



Letter from the President

Dear members and friends:

We've had an exhausting, but most rewarding month at the gallery. The past month we provided our first, full week of free vacation classes for children. Every day the children - ranging in age from 6 to about 14 - were introduced to a different art medium, and many were very pleased with their work. So too, were parents, who appreciated this effort. Teachers were Rose Cignatta, Aleta Gudelski, Bivenne Staiger and Dan Adamik. Special thanks to them for their hard and dedicated work with these young people. Most of all, we thank the City of Meriden, and Juliet Burdelski in particular, for making this block grant available so that ACAM could offer these classes. And thanks also to helpers Anna, Rebecca and Bivenne.

Another special event was a visit by artists from the Meriden Senior Center. Dick McEvoy led the group through his exhibit of 45 paintings entitled. "From Impressionism to Abstract". A special reception was held for the group.

Upcoming events include an outdoor workshop in Meriden, led by Shauna Shane; the "Inspirational Gardens" exhibit in early June (entry form enclosed); and starting on Father's Day, an exhibit by our wonderful father-daughter artists, Gary and Kyle O'Neil.

Please note that we'll have a pot luck dinner on Tuesday, June 23, and election of a new slate of officers for 2009/2010.

Happy spring and happy art to you all,

Barbara Ryan

GREAT NEWS!

Rose Cignatta was asked by Congressman Chris Murphy to judge the winners of the Connecticut high schools in his district Art Contest.

The judging will be held at the Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, in the month of May.

Nomination Committee 2009-2010

Rosemarie Stocking:
Chairperson, Assisted by
**Lillian Carney and
Elizabeth McGrath**
Nominations are open
from the membership
before the end of fiscal
term June 30. New term
begins July 1st. Any
member interested in
being nominated, please
contact Rita or Rosemarie
at Gallery 53. All ACAM
members are invited to be
board members and
committee chairs.

**Gallery 53 mourns the
loss of past ACAM
member and Artist -
Bob Ledoux.**

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U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

New Art Exhibition
 Thomas G. Mayer
 June 1-30, 2009
 Landscapes in oil, acrylic and pastel
 Henry Carter Hull Library
 (On route 81 - Across from Morgan High School)
 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton, CT 06413
 Library phone (860)-669-2342

Featured Artist

June

Jane M. White

Jane M. White was educated at Endicott Jr. College in Beverly, Mass., and at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She's also studied at Lyme Academy and Guilford Handcrafts. She exhibits at many juried art shows in Connecticut, including the Connecticut Pastel Society, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts College, ACAM New Britain Museum Member's Show, Southington Arts & Crafts Assoc., ACAM, Essex Art Assoc.-Elected Artist Member, Clinton Art Society-Elected Artist, Jr. Women's Expressions Show - Old Lyme, and Cheshire Art League. Jane has won many awards and specializes in house portraits. Since December 2007, Jane has been running the Gallery at the Mill House in Chester, 5 West Main Street. (Rte 148), in Chester.

AWARDS:

Grumbacher Gold Medallion Award - 1999 CT Pastel Society National Show Painting Award – 2004, 2006, 2007 & 2008 Southington Arts & Crafts Association, Painting Award - 2005 ACAM, Painting Award – 2006, 2007 & 2008 Cheshire Art League

Artist's Statement

There is a force that excites me about what I am seeing. Can I capture that feeling on paper and give it dimension? I alternate painting with watercolors or pastels. Sometimes they are a great combination. Once I am "into" a painting, I seem to disappear into another plane. Often a painting can take its own direction and this adds to the excitement.

May 16-17: (Saturday & Sunday) Outdoor Workshop, Meriden locations with Shauna Shane. Any medium. Register in advance for one day or two.*
 Two days = \$125; one day = \$ 75.
 Hours 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

June: New Pastel Painting class starts: Taught by Chris Ivers, president of the Connecticut Pastel Society. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost \$100 for members, \$125 nonmembers, six sessions. Minimum enrollment must be met for class to proceed. Materials list provided at time of registration.*

June 6: 2-4 p.m. Saturday - Reception for "Inspirational Gardens" Exhibit will run to 6/16

June 14: 1-2 p.m. Reception for Jane White, Featured Artist of the Month

June 21: (Father's Day), Reception for Gary and Kyle O'Neil – Their exhibit runs to July 2.

July: Portrait Group and ACAM Student and Studio work
Featured Artist: Ray Gawlak

Date TBD: Starving Artists Sidewalk Auction.

We've decide to replace the "Starving Artists sale, scheduled for June 6-7, with a bigger outdoor show and auction on Colony Street if we can get the permits. Probably in early August. Andy Piatek is helping to arrange this and we need some volunteers to work with him.

August: Photography Exhibit

August: (Featured artists: Dick and Nancy Boynton)

September: (Central Connecticut Artists)

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

- Register by mail, with check made out to ACAM.
 Mail to P.O. Box 348, Meriden CT 06450.
 Cash or credit card at Gallery 53
 53 Colony St. Meriden, Ct 06451

Thomas Kearney presented his latest artwork at the Southington Library in April. Thomas has studied with Bruce Raven at ACAM and has received several juried awards and has taught art in Meriden. Thomas describes his art as fundamental realism.

ARTS & CRAFTS ASSN. OF MERIDEN, INC.
53 Colony Street, Meriden CT 06451
OPEN THEME EXHIBIT: "Inspirational Gardens" ENTRY FORM

Exhibit will run to 6/16.
 Receiving: Sat. May 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ,Tues. June 2, 12-4 p.m.
 Reception: Saturday, June 6, 2-4 p.m.

Fees: None

Categories:

Paintings (oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel), sculpture, drawings, graphics, crafts, photography

Eligibility: All entries must be ORIGINAL -- your own design and composition (from your own sketches and photos) as well as your

own execution -- & not previously shown at Gallery 53. Pictures must be dry, framed, wired and ready for hanging. NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS. Framed work more than 42" in width accepted at discretion of selection committee. Crafts must be exhibition quality only.

Labels must be completed, signed and accompany each piece. Each label has two parts (side by side) containing the same information. One half of the label will extend beyond the frame. Affix the label to the lower left-hand corner of the work (when you are facing the back of the canvas/mat). A 35% commission will be take on sold items. No POR; NFS is OK.

Removal date: *Wednesday* June 17, 12-4 p.m.

For further information about the show, contact Gallery Director Rita Sarris, 203-235-5347.

ACAM assumes no liability for any loss or damage sustained to any piece at any time. Every reasonable effort will be taken to prevent damage or loss. Your signature signifies your agreement with the terms above.

GALLERY 53 THEME EXHIBIT – "Inspirational Gardens"

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