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President's Letter

Hello members and Happy Valentine's Day! We have had a somewhat calm (?) January. I can't believe it's been a whole year since TAA & One Eleven Art Gallery (TAA partner) had the "Dare to Dream" show. The TAA Miniature exhibit was still on display as One Eleven Art celebrated their Anniversary party. Did you have a chance to attend this show? The sky was not falling art sales wise... One Eleven Art reported the sales were brisk right to the end of this exhibit! Doesn't art just raise your spirits?

The Sunday 1/11 election meeting was well attended, in part because we had a great program by artist Lee Gerry Wertheimer (and maybe because of the exciting election?). All but one of the nominated officers accepted their nomination, some of them in absentia. That one open spot is due to Tiffany Sheriff-Henry, who is looking to move to New Orleans soon. Over the last couple of years we have appreciated her valued contribution to TAA as Board member and also in the role of our Hospitality Chair. Tiffany, we will miss you, and please stay

in touch.

We have a continuing cast of officers for the 2009-10 service year that includes President elect: Ms. Suzanne Watson, V.P.s Mary Anne Gamboa and Betsy River Kennedy. The Treasurer Lynne Kelly and the secretary Anne May will also continue in their positions. Newly elected officers will take their post July 1 2009, the time of membership renewal. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested, give us a call.

At this time the board has approved increasing the award compensation for one special TAA show per year. We have some big shows to look forward to and we have new corporate relationships now in development. Do you know of other organizations that we could partner with? We'll be keeping you posted on all exciting developments as they reach fruition!

By the time you get this email we may have already had our Portfolio Exhibition opening! Warm Congratulations are due to TAA members May Lee Ruff, Howard Martinez, James



Warwick Jones, Michele Barnes, Chris Rumsey, Eleanor Powell, David Chance, Gay Latimer, Jean Peacock, Angie Coleman, Amy McKay, Slavko Tirkajia, and Mimi Lanese in earning this opportunity to show their portfolios in this esteemed annual show. A big THANKS to our excellent Chair Suzanne Cowan and Co-Chairs Howard Martinez and the multi talented Cathy Sprague for making this event come together so well!

Hope to see you at our next meeting at the Chrysler on March 8th.

Suzanne

No Meeting in February

Instead, we are holding the opening of the **PORTFOLIO EXHIBITION**

Friday, February 6

Courthouse Galleries, 420 High St, Portsmouth 23704

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Corner of High Street & Court Street, Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth

Artline Submissions:

*In order for **Kudos Korner** to applaud TAA Members, it is important for individual artists to submit their own good deeds! The information used in **Call for Artists** and **Educational** articles are based on submissions and documented hearsay. Submissions can be made via email to editor@taava.com by the 15th of every month for the next edition of our Artline Newsletter.*

Kudos Korner

Jean Peacock won Best in Show at the Mayer Fine Art Gallery in Norfolk, in the show Crux, presented by the Trinity Presbyterian Church, for her pieces "Crux #1" and "Crux #2."

Yvonne Boone had work in the Hampton Arts League Annual Open Members' Show at The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, the Nansemond-Suffolk Annual Art Show and Sale in Suffolk, and in "Off the Wall" at Norfolk Collegiate School in Norfolk.

TAA Juried Theme Show – "Tales of Seven Cities"

TAA's final show for the 2008-2009 season will be held at the Peninsula Fine Art Center (PFAC), 101 Museum Drive in Newport News. This is a very exciting venue for TAA, and the dates for the show have been extended: April 4 – July 12, 2009! Also, prize money for this show has been significantly increased.

Deadline for entries is March 27-28 at PFAC. Judging is by actual artwork, so please put together your best creations, trying to relate to the open-ended theme, and bring the work to PFAC on March 27 or 28. There is a \$20 entry fee for TAA members for submission of up to three pieces, and non-members must join TAA in order to enter (membership lasts through June 2010). Details can be found in the prospectus insert in this issue, also posted online at www.taava.com.

We are sad to note the recent passing of Peggy Patton, the workshop and class manager for Jerry's Artarama in Virginia Beach. She was a great friend to TAA as well as to many of its members and will be missed.



Lee Gerry Wertheimer demonstrated "Creative Monoprints" at the TAA meeting held January 11 at Chrysler Museum in Norfolk. Are you an artist interested in expanding your creative horizons? The TAA offers many exciting opportunities such as this to its members. As a member, you not only have several options to enter local TAA-sponsored shows at a reasonable cost, you also have many chances to interact with and learn from other local artists, like Ms. Wertheimer. As with many clubs and organizations, what you get out is directly proportional to what you put in. The TAA thrives only when its members take an active role. To encourage this, the TAA offers a discount membership fee to active members who volunteered in some way during the previous year. As part of a vibrant artistic community, we all benefit when we work together and help each other.

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www.sculptorsdominion.com/2008-1stCallForEntry.aspx

Questions? Contact Gilbert E Barrera at gilbertebarrera@gmail.com or call 210-696-9813.

Agora Gallery (Chelsea, New York City) announces a call to artists for The 2009 Chelsea International Fine Art Competition, August 14 to September 2, 2009. \$35 entry fee. Deadline: **March 10, 2009**. For more info, visit http://www.agora-gallery.com/competition/art_contest_main.aspx. Questions? Please contact Evelyn at Evelyn@Agora-Gallery.com or call 212-226-4151.

Abstract artists are invited to enter the "Abstract EXPOsure Online Juried Exhibition" displayed at www.abstractexposure.com, April 1 to June 30, 2009. \$30 for up to four images. \$5 per each additional image. Apply at <http://www.abstractexposure.com/prospectus.html>. Deadline: **March 15, 2009**. Questions? Email Christina Clack at info@abstractexposure.com.

The Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland announces a call to artists for "Wild Things", a national juried exhibition May 31 - August 30, 2009. All media; must be 18 or older. Theme: works inspired by animals - extinct, extant, real, imagined. \$20 entry fee. Deadline: **March 23, 2009**. Download prospectus: www.annmariegarden.org. Information: gardenevents@chesapeake.net.

The Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community announces a call to artists for its 6th Annual Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition, held May 31 - July 5, 2009 at the Park Gables Gallery in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Submitted work must be available May 28-July 5, 2009. \$30 for one to three entries. Visit <http://www.vmrc.org/artexhibition> or send a SASE to: VMRC Art Exhibition, 1491 Virginia Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Deadline: **March 26, 2009**. Questions? Contact Anne Finlayson at artexhibit@vmrc.org or call 540-564-3400.

Announcements

To exhibit chairs and all volunteers: Please inform Mary Anne Katz (TAA Controller) of all volunteer activities for 2008-2009. Phone 548-1312, or email makatz@me.com.

The following TAA positions are open: Exhibitions/Events Coordinator, Recruiting Coordinator, and Reception Host. Hospitality Coordinator will also soon be open. If interested (or for more info), contact Reineke Leenders at 499-0873.

Are you an artist who likes to share your knowledge? The Artline would like to occasionally include educational articles of interest to its members. Short (250-500 words) "how to" articles, art analysis, information of historical interest, and discussions on the local or national art scene are all possibilities for subject matter. One or two jpeg images can also be included. Please contact the Artline editor if you have something to contribute (editor@taava.com).

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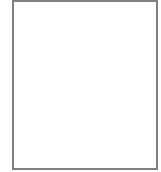
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Calendar 2009

- Feb** **6th** - Friday, 5:00 PM, TAA Portfolio Exhibition opening reception; Courthouse Galleries, 420 High St, Portsmouth 23704
- Mar** **8th** - Sunday, 2:00 PM, TAA Meeting; Chrysler Museum (Gifford Seminar Room), 245 W. Olney Rd, Norfolk
27th-28th - entries due at PFAC for "Tales of Seven Cities" theme show
- Apr** **3rd** - Friday, 5:30 PM, TAA Theme Show opening reception; PFAC, 101 Museum Dr, Newport News 23606