.

Landings Art Association Presents Spring Art Show

The Landings Art Association will hold its 24th Annual Spring Art Show on Friday, April 28 though Friday, May 6 at the Merrill Lynch Building, 3 Skidaway Square. The show opens with a gala preview party on **Thursday, April 28**, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., featuring wine, hors-d'oeuvres and art, for \$10 per person. Tickets for the gala are available at C. J.'s Hallmark Shop, Village Walk Pharmacy in Skidaway Village and at the door that evening.

LAA artists participating in the show select what they consider the best example of their work. The show will be judged by Robert Isley, who graduated with honors in 1983 from Atlanta College of Art. He lives in Savannah and has been a full time artist since 1990. He paints plein air scenes in oil and charcoal. See his work at Friedman Gallery. The public can cast ballots for the "Peoples' Choice Award" at the preview party, and throughout the following week at Merrill Lynch. The show is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (except Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1). For more information, go to www.landingsart.org. If you have questions about the Spring Art Show, call Joni Arb at 912-598-8226 or Gail Wickstrom at 598-2273. **Entry form and gala reservation are located at bottom of newsletter. Note:** Pick up for Spring Art show will be Friday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. Art in the Park is the next day, May 7, so they need the screens for it.

Art in the Park: Saturday, May 7, 2011:

This year's spring sidewalk sale will be held on Saturday, May 7, at Village Park in front of the Merrill Lynch building from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Smith Brothers will host the Annual Spring Fling at the same time and there will also be a Corvette Show and a Library Book Sale. The entry fee is \$10 for a 10'x10' booth. Display screens will be made available at no additional charge. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Sanford Murck at 598-7404 or smurck@bellsouth.net.

Betty Skinner Tribute Show at Plantation Club Gallery

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. Those special places, people and moods of Skidaway Island will be the central theme. 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.

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.

2011 Holiday Card Competition

Landlovers and the Landings Art Association will sponsor the 2011 Holiday Card Competition. Each year the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets for the original artwork as well as the holiday cards contribute greatly to the Landlovers' fundraising efforts, which benefit various on-island organizations. Deliver entries to Elaine Witbeck, 10 Springpine Lane, Oakridge by **June 1, 2011**

Contest Guidelines:

- The artist must be a member of either LAA or Landlovers.
- Submit two-dimensional artwork, either vertical or horizontal.
- Entry size of 8" x 11" is preferred, but sizes up to 11" x 17" will be accepted. Image must be reducible to a 4" x 6" card.
- Entries must be original artwork.
- Winning pieces will remain the property of Landlovers.
- All mediums are acceptable, including photography.
- There are two themes: Holiday at the Landings (Holiday cards) and Our Unique Landings Environment (Note cards).
- Each artist may enter one piece of artwork for each theme.
- To appeal to the broadest market religious motifs should be avoided.
- Artwork should not be framed or submitted with glass
- A short bio should accompany your entry

The artwork for the 2011 cards will be selected in June and the artists will be contacted immediately. The winning pieces will be showcased at the Landlovers' Opening Reception in September.

If you have any questions please contact Elaine Witbeck (elainewitbeck@gmail.com), Sue Souls (smsouls@gmail.com) or Carol Barker (carolannebarker@gmail.com).

Visit our Website: www.landingsart.org

Items for the website should be sent to Rochelle Frank, 598-2179: ar_frank@msn.com.

Send items to be emailed to the membership to Suzanne Croci, 598-2876: crocis@bellsouth.net.

Items for the monthly newsletter go to Joyce Weinzettel, 925-2097, jweinzettel@comcast.net. *Deadline is 20th of each month.*

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Merrill-Lynch Juried Show: Joni Arb, Gail Wickstrom

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