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President's Letter

We had a small meeting and interesting lecture by Hank Mook on May 10; it was fantastic! This is my last letter of the year and we'll have a two month summer break before the first issue of next year. I'd like to thank you all for your help and support throughout the year, especially our TAA volunteers, friends, and spouses. I truly appreciate all the efforts you made on our behalf. Without you we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have. For example, a big thank you to our photographers Al Benas and Denise Swatsenbarg who have been working hard to capture all the fun we have had together. A special thanks to Al Benas for his dedication to TAA and excellence in photographing our events over the last several years!

We recently held the TAA Sidewalk Extravaganza hosted by One Eleven Art. If

we missed you at this event, I will bring you up to speed at the party on June 14. It was exciting to hear our air spots on WHRO which were generously sponsored by Riverview Business Association and One Eleven Art. We thank them for their generous corporate contributions that made this new way to promote the event possible.

The next time you will hear from us will be in September. I need to remind you of our first exhibit in mid-September. We will be starting the year with the show "Significant Expressions," our member exhibit in Chesapeake, at the So No Portlock Galleries. A reminder to new and alumni members: the fee for this exhibit is included in your membership.

Summer is almost here, so mark your calendar for the End of Year & Inauguration Party on June 14, hosted by Anne May in her house in



Virginia Beach. Be sure to RSVP right away.

We already have 2 shows lined up and confirmed for next year and several more in the works to make this an exciting year ahead. Please also remember that this is the time to pay membership dues: the New Year starts on July 1. The application is also in your membership roster if you're renewing, or on-line at www.taava.com.

I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with enjoyable activities, and hope to see you soon.

Suzanne

No TAA Meeting in June

Instead, we are holding the
END-OF-YEAR TAA PARTY

Sunday, June 14
 605 Thalia Point Rd, Virginia Beach
 2:00 – 5:00 PM
 (see details on p. 2)



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

TAA artist Bruce Price is also an author: his fifth book is “THE EDUCATION ENIGMA – What Happened To American Education” is a fast, lively, intellectual tour of the dark side.

Myreen (Rennie) Moore Nicholson has two artworks hanging at The RENEWAL SHOW, at The Warehouse, in Norfolk, through June 6, 2009.

Slavko Tirkajla, our recent 1st place winner at the Tales of Seven Cities show, had a Daily Press article about him and his art (May 3, 2009). See: www.dailypress.com, and search for “Tirkajla.”

TAA Shows for 2009-2010

TAA Members Show “Significant Expressions” at Chesapeake Portlock/SoNo Gallery

Exhibit duration: Sept 18 – Oct 25, 2009
 Deliver work: Mon and Tues, Sept 14-15 from 11 am-5 pm
 Opening Reception: Fri, Sept 18 at 7 pm
 Pick-up: Mon and Tues, Oct 26-27, from 11 am-5 pm

Miniature Exhibit “Tiny Treasures” at One Eleven Art in Norfolk

Exhibit duration: Dec 4, 2009 – Jan 17, 2010
 Deliver work: Nov 28 and 29 from 1-4 pm
 Opening Reception: Sat, Dec 5 at 7pm
 Pick-up: Jan 23, 1-4 pm

Community Service Exhibit – TAA & Red Cross “Heart to Art” (TBA)

Exhibit Duration: 60-90 day exhibit
 Deliver work: TBA November 2009
 Opening Reception: TBA November 2009

Portfolio Show, 2010 (TBA)

In development

Juried Theme Show, 2010 (TBA)

In development

A reminder to TAA artists with pieces in the “Tales of Seven Cities” show at PFAC in Newport News. Please remember to pick up your work at the conclusion of the show: Mon July 13, Tue July 14, or Sat July 18 between 10am - 4 pm.

You are Invited to the
TAA End-of-Year & Inauguration Party
Sunday, June 14

605 Thalia Point Rd, Virginia Beach
 2:00 - 5:00 PM
 Please bring a dish to share
 RSVP: 340-0975



Directions:

- Take Independence Blvd N exit off of I-264
- Go 1/2 mile, turn right at Virginia Beach Blvd
- Go 3/4 mile, turn left at Thalia Road (Willis Wayside on left)
- Go 3/4 mile and turn right on Thalia Point Road (beware, about 1/2 mile from VB Blvd., Thalia Drive forks off to the right... STAY on Thalia Road!)
- After right on Thalia Point Rd, go to 2nd house on the right
- Park in driveway or on street, or continue on Thalia Road through the stop sign to Steinhilber’s Restaurant for additional parking



Announcements

TAA sincerely appreciates Barbara Hennig Loomis' generous contribution to help replenish the annual "Ishina Feld Award," to be presented at our annual Portfolio Exhibition. This special award was originally funded last year by past president Jean Peacock to honor the significant contributions made by the late Ishina Feld (TAA President 2004-2007). To help keep this award funded, TAA welcomes future donations. Please forward contributions to TAA, PO Box 3094, Norfolk, VA 23514-3093.

Call to Artists

Courthouse Galleries in Portsmouth seeks proposals from artists to share their talents and/or fun interactive mini programs for the popular "First Weekend" Events. (Held on the first full weekend of each month from February through October. Days and times include First Friday of the month from 5 – 8 pm and First Sunday from 1 – 4 pm). Promotion of event and stipend provided by Gallery! Space limited. Contact Stephen Grunnet at 757-393-8983 for more information.

Mother's Day Treat: Presentation by Artist Hank Mook

by Eloise Mayo

A small but enthusiastic TAA group gathered to meet paper mache and sculpting artist Hank Mook of Williamsburg, Virginia on May 10 at the elegant meeting spot inside the Chrysler Museum. Artist Jean Peacock discovered Hank on a visit to This Century Art Gallery in Williamsburg. A sheep on display there caught her eye. "When it's love you just know it," she shared about the piece that now has a special place in her and husband, George Tussing's enchanting home.

Hank gave a delightful and inspiring presentation of his art that included a brief history of the Chinese origins of paper mache, as well as stories and anecdotes. Guests were allowed to see and hold pieces at various stages of completion. He mostly creates figures of farm, wild and domestic animals, and the occasional human figure.

His joy is infectious as he describes a past workshop with children (of varying ages) at the gallery. A former clergyman, who spent many a summer working on farms, he relishes the sense of community connection his whimsical works elicit. He talks about his garage workshop where his sound system plays all kinds of music, specifically jazz and classical. There his stewardship takes shape in his art; the works reflects a hopeful optimism and abiding respect for nature and people that is almost as endearing as the artist himself.

TAA is hoping to persuade Hank to come back as a presenter in the fall/winter time slot. Jean Peacock, whose generous, long-time reign as Presentation Coordinator ends soon has also announced that the fascinating potter/sculptor Barbara Kobilynski will be returning too. These programs are a wonderful benefit of TAA membership; remember as always that you may bring a friend along who is not a member. If interested in volunteering as Program Coordinator for the new TAA calendar year, or learning more about it, contact Suzanne Watson.

Member-to-Member

Recently the question came up about liability insurance for artists at a cheaper rate than having to buy it as a business. Some responses from our members:

Look into what's called an "umbrella" policy. It's sort of like an extra personal liability policy. Sometimes people get them to extend the liability coverage on their homeowner's insurance, but it's possible that they sell them separately. If you're a Costco member, check out American Express/IDS rates. Another good company to check if you happen to be prior military is USAA. If you already have a homeowner's or renters policy, your provider might be able to help.

Some links related to liability insurance for non-profits:

<http://www.charityoneinsurance.com/home.html>

<http://www.rvnuccio.com/non-profit-insurance.html>

<http://www.professional-and-liability.com/non-profit-liability-insurance.html>

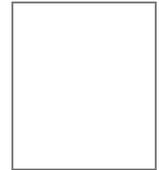
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Member's Ad Rates:
 Full Page \$100 1/2 Page \$55
 1/4 Page \$35 Business card size \$15
 (camera-ready jpg)
 1/2 inch Classified Ad \$5
 Non-member rates double
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Calendar 2009

- Jun** **14th** - Sunday, 2:00-5:00 pm, TAA end-of-year party; 605 Thalia Point Rd, Virginia Beach (bring a dish to share); RSVP to 340-0975
- Jul-Aug** Summer Break - no newsletter; 2009-2010 TAA membership fees due (membership form available at www.taava.com)
- Sep** **14th-15th** - 11:00 am-5:00 pm, Drop-off for show "Significant Expressions," SoNo Gallery, Chesapeake
18th - Friday, 7:00 pm, Opening