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Summer Celebration “...searching for that

“SUMMER CELEBRATION” Judged Exhibit in the Wehner School of the Arts was a wonderful success!!! We received 43 entries from 28 members. Our show judge Ms. Tami Culbert was impressed by the diversity and skill level of the entries.

Judge’s Statement:

“This is a beautiful exhibit. The artists have worked with sophisticated techniques and I am impressed by the strong drawing skills and experimental (an adventurous!) use of color. There is a mystical quality to many of the pieces which made me go back again and again.

Judging an art show is like choosing a Matisse over a Picasso—there were so many quality pieces. The works I selected made a connection to me that transcended words. They all were technically refined, innovative, and expressed an idea that went beyond subject matter. I felt that in each piece, the artist was searching for that silent voice.”

Congratulations to the Art Guild for this accomplishment.

Tami Culbert,
Multi Media Artist,
Head of the Fine & Performing
Arts Department, St. Johns
Country Day School

*Right, Barbee Cunningham with
“Cathedral in St. Augustine”
Far Right, Perry Russell with
“King House”*



Jeannie Brockhausen with “Waning Sunset”



Dee Roberts with “Shimmering”

silent voice”

AWARDS

First Place- “Waning Sunset” Watercolor by Jeannie Brockhausen
Second Place- “Shimmering” Watercolor by Dee Roberts
Third Place- “Grace” Pastel by Anita Walker

Honorable Mentions:

King House, Historical Mayport by Perry Russell
Rusted Chain by Michael Higbe
Cathedral in St. Augustine by Barbee Cunningham
Tea Time by Connie Pratt
Afternoon Color by Carolyn Ann Day

President’s Letter

Dear Members,

New season, new programs and new opportunities await you!!! Welcome to our 2007-2008 program year. Your Art Guild Board Members have been active this summer planning for exciting and informative speakers, researching new exhibit opportunities and coordinating our involvement in several important upcoming community service projects!!! I thank them all for their time and dedication to the arts!

Please remember the Art Guild is a totally volunteer based organization. Your willingness to offer your time this year will be greatly appreciated and is greatly needed as we work to fulfill our mission to raise awareness for the arts in Clay County.

On Tuesday, September 4th at 7pm in the Lions Club of Orange Park, 423 McIntosh Avenue we will call to order our first general meeting of the new season. The business portion of the meeting will include your consideration and vote on our 2007-2008 Budget as presented by your Board. We will also open discussion on a proposed change to the Art Guild Constitution regarding the budget process.

Members are reminded to bring their completed “Summer Creativity Project” to the meeting. All proceeds from the sale of the card “creations” will support our Annual Scholarship Fund.

We are especially honored to have as our first quest speaker, Ms. Tami Culbert, Multi-Media Artist, Art Teacher and Head of Fine & Performing Arts at St. Johns Country Day School. Tami was our “Summer Celebration” exhibit judge. The program will involve a drawing exercise so please bring paper, 6B pencil, plastic eraser and a support board to the meeting.

As always our meeting will be followed by a social time for members and guests to enjoy refreshments and conversation. At that time members will be able to purchase our new “Art Guild of Orange Park” tote bag for \$10. The totes are bright, strong canvas bags you will enjoy using for your art supplies and for carrying artwork. We have 50 bags available to sell!!!



We welcome your comments, suggestions, questions and volunteer time...you make the Art Guild a unique organization!!!

Looking forward to working with you!

Member Interview

Reba Johnson

By Patricia White

I interviewed Reba Johnson in her attractive home in Orange Park. There I saw paintings that I had admired on her website www.rebajohnson.com. Her home and studio are full of framed and unframed art. I also met her two friendly small dogs. Reba joined the Art Guild of Orange Park in 1988. She was President from 1998 through 2000. During her tenure, the membership increased to around 88, the meetings became more structured, the number of exhibits increased, and juried shows and the building fund were started. Reba became familiar with grant procedures to help the Guild achieve non-profit status in subsequent years. Through the years she has filled most positions on the Board. She participates in many of the Guild's venues. She is a member of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, the St. Augustine Art Association and the Orange Park Historical Society. Her photography hobby is evident by many fine images in her home.

Artist's Statement: Reba said "I admire loose painting but that's not who I am. I paint tight; I paint for myself."

What is your current medium and your most recent work? How did you arrive at its conception?

"I did a series of pen and ink historical buildings in Orange Park. I have always loved buildings." (She maintains a library of local history books, photos and clippings.)

Did you arrive at this direction gradually or was there a 'pivotal' influence?

"It was a gradual evolution. Because I enjoy buildings, my travel destination was to find and photograph lighthouses. I have painted a series of lighthouses in watercolor from Maine to Florida." "I have been a member of the Historical Society. I realized that no one was doing pen and ink of local houses and found I enjoyed this media, one which I studied briefly in college." "People respond more to my flower paintings but I prefer my lighthouses and buildings."

What are your usual methods of visualization and process of beginning an artwork? What are the stages you use to complete an artwork?

"I always paint from my own photos. I like interesting shadows and often set up a still life against a background of black or white. I do make prior sketches and thumbnails."

Have you used other mediums?

"Besides pen and ink, I've used watercolor, some oils, acrylics and pastels.

Do you get artistic blocks and, if so, how do you solve them?

"I would take several art classes in a row; especially from Hercel Stallard."

Was there an important art experience as a child?

"My mother and aunts were artists but I did not paint until I was an adult."

Did you have additional schooling?

"I was in real estate for years and took many related courses for that career. This also accounts for my interest in buildings."

Which workshops influenced your art?

"I took about two a year. My influential teachers were Gerald Brammer, Pat Weaver and Hercel Stallard."

Which is your favorite personal artwork?

"My daughter-in-law has a painting of yellow hibiscus painted five years ago. I admire it every time I visit. It is my favorite."

I left Reba impressed with her contributions to the Guild and her skills. On her work desk were photos of apple blossom branches. Another painting in the works? I hope so.



Upcoming Exhibits and Art Events

The Stellars Gallery Annex, 200 First Street, Neptune Beach, is presenting "Produce" an exhibit of mixed media paintings by Jim Draper through September 15th. Gallery hours are 10-5 Monday-Friday and 10-4 Saturdays. For more information 247-7200. Jim Draper will be our guest speaker and workshop leader in April 2008!!!!

The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts on College Drive will be hosting an Opening Reception for "My Florida/John Wilton" in the Florida Artists Gallery and "Our World/John Reed" in the Jack Mitchell Photography Gallery on Friday, September 14th from 7-9pm.

Orange Park Library Art Wall Gallery

August-Paintings by **Desiree Kantrim**

September-Artwork display by **Penny Farms Artists**

October-**Kris Lesak**

November-**Art In Autumn** Juried Exhibit by the Art Guild Art Wall and Glass Cases

December-**Mardie Crowe**

Fleming Island Library Art Wall

September-**Jennelle Comiskey** will be displaying her pottery in the Glass Cases Art Wall- **Angela Chainey**

October-**Irma See**-Photography

November-**Clay Junior High School**

December-Open—call Teresa Gaskins at 278-3720 if interested

Art Guild Honored

At right is the Reinhold award we received at the 2007 Annual Awards Breakfast sponsored by the Reinhold Foundation. The Art Guild was honored with a Special Judges' Award of \$1000.



Did you know that **Clay County** will be celebrating **150 years** in 2008??? As part of the activities and county wide celebrations the **Art Guild of Orange Park** is busy at work planning a historical coloring book that will highlight significant events and people in our county history. Our plans include a contest for area 4th graders (the 4th grade studies Florida History) to create the coloring book cover. The entry deadline will be October 1st. We will need artist members to assist with the selection of the cover winner (who will receive a \$150 prize) and with the creation of black line drawings of the historical materials to be included in the 25+ page book. We are working with the Historical Society of Orange Park who have offered to provide historical guidance and will help with the distribution of the coloring books during school field trips to Clarke House in Orange Park. We will also need computer assistance as we plan to create CD's of the coloring book for each Clay County Elementary School. Sign up sheets will circulate at our September Meeting so please consider participating in this exciting project!!!! For more information call C. Day 215-9177.

Member Accomplishments and Exhibits

"The Trilogies" is the title of the upcoming exhibit of members **Jennelle Comiskey, Sonya Cox, Louise Cruz** and **Lynette Woodman** in the Village Gallery, 964 Park Ave., Orange Park, 264-7151. The collection of exciting paintings and ceramics will begin with an Opening Reception on Thursday, October 11th from 6-8pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10-5:30pm and Saturday 10-2pm. The exhibit will be on display through November 9.

"Expressions of Italy" will be presented by members **Melissa Sciumbata, Susan Morrison Sims** and **Carolyn Ann Day** in the Village Gallery November 14, 2007 to January 5, 2008. This exhibit will feature oil and acrylic paintings as well as handcolored photographs that were inspired by recent travels in Italy. The Opening Reception is planned for November 15 from 6-8 in the gallery.

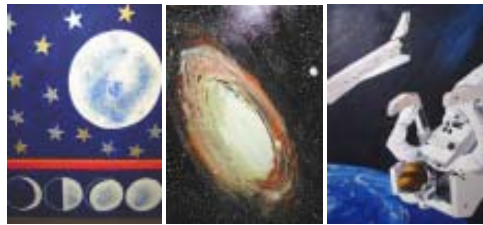
Don't forget the **First Wednesday, Art Walk** in downtown Jacksonville, September 5 from 5-9pm. **Jennelle Comiskey** will be displaying her pottery work in Hemming Plaza and **Desiree Kantrim, Rita Blum, Lynette Woodman, Louise Cruz** and **Sonya Cox** as co op members of the Art Center Gallery, 31 West Adam St. (The Carling Building) will be showing artwork based on the theme of Lighthouses and Ocean Art. This has grown to be a very well attended art event so go early and enjoy!!!!

First Friday is Art Walk Night in St. Augustine....galleries have open doors and refreshments from 5-9pm.

At right is the Mural project that the Art Guild members have been working on this summer in the technology room of the Orange Park Elementary School. Members **Melissa Sciumbata, Toni Charneco, Barbee Cunningham** and **Bob Williamson** have donated many hours of



artistic talent creating the "Galaxy Mural." At left are three panels that were installed. Astronaut image by Bob, the Moon and Phases by Barbee and the meteor by Toni.



Artists' Opportunities

"**Art in Autumn**" is the title of our November Juried Exhibition planned for the Orange Park Library. Our show juror is artist/photographer **Aimee Wiles**. Aimee is the owner of the Mullet Beach Gallery, 51 Cordova Street in St. Augustine www.mulletbeach.com and has served as show judge for many local art organizations including the St. Augustine Art Association and the Jacksonville Coalition for the Arts. She brings a wide knowledge of the art world and even adds whimsy where it is needed. Members may enter two works at \$10 each on November 1 from 10:30-11:30 in the Meeting Room of the Orange Park Library. We will have access to the glass display cases for those who would like to enter 3 D pieces. Work not selected will need to be picked up after about 1:30PM. Art Guild show guidelines apply to this event. The Opening Reception and Awards will take place Thursday, November 1 from 6-8pm in the gallery area. We are in need of a Show Chairperson for this event....please call 215-9177.

The **Wehner School of the Arts** has offered the Art Guild members an opportunity to create a show of personally created violin faces(covers). The lightweight wooden blanks (shown at right) are available at the Wehner School Store, 515 College Drive, for \$21.40 each. Our plan is to present an exhibit in the school for the month of December with the finished pieces. You are invited to decorate, paint, frame or design the face anyway you wish!



Interested in Art Classes??? This is the time of year for new classes to begin....several opportunities are available in the area.

The Wehner School of the Arts is offering several art/ceramic classes for adults and children. Member **Melissa Sciumbata** will be conducting an adult drawing and painting class on Monday mornings from 10-11:30am and an after school art class for children in grades 2-5 on Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm. **Jennelle Comiskey** will be offering pottery/ceramics on Thursdays from 3:30-5pm for 6-12 year olds and on Fridays from 1-2 for 4-6 year olds and Saturdays 10-11:30am for adults. Call the school to register 276-1259 or visit their website www.WSOTA.com

The Museum of Contemporary Art offers a regular schedule of painting and drawing classes in the 5th floor studios in downtown Jacksonville. For more information contact the education department 366-6911 x 207 or aisabell@mocajacksonville.org

Reddi-Arts at 1037 Hendricks Avenue in the San Marco area of Jacksonville offers classes...call 398-3161 or www.reddiarts.com/ClassesandWorkshops.html Reddi-Arts is a great art supply store as well with lots of interesting and creative papers, paints and cards!!!!

Artists' Opportunities to Serve

Quigley House (End it Here. End it Now) is a safe house serving women and children in our area. They need our assistance..if you have twin sheets, pillow cases,flatware, portable crib sheets, car seats or strollers (new or gently used) please contact Tina Neas 284-0340 or email her at volunteer_for_quigley@yahoo.com to arrange delivery or call C. Day 215-9177. They have also requested art supply donations for use at the house. Your Art Guild Board has approved an expenditure of \$200 for supplies that will be delivered to Quigley House in the very near future!!!! If you would be interested in volunteering to teach an art or craft class (nothing formal—one session is fine!) that would also be greatly appreciated...please call Tina.

Art Guild Rotating Exhibits

The Orange Park Cancer Center-Christy Leach 384-4904 September 6 4:30PM

Clay County Center on Aging-Virginia McCampbell 278-0998 September 10 1-2pm

Island Realty-Is planning a Grand Opening on Friday, September 21 from 5-8pm. Artists are invited to bring along easels and artwork for display outdoors.

Real Estate Gallery-(soon to be Exit Real Estate Gallery) C. Day 215-9177 August 25 at 10am

Wehner School-pick up from current show Friday, August 31 and drop off for next rotation show 10am
Remember to purchase your blank violin faces for our December exhibit at the school supply store.

Orange Park Town Hall-Sonya Cox 278-4342 October 5 10am

Green Cove Springs City Hall—to be determined

Fleming Island Foyer-to be determined

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Our sincere thanks to all our generous donors. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!!!

Art Guild Building Fund-our current CD balance is \$4,493.41.

General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, September through May beginning at 7pm in the Lions Club of Orange Park, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park.

Board Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month in the Fleming Island Library Meeting Room at 7PM.



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