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President's Letter

Spring is knocking at the door and what a great winter we left behind!

It is time to get to work on new masterpieces for the last exhibit of the season, "Free Spirit." It's coming up in April and the prospectus is included in this newsletter. This year we're holding it at the new Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts and the theme is loose enough for anyone to participate. We are still in need of volunteers and if you're interested you can contact the chairs.

Last month we had the Portfolio Exhibit opening and those that were not at the opening, make a point to see it. It is great! More on the exhibit is in the report. Thank you Rieneke and Suzanne,

our chairs for the exhibit.

Our Next event is a bus trip to Washington DC on Saturday, April 26th; it is an all day trip. Tiffani Henry is the organizer and she has done great job. We'll have a guided tour with George Tussing through the Smithsonian Museum of Art and hopefully we will see some cherry blossoms. It is going to be great. If you're planning on going you'll need to make a reservation by sending your check, with the form, to our treasurer – Lynne – as soon as possible. We have limited seating of 45 on the bus so please hurry. When we fill up the bus we will announce it on our website. You can also contact Lynne to make sure that we have a place for you before



you send us your check.

Great news, starting next year we have increased the compensation for TAA non local jurors by 50%. We'll be able to provide exhibit participants a wider variety of professional judges.

See you at the meeting!

Ishina

March TAA Meeting Sunday, March 9, 2:00 PM

Guests are welcome

TCC Visual Arts Center, 340 High St, Portsmouth, VA 23704
 (bluiding with red columns on corner of High and Court streets)
 Rm 208

Guest Speaker after the meeting:

John E. Tobin Jr. - "An Artist's Quest"

John Tobin is known for his whimsical clay figures, especially frog sculptures. If you want to know more about his adventures of living and teaching overseas, travel, or hands on clay handbuilding, then be sure to attend. He will also have examples of his work to discuss ideas and influences.

Artline Submissions:

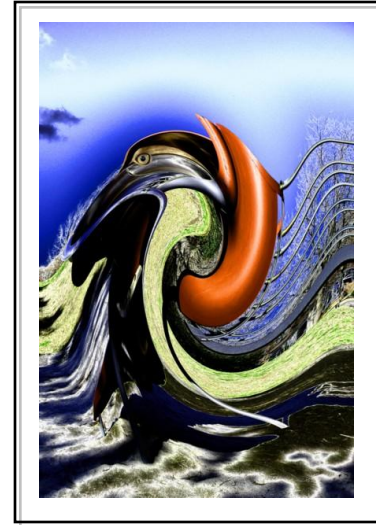
*In order for **Kudos Korner** to applaud TAA Members, it is important for individual artists to submit their own good deeds! The information used in **Call for Artists** and **Educational** articles are based on submissions and documented hearsay. Submissions can be made via email to editor@taava.com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

Kudos Korner

Howard Martinez had two of his artworks accepted for display at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

Chris Rumsey received third place at the Hampton Arts League Member Show.

Al Benas is splitting Portlock Gallery at SoNo for a show Feb. 29th through April 6th. Both artists are photographers with similar subject matter and very different approaches.



“Phoenix Rising” by Howard Martinez



“Sasanqua Camellia” by Al Benas

Announcement: Join our celebration on Friday, March 14th from 7:30 – 9:30 pm! One Eleven Art Gallery & Studios is pleased to announce our new studio residents; Betsey Rivers-Kennedy, Beverly Furman and Sheila Robinson! We will be honoring these three TAA members at our Studio member debut party. Experience this new beginning!

A note from the Program Chair

I always try to get excellent programs for our members (these programs are usually held immediately following our scheduled TAA meetings). Some subjects may not be of particular interest to every artist, but I have found out for myself personally that if the speaker is good, hearing about his/her particular art form always opens up a whole new perception and appreciation for me. I encourage every artist to attend our TAA meetings and subsequent programs! Our next program will be held Sunday, March 9, immediately following the 2PM TAA meeting.

If anyone has ideas for future programs or would like to give a talk, please let me know. I welcome all suggestions.
Jean Peacock, 391-9034.

The following TAA positions are open:
Exhibition/Events Coordinator
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 For more information contact
Volunteer Coordinator Rieneke Leenders 499-0873
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April-May 2008
 Contact Rieneke Leenders
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“TAA Portfolio Show 2008”

By Rieneke Leenders, exhibition chair

Held at: Courthouse Galleries, Portsmouth VA

If you did not attend the opening of the 2008 Portfolio Show, you missed a great performance by the juror, Michel Demanche, who went out of her way to explain her opinions about the work chosen. She selected 90 works from 15 artists (actually 14 artists, since one artist submitted and was accepted with two portfolios) out of 39 submissions.

The winners are:

Best in Show, donated by Elsa G. de Beer in Memory of Edna Gierst Lazonon: LEE GERRY WERTHEIMER

Award of Excellence: CHRISTI HARRIS

Award of Merit: ELEANOR POWELL

Anne Myers Award: JAMES WARWICK JONES

Honorable Mentions: KAREN SULLIVAN and SUSAN HOWELL

Photography Award- donated by Alice McLanahan: shared between HOWARD MARTINEZ and DAVID KATZ

Many thanks go to the staff and volunteers of the Courthouse Galleries, and our own volunteers Rowena Finn, Suzanne Watson, our trustworthy photographer Al Benas and my co-chair Suzanne Cowan.



“The View of Death” – Lee Gerry Wertheimer



“Generation to Generation” – Lee Gerry Wertheimer

A note about digital images:

News You Can Use!

Many entries to the Portfolio show had a size that was too small. A 72 dpi is not all that bad, but when the size is, say 300 x 600 pixels, you will not have a decent picture. Please know that this just takes a little math to figure out: at 72 dpi (= dot-per-inch) x 600 pixels (=dots) your image is 600: 72= 8.33 inch with a coarse resolution. When this gets converted to a better resolution of 300dpi, the size of your image becomes 2 inches! (600 pixels: 300 dpi) Even on the computer screen these images show small, which will put your entry at a disadvantage. We require a higher resolution, since 200-300 dpi is required by the newspaper for publication with a size at least 4x6 inches, like a normal photograph. To get a 4x6 inch, 300 dpi image, the JPEG has to have 1200x1800 pixels (4x300 and 6x300). So to start, take a picture that is as large as your digital camera can handle; it is easier and better to convert it to a smaller size than the other way around. In the future, if you're not able to convert your images, please submit the large one for us to convert.

Announcement

To exhibit chairs and all volunteers:

Please inform Mary Anne Katz (TAA Controller) of all volunteer activities for 2007-2008.

davemak@cox.net or 757-548-1312

“TAA Portfolio Show 2008” (cont’d)



A photo with some of the Portfolio winners. Standing: TAA President Ishina Feld, Exhibition Chair Rieneke Leenders, David Katz, Howard Martinez, Susan Howell, Lee Gerry Wertheimer. Seated: Juror Michel Demanche, Eleanor Powell. (photo by Al Benas)



Enjoying the Portfolio Opening at the Courthouse Galleries. (photo by Al Benas)

Two boys found themselves in a modern art gallery by accident.

“Quick!” said one, “Run, before they say we did it!”

Call to Artists

Letter Carriers: The Written Word in Art

Show to open Saturday, April 26, 2008. As a theme, artists are asked to explore the use of letters and/or words in two or three-dimensional art. Images submitted for consideration can be emailed to shootingstargallery@verizon.net or put on a high resolution CD and mailed to: Shooting Star Gallery, 118 North Main Street, Suffolk, Virginia 23434. Please contact Brenda C. Wright for more information at sutnstar@aol.com or by calling 757-641-8861. **Deadline: April 1, 2008.**

Fine Arts on the River Festival

The Savannah Waterfront Association announces a call to artists for the "Fine Arts on the River Festival", held May 2,3,4, 2008 at the Waterfront Plaza in Savannah, Georgia. Open to original hand made works of art or numbered prints, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, digital. \$2800 cash awards. Various jurors from museum, universities. \$30 jury fee, show fee of \$280. For more information, visit <http://www.riverstreetsavannah.com> or send a SASE to: 404 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401. Questions? Please contact Jessica at jessica@riverstreetsavannah.com or call 912-234-0295. **Deadline: March 20, 2008.**

5th Annual VMRC Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition

The Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community announces a call to artists for its 5th Annual Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition, held June 1 - 29, 2008 at the Park Gables Gallery in Harrisonburg, VA. \$5,000+ in awards. Participants must live in the United States. Jurors: William Bennett, MFA; Jerry Coulter, MFA; James Crable,

HDA, MFA. \$30/1-3 entries. For details visit <http://www.vmmc.org/artexhibition> or send a SASE to: VMRC Art Exhibition, 1491 Virginia Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Questions? Contact Anne Finlayson at artexhibit@vmmc.org or call 540-564-3400. **Deadline: March 28, 2008.**

2008 Spring Invitational Art Show

The [Harrison Art League](http://www.harrisonartleague.org) announces a call to artists for the "2008 Spring Invitational Art Show", held May 1 - 31, 2008 at the Northark Community College-Center Campus Tower in Harrison, Arkansas. Open to Acrylics, Graphics, Mixed Media, Oils, Pastels, and Watercolor artists. Submissions accepted in slide, CD or photo format for juried selection process. All entries must be for sale. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Cash Awards. Juror: Joanne Jones.. \$35 for up to three entries. Download prospectus (PDF format): <http://harrison-art-league.org/2008springbrochure.pdf> or send a SASE to: Harrison Art League, P.O. Box 831, Harrison, Arkansas 72601-0831. Questions? Please contact Rebecca King, HAL President at kingartoriginals@gmail.com or call 870.480.9512. **Deadline: April 1, 2008**



“Artistic” Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

Excitement and fun!...TAA is sponsoring a one day bus trip to the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington DC with AGAPE Travel agency on **Saturday APRIL 26.**

All **TAA members** are invited for a nominal **fee of \$25, family or friend for \$30, and non members for \$40.** Payment by check to: TAA (Tidewater Art Alliance). Departure Date is 04/26/2008 at 7:00 A.M. We will be leaving Washington DC at 7:00 P.M.

The 1st pick up is at **07:00 A.M.** from a **Virginia Beach/Norfolk** location: The Military Circle Mall by the Movie Theater.

The 2nd pick up is at 07:45 A.M. in **Newport News/Hampton** at the **Patrick Henry Mall** by Starbucks - Macy's

Arrival – Washington, DC Smithsonian American Art Museum – at noon.

Lunch or free time from noon to 2:00 P.M.

2:00 – 4:00 P.M. guided tour with George Tussing is included.

4:00 – 7:00 P.M. free time

Returning Home: 07:00 P.M. from Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Space is limited, First come first serve. Save your seat and pay now! Trip Chair is Tiffani Henry tiffani.henry@gmail.com or call 753-1114.

We will be opening the trip to **nonmembers for registration on March 9, 2008.** On that day, check for seat availability with Lynne Kelly at lk@lynnekelly.com or 874-5403.

Washington trip REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State : _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

\$25.00 TAA Member

\$30.00 Family or friend

\$ 40.00 Non-member

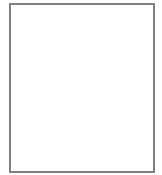
Check one and with your check mail to **TAA treasure, Lynne Kelly, 838 Moyer Road, Newport News, VA 23608.**

Check must be received by April 19th 2008. After that, call Lynne for availability at 874-5403 or email her at lk@lynnekelly.com.

For more information on the trip contact Tiffani Henry tiffani.henry@gmail.com or call her at 753-1114.

**No refunds after 4/4/2008*

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Calendar 2008

- Mar 9th - Sunday, 2:00 PM, TAA Meeting; TCC Visual Arts Center, Rm 208, 340 High Street, Portsmouth
- Apr 19th - Saturday, 5-7 PM, Opening of Juried Theme Show Exhibit; Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 West Finney Ave, Suffolk
- May TAA Meeting; time, date, and location TBA