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President's Letter

Happy New Year everyone! I trust you not just survived but also enjoyed all of last month's holidays. Thank you all for your support and volunteering throughout the year. For me it is a pleasure and honor to be a part of such a thriving organization.

Did I say CAN of SARDINES- Wow, this was our Holiday party on December 5. It was a resounding smash. I hope you had a good time at the TAA party; I did. The group was LARGE, yet intimate (only at One Eleven Art is that concept even possible). Once again The TAA membership did an outstanding job with all the donations of good eats to share at this annual holiday party and opening of our "Tiny Treasure" Exhibition. So big KUDOS to all that brought food, you know who you are and boy was it yummy. Also much appreciation to One Eleven Art for the donations of pleasurable libations and of course hats off to all the resident artists; Betsy Rivers Kennedy, Beverly Furman, Sheila Robinson, Angie Coleman and Amy McKay

whom all played a part in creating a magical holiday environment within the gallery. Last but not least, it was a wonderful exhibition juried by the esteemed Peter Mooz. If you missed the opening, come by One Eleven Art Gallery through January 18 to catch the show while it lasts. Also don't buy into tales of a gloomy economy...the art SALES for this show continues to be brisk!!!

We have a busy January as you can see from our newsletter. We have an election in our next general meeting on January 11 even though the new officers will take their post in July. The new president elect will work by my side until then. Please look up our bylaws on the website prior to the meeting. Also a hardcopy will be available for you to look at if you can come to the meeting. Remember it is the election meeting and we'll look forward to seeing you there to participate in voting. I will have to miss the meeting, but I extend a special invite to you to join me at One Eleven Art Gallery that same afternoon after the TAA meeting is over to help us



celebrate our ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY. We will be posting more on the TAA website closer to the event day.

Our Portfolio opening is coming in February; some new artists have signed up for membership due to the opportunity of that show's appeal of exposure. This is a stellar exhibit that will showcase selected artists' body of work with up to 6 entries per artist.

If I miss you at One Eleven Art's Anniversary party, I hope to see you at the Portfolio Show opening on January 30 at the Courthouse Galleries in Portsmouth!

Suzanne

January TAA Meeting & Election

Sunday January 11, 2:00 PM

Guests are welcome

Chrysler Museum, 245 W. Olney Rd, Norfolk 23510, Gifford Seminar Rm
 Guest Speaker after the meeting:

Lee Gerry Wertheimer (see bio on page 2)
 "Creative Monoprints" demo

Rice and other unusual papers will be used to make unique water based monoprints



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.*

Announcement of Talk/Demo on January 11

Lee Gerry Wertheimer will present a free talk/demo titled "Creative Monoprints" immediately following the 2 PM January TAA election meeting on Sunday, Jan 11 at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk.

Ms. Wertheimer is an award winning artist in Sumi-e (ink painting on rice paper), ink on handmade bark paper, and glass. She was presented with the New York State Regents Scholarship Award. After earning a Master of Arts degree from New York University, she completed post graduate studies in art therapy. Her art exhibitions span the globe. In 1993 she was given the honor of being a delegate in the American Cultural Exchange Delegation to China. She was the past president of the Peninsula Glass Guild and the Blue Heron Chapter of the Sumi-e Society of America. In addition, she served on the Board of Directors of the national Sumi-e Society of America, Inc.

Recently, Ms. Wertheimer won the Honorable Mention Award for her ink on bark paper composition at the Torpedo Factory in the Washington, D.C. area, competing with over 650 entries. In 2008, Ms. Wertheimer won the Award of Distinction in Drawing at the 2008 Virginia Artist's statewide juried art competition held at the Charles H. Taylor Art Center in Hampton. Also, her Sumi-e composition was picked for inclusion in the national Annual Juried Sumi-e Society of America exhibition.

Remaining TAA Shows for 2008-2009

TAA Portfolio Show - held at Courthouse Gallery, Portsmouth
January 30 – March 22, 2009

TAA Juried Theme Show - "Tales of Seven Cities" held at Peninsula Fine Art Center (PFAC), Newport News
April 4 – July 12, 2009 (extended closing date!)
Deadline for entries: March 27-28 at PFAC

Call to Artists

The d'Art Center in Norfolk is holding the Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition (a national competition) March 6 – April 17. Artists are invited to submit up to 5 slides or images. Entry fee is \$30. Find out more by going to www.d-artcenter.org, or call 757-625-4211. **Deadline: Jan 12, 2009.**

TAA Miniature Show - Tiny Treasures

Chair person – Betsy Rivers-Kennedy
Held at **One Eleven Art Gallery** in Norfolk, December 5, 2008 - January 18, 2009
44 artists entered the show; 38 artists and 64 pieces of art were accepted into the show.
\$600 worth of art was sold on opening night, with more sales to follow.
The "Salon des Refuses" was initiated this year because of the excellence of the entries overall.
Juror was Dr. Peter Mooz, president of the Foundation for the Arts.

Awards:

- Best in Show: Mary Lee Ruff, "Drew"**
- Awards of Excellence: James Warwick Jones, "Portsmouth Lightship"**
Slavco Tirkajla, "Sunset 3"
- Award of Merit: Pauline Higgins, "Flags"**
- Honorable Mention: Hank Pugh, "Risen from the Dead"**
- James Dees: "Trestle on the James"**



Betsy Rivers-Kennedy with juror Peter Mooz and TAA president Suzanne Watson

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TAA Miniature Show - Tiny Treasures (cont'd)



"Drew" by Mary Lee Ruff, Dry point; photo shows Betsy Rivers-Kennedy (left) with the artist (right)



"Portsmouth Lightship" by James Warwick Jones, Acrylic



"Sunset 3" by Slavco Tirkajla, Oil



"Flags" by Pauline Higgins, Enamel on copper



"Risen from the Dead" by Hank Pugh, Photograph



"Trestle on the James" by James Dees, Watercolor

Photos by Al Benas

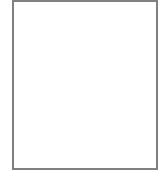
From the chair: This show could not have happened without the help of so many people: Jim Dees and his wife for the printing of the invitations, Mary Ann Gamboa for her previous experience, support, ribbons, etc., Amy McKay, Angie Coleman, Beverly Furman, Barbara Mason, Cathy Sprague, LaVerna Leach, and Sheila Robinson for their help in receiving and hanging the art work; Dr. Peter Mooz, not only for jurying the show but also giving a very informative gallery talk; everyone who brought food and drink; One Eleven for their generous donation of the wine as well as the facility; all who helped greet, serve, pour and clean up after the opening; and to the take-down crew - Nancy Bazin and Lee Wertheimer - who will be helping me on January 21 and 24 from 1 to 5 each day.

Volunteers needed!
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Calendar 2008-2009

- Jan** **11th** - Sunday, 2:00 PM, TAA Election Meeting; Chrysler Museum (Gifford Seminar Rm), 245 W. Olney Rd, Norfolk
30th - TAA Portfolio Show opens
- Feb** **6th** - Friday, 5:00 PM, TAA Portfolio Exhibition opening reception; Courthouse Galleries, 420 High St, Portsmouth 23704
- Mar** **8th** - Sunday, TAA Meeting; time and location TBA
27th-28th - entries due at PFAC for "Tales of Seven Cities" theme show