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## President's Letter

Hello & Farewell. This is my last president's letter. The next one in September will be created by our new president Suzanne Watson. During the summer we don't have newsletters or events.

I would like to thank you for supporting our organization and me during my three year tour as your president. I hope that you enjoyed the TAA exhibits, events and programs we did together and you'll continue to support them in the future. Our volunteers, board and officers were hard-working and diligent; I thank you all. I know at times it was a rocky road but that is behind us and ahead we have a full and very exciting year to look forward to together.

Last month's trip to the National Gallery in Washington was fun and enjoyable to those who came to be part of it. Tiffani and Lynne worked hard on it and did a great job. George Tussing's presentation was educational and well done and we even had time left to visit other museums and places of interest or just enjoy a sunny spring day on the mall. Nevertheless when the time

came to leave our legs were ready to rest.

For you volunteers with year long positions, for example, artistic chair, historian, publicity etc... please let me know by the end of June if you are not planning to continue. If I don't hear from you I will assume that you plan to stay in your current position. Also all active members make sure that the controller Mary Ann Katz has all of your volunteer activity hours.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Suzanne Watson will pick up the torch of leadership, she was working alongside me in recent months. I anticipate you'll give her the respect, support and understanding that she needs and deserves. Being president is a demanding position and I would advise anyone who brings some problems or complaints to her to bring answers and a willingness to be part of the solution process. Moreover remember that the president has the best interests of the TAA in mind and is doing the best she can and is, as well, in a volunteer position.

I look back fondly on the last



three years of the TAA and the transformation that we went through to make us a legitimate nonprofit organization that welcomes with open arms not only artists in different skill levels and ages but also art lovers and supporters. We still need to increase our membership, so let's bring new and/or past members to our group! The New Year application with a prospectus for our member exhibit is included in this issue.

We will celebrate the end of this year with an "Inauguration Party," as is our tradition. This year it will be held in the One Eleven Art studio and gallery. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Ishina

## June - End-of-Season Inauguration Party

Saturday, June 21, 5:00 - 8:00 PM  
One Eleven Art, 111 Pennsylvania Ave, Norfolk, VA

Please come join us to celebrate another wonderful year of art and to inaugurate our new executive officers!  
(see RSVP invitation on p. 3)

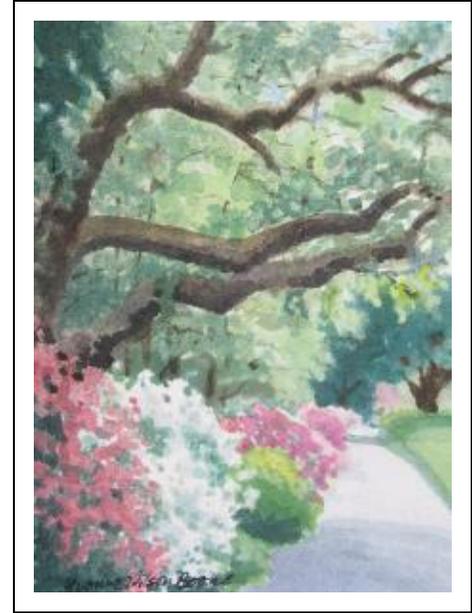
**Artline Submissions:**

*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](mailto:editor@taava.com) by the 15th of every month for the next edition of our Artline Newsletter.*

**Kudos Korner**

Yvonne Boone has watercolors in the 27th Annual Juried International Miniature Art Show at the El Dorado Gallery, Colorado Springs, Colorado from April 27 - May 18.

Ishina Feld has a solo summer exhibit in The Town Bank Building, 2101 Parks Avenue in Virginia Beach VA, sponsored by the Runnymede Corp. Reception date is Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 5pm to 7pm. Show runs through August 24.



“Azaleas Beneath the Oaks”, Watercolor, Yvonne Boone



“Sight of Freedom”, Acrylic, Ishina Feld



George Tussing speaking to the group during TAA’s “Artistic Tour” in Washington DC on April 26 – a great time was had by all! (photo by Ishina Feld)

**Juror Statement from TAA “Free Spirit” Theme Show**

As a painter in my studio I concern myself with paint, medium, color, texture, and light. As a juror for this exhibition I felt it important to concern myself with artists’ intention, theme, and materials. I felt it also important to establish consistent criteria for which to judge all entries. The criteria I used included:

**1. Theme**

I assessed the artwork’s connection to the exhibition’s theme “Free Spirit.” My tendency was to gravitate more towards works that explored surprising, nuanced, or unique interpretations rather than literal ones. This could be expressed through the artist’s choice of narrative, materials, presentation, subject matter, or combination of all those elements.

**2. Craft/ Material**

After assessing the work’s connection to theme I evaluated the artist’s sensitivity to material, level of skill, and attention to craftsmanship. This was evident in the artist’s choice of materials and use of the elements of design (composition, color, form, structure, etc...) as they related to those materials...

**3. Intuition/Gut Reaction**

Lastly I assessed the work guided by personal intuition and impressions. This admittedly was the least scientific component of the jurying process as one cannot entirely separate themselves from who they are as a person-informed by past experience and general personal preference.

My hope is that the work in the exhibition represents a high quality and cohesive exploration on the theme of “Free Spirit.”

- Heidi Schneider





## TAA'S MEETING IS AN INAGURATION PARTY

**Saturday, June the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM**



Please join us with your friend or family for a celebration of the past year's achievements and to welcome upcoming year officers at One-Eleven Art Gallery & Studios in Norfolk. **RSVP is a must!**

**Time: Saturday from 5 PM - 8 PM**

**Provided by TAA:** Cake and Drinks (Wine, Beer & Soda)

**Your assignment – bring a dish to share:** Finger food, Fruits & Vegetables, Dips, Chips, Nachos, Cheese, Crackers and Sweets are some of what you can choose from for a great party!

**Please RSVP** Ishina Feld by the 11<sup>th</sup> of June at 636-0509 or the Gallery, Suzanne Watson 625-1110, email: [taa.president@gmail.com](mailto:taa.president@gmail.com)

**Where:** One Eleven Art at 111 Pennsylvania Av. Norfolk, VA 23504

**Directions:** From Virginia Beach (I-264 W), take exit #11B/ BRAMBLETON AVE onto E BRAMBLETON AVE (US-460). Turn RIGHT to follow US-460. Suffolk and Portsmouth (460 E) traffic join here. Turn left on W 38TH ST then turn right on OMOHUNDRO AVE and again right on PENNSYLVANIA AVE, the Gallery will be on your right.

From Newport News, follow I 64 E towards Norfolk. Take exit #276 GRANBY ST onto US-460 W toward GRANBY ST/LITTLE CREEK RD. Turn right on Pennsylvania Ave and the Gallery is on your left.



## Call to Artists

**NATIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION Ninth Annual Will's Creek Survey** (Sept. 4 - Oct. 3, 2008). Two slides/or jpegs on CD, \$25. Download entry form at: [www.alleganyartscouncil.org](http://www.alleganyartscouncil.org) OR contact: Allegany Arts Council, 52 Baltimore St, Cumberland MD 21502 OR 301-777-2787 OR [arts@allconet.org](mailto:arts@allconet.org) **DEADLINE July 1, 2008.**

**"International Aqueous Open 2008."** The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society announces a call to artists, held September 26 to October 25 in Pittsburgh, PA. Open to all artists working in watercolor and watercolor media on paper, silk, canvas or boards. Entry Fee: \$30. For more information, visit <http://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com> or send a SASE to: 201 Loucks Ave., Scottsdale, PA 15683. Contact Sharon Yoder at [syoder@a1usa.net](mailto:syoder@a1usa.net) or call 724-887-4335 for more information. **DEADLINE July 1, 2008.**

## TAA Shows for 2008-2009

### TAA Member Show "Significant Expressions" (see insert)

Held at Portlock/SoNo Gallery in Chesapeake  
 September 19 – October 26, 2008  
 Drop-Off: Sept 15-16, 11am – 5pm  
 Opening: Fri, Sept 19, 7pm  
 Pick-up: Oct 27-28, 11am – 5pm  
 Chairs: Gay Latimer and Rachel Berlin

### TAA Miniature Show "Tiny Treasures"

Held at One Eleven Art in Norfolk  
 December 5, 2008 – Jan 18, 2009

### TAA Portfolio Show

Held at Courthouse Gallery in Portsmouth  
 January 30 – April 5, 2009

### TAA Juried Theme Show

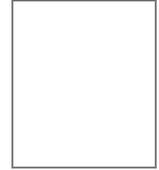
Held at Peninsula Fine Art Center in Newport News  
 April 4 – June 7, 2009

**Volunteers needed!**  
 for the "Significant Expressions" show in  
**September 2008**  
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## Calendar 2008

Jun 21st - Saturday, 5-8 PM, Final meeting of 2007-2008, One Eleven Art, 111 Pennsylvania Ave, Norfolk  
RSVP by 6/11 ph#: 757-636-0509

Summer Break - Next Newsletter in Sep 2008.

Sep 19th - Opening of "Significant Expressions," Sunday, 7 PM, Portlock Galleries at SoNo, 3815 Bainbridge Blvd., Chesapeake