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President's Letter

We had a small meeting and interesting lecture that was well worth our time to all of us. This is my last letter of the year and we'll have a 2 month summer break before the first issue of next year. I'd like to thank you all for you're help and support throughout the year, especially to you, our TAA volunteers and your friends and spouses. I truly appreciate all of your efforts that you extended on our behalf. Without you we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have.

I just received confirmation from the VSO on our sales. I am expecting to have the check by this coming week. After we receive the payment, the treasurer will disperse payments to artists according to their sales during the silent auction.

Thank you again for your contributions.

The next time you will hear from us will be in September. However, I need to remind you of our first exhibit in late August. We will be starting the year with a show called "Significant Expressions," which will be a member exhibit in Chesapeake, at the Portlock Galleries at SoNo. This exhibit is now included free as part of your membership.

Summer is almost here and we have an election coming up. Mark your calendar – the Election Party on June 10th is being hosted by Jean Peacock and George Tussing in their house in Portsmouth, and you need to RSVP by June 5th.

We have all 4 shows lined up and confirmed for next year (see p. 4) and they are



shaping up to make for a great year.

Please also remember this is the time to pay membership dues: the New Year starts on July 1st. The application is in the back of your membership directory, or you can find it on-line at www.taava.com.

I wish you all a full enjoyment of wonderful summer months and hope to see you soon.

Ishina

June Meeting - Election Meeting & Party

415 Waverly Blvd, Portsmouth, VA 23704 Sunday, June 10 at 4:00 PM Please come to celebrate and vote! (see invitation on p. 4)

OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2007-2008:

President: Ishina Feld 1st Vice President: Jennifer Lycke 2nd Vice President: Suzanne Watson

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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 info@artbyrumsey.com by the 15th of every month for the next edition of our Artline Newsletter.



(next newsletter: Sept 07)

"Lady Rebecca Rolf alias Pocahontas Protector of Peace"

Kudos Korner

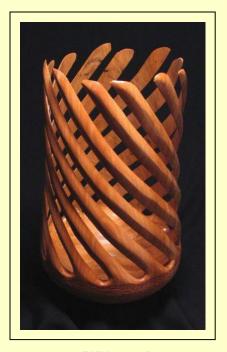
Dave MacDowell's piece "Another British Invasion" won 3rd place at The New World Juried Exhibition at the Charles H. Taylor Arts Center in Hampton.

At the same exhibit, Ray Rountree won Honorable Mention for "Wilderness" (a carved sycamore vessel), and Chris Rumsey won Honorable Mention for his painting "Gauguin's Dream: The Explorers." This exhibit goes through June 10.

At the "By Our Heirs Forever - New Waves 2007" at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Suzanne Marie Cowan received an Honorable Mention for her clay pipe sculpture titled "Lady Rebecca Rolf alias Pocahontas Protector of Peace." Suzanne also was recognized with an Award of Merit for the sculptural "Blue Moon Series" at the Mid Atlantic Juried National Exhibition presented at the d'Art Center opening night April 27th. There was also a month long show (ending in May) at Vincent Hester Gallery featuring new works created by Suzanne Marie Cowan and Suzanne Erickson.



"Another British Invasion"



"Wilderness"



"Blue Moon Series"



"Gauguin's Dream: The Explorers"



CAN YOU COME OUT AND PLAY?

KAREN KINSER & THE STUDIOS AT MONTICELLO ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THE FIRST SUMMER 2007 ARTIST WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT
BLACKWATER WORKSHOPS IN TIDEWATER VIRGINIA

Janice Gay-Maker

One-Day Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop Saturday - June 23rd - 9am to 4pm

Janice Gay-Maker is known for her generous use of color and movement in her landscape paintings. She paints and exhibits, throughout the Eastern US. Focus will be on application of paint with palette knives and getting comfortable with COLOR!

BLACKWATER WORKSHOPS

ART CAMP FOR ADULTS

Philip Geiger

3-Day Studio Painting Workshop with Figure Friday - June 29th thru Sunday - July 1st

Phil Geiger is nationally recognized for his "figures in interiors" oil paintings. He teaches painting at UVA and is represented by some of the nation's most prestigious galleries. We'll be in the BigStudio for this workshop. Enrollment for each workshop is limited - register soon!

Contact Karen Kinser at the Studios at Monticello 208 East Plume Street / Suite 9 / Monticello Arcade Norfolk, Virginia 23510 757 286 6210 eMail - Blackwater Workshops@cox.net Additional Info and Forms are downloadable at www.blackwater - workshops.com

TAA Membership

Remember, the membership renewal date is **July 1** for the 2007-2008 season. Member dues are either \$30 or \$50 annually, depending on your activity level during the previous year. To earn the lower member rate, you must have volunteered in some meaningful way: for example, helping with a show, fundraiser, or other TAA event, working with the website, recruitment events, publicity, chairing a show, recruiting 3 new members, etc. There are many opportunities to help out! And volunteering not only helps the TAA, it also gives you the opportunity to get to know and network with other artists.

Brand new members pay \$50, because they have not yet earned the discount. For any brand new members who signed up after April 1, 2007 (after our last event), we will honor your membership through next year (7/08).

If you currently hold an unelected TAA volunteer position, we assume you will be remaining in your position unless you tell us otherwise. If you cannot continue in your position, please let either Mike Young or Ishina Feld know, so they can start looking for your replacement for next year.

Volunteers needed!

To help with our EXHIBIT in August 20th and 21st please Contact Rachelle Berlin 757-546-0942 or Gay Latimer 757-486-7956

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June 10th TAA'S meeting is **election &**





Please Join us with your spouse or friend for summer fun at the Jean Peacock and George Tussing residence. Bring a dish! telephone # (757) 391-9034

When: Sunday June 10th at 4 to 6.30 PM Where: 415 Waverly Boulevard, Portsmouth

Directions: Come to VAC as usual from Downtown Tunnel. (VAC is on the corner of Court and High Street.) Take a LEFT on High Street. Then firstRIGHT on Dinwiddie. (Dinwiddie runs parallel to Court). Go to end of Dinwiddie, just a few blocks heading toward the water. Turn RIGHT on Waverly. 415 Waverly is the first house on Waverly Boulevard.

RSVP please (757) 391-9034 by the 5th of June

TAA Shows for 2007-2008

TAA Member Show "Significant Expressions"

Held at Portlock / SoNo Gallery in Chesapeake

August 24 – September 30, 2007 Opening: August 24, 7 PM

Drop-off: August 20 – 21 from 10-5

Pick-up: October 1 – 2 from 10-5 Chairs: Rachelle Berlin and Joy Latimer

TAA Miniature Show "Tiny Treasures"

Held at the Hermitage Museum in Norfolk

October 18 – November 20, 2007

TAA Portfolio Show

Held in the Courthouse Galleries in Portsmouth

January 25 – March 30, 2008

TAA Theme Show

Held in the new Cultural Center in Suffolk April 8 – May 9, 2008

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Fundraiser Report "Pictures at an Exhibition"

Tidewater Art Alliance & Virginia Symphony

by Ishina Feld

This last fundraiser "Pictures at an Exhibition" was extremely challenging to all of our volunteers. I took over the leadership on March 12. As many of you know, Howard Martinez, the chairman, became incapacitated and couldn't continue working. At that time we had just about 13 artist participants and 25 art works. With the help of Mary Anne Gamboa we grew the number to 39 artists and 61 pieces of art. We sold \$3285 worth of art with two exhibits. These proceeds will be split between TAA, the symphony, and the artists. (Last year we sold \$3505 with three exhibits.)

Artists delivered their artwork, if it wasn't picked up by one of us, to Chrysler Hall on Friday afternoon April 13 and Saturday morning April 14. The purchased easels; fortunately, came on time and were assembled on Saturday morning, due to a Friday performance that we didn't know of and prevented our starting assembly earlier. Each contributing artist was allocated two tickets to one of the Symphony performances.

Saturday of the first concert we finished the set up and display around 2PM. The silent auction started that evening at 6:30 PM. Before the concert a Symphony presenter briefly announced the auction. After the intermission we started to wrap sold art and continued until about 11 PM.

Call to Artists

The 2007 Hoyt Mid Atlantic Juried Art Exhibition is being hosted at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle, PA. Open to all Mid Atlantic Artists (OH, PA, NY, NJ, MD, DE, VA, WV, and Washington DC). Deadline for submissions is **June 22, 2007.** For a prospectus, call 724-652-2882 or visit www.hoytartcenter.org.

The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society announces the 28th Annual International Juried Exhibition, held September 14 - October 28, 2007 in Lancaster, PA. Must be Watermedia on Paper created within past three years. Deadline: **June 23, 2007**. Non Members: \$20 for 1, \$35 for 2. For prospectus visit http://pwswc.com or send a SASE to: PWS-Jur, P.O.Box 626, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Questions? Contact Lyn Marsh, Director at pwsdir@pa.net or 717-737-7339.

The following morning, due to bad weather and lack of volunteer power I made the decision to cancel the auction in the Ferguson Center with the volunteers' and Symphony representative Lana Sadowski's consent. We then disassembled easels, packed, and stored the art in the coat room before we left. We planned to have a second exhibit the following Sunday afternoon in Chrysler Hall.

Sunday the 22nd, in the morning, a group of volunteers again reassembled the exhibit. The concert started that day at 2:30 PM and the auction was again announced prior to the concert. After the intermission we packed the sold and unsold art and moved it to the coat room for the following morning pick up. Monday morning our volunteers disassembled the easels and stored them in their shipping boxes and later delivered them to a temporary storage at the "One Eleven Art" location. Paintings were transported to the Symphony offices where they remained until the end of the on-line auction.

We had a total of 18 volunteers, although only 11 of these were TAA members. We still could have used more! Some of us were working throughout the entire fundraiser without a break. Some of the volunteers brought their spouse or friends to help out, and we appreciate all the help we received. Without you we wouldn't have been able to do it.

Beside the 2 silent auction exhibits Saturday evening 4/14 and Sunday afternoon 4/22 in Chrysler Hall, we also auctioned work over the internet throughout the month of April. We finished on May 7 when unsold art was picked up at the Symphony offices.

My thanks and gratitude to all participants and volunteers who made it happen!

TAA has a new Hospitality Coordinator
Tiffani Sheriff-Henry
Phone # 757-753-1114, email; tshenry@kw.com
We welcome her!

The Academy of Fine Arts in Lynchburg, VA announces its Annual Juried Photography Exhibition, held September 7 - 28, 2007 at the Academy Gallery. Deadline: **July 16, 2007**. \$25 entry fee. For more information, visit http://www.AcademyFineArts.com or send a SASE to: Academy of Fine Arts, 600 Main Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504. Questions? Please contact Ted Batt at teatt@academyfinearts.com or call (434) 528-3256.

The Craven Arts Council & Gallery announces the "2007 Annual Juried Sculpture Show", in New Bern, North Carolina. The indoor exhibit will run from November 2 through December 29, 2007; the outdoor sculpture will be on display November 2, 2007 through September 19, 2008. Open to Contemporary and Figurative sculptors residing in the U.S. \$35 for 3 entries. Deadline: **July 31, 2007**. Download prospectus at http://www.cravenarts.org or send a SASE to: Craven Arts Council & Gallery, 317 Middle Street, PO Box 596, New Bern, NC 28563. Questions? Contact Carol Tokarski at cravenarts@esisnet.com or call 252-638-2577.



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Calendar

June 10th Final meeting of 2006-2007

4:00PM, Election Meeting and Party, 415 Waverly Blvd,

Portsmouth

RSVP by 6/5 ph#: 757-391-9034

Summer Break - Next Newsletter in Sept.

Aug 24th Opening of "Significant

Expressions," 7:00PM, Portlock Galleries at SoNo, 3815 Bainbridge Blvd.

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