



May 2010

The monthly member meeting will be held
April 10 @ 9:30 am, in the **Community Room**
at South Street Christian Church



The Visual Voice

Artist Alliance News

President's Message

My husband Bob, dog Annie, and I will be heading north to Minnesota shortly after our oldest granddaughters high school graduation on May 17th. As usual, we will be gone until late October. While I am away painting pine trees and swimming in our cold Minnesota lakes, you will all be left in the excellent leadership of your Vice Presidents, Deby Gilley, Jon Thompson, and William Malcomb. They will be taking turns managing our monthly meetings, and handling the day to day issues of the Artist Alliance.

We should all be very proud of the progress our organization has made in the last six months! Our future looks even more exciting...more workshops offered by Sharon Warren and her great team. The launch of our new mentoring program this fall, lead by Hue Parnell, and a continuing increase in membership, (up by 26%) thanks to the development of our beautiful new website designed by Jen Pratt, and the renewed enthusiasm of our long time members who have been busy recruiting new talent.

One last thing...we have been approached by a Springfield business and offered a venue for a themed fall show for our membership. This offer includes advertisement, an artist's reception, and a proven venue for selling your work. (Just before the Christmas season). I will provide the details during our May 8th meeting. (remember, it is being held at the South Side Christian Church, corner of South and Elm Streets)

I will stay in close touch with all of you during the summer...

talk to me at....lettievalentine@yahoo.com

Lettie L. Blackburn, Visual Artist Alliance President 2010

May Meeting Agenda, don't forget, location has changed! (see page 1)

9:30 *Call meeting to order*

Announcements

Secretary report and approval of minutes

Treasurers Report

Old Business:

- Art Fest for 2011...Lettie Blackburn
- Mentorship update...Hue Parnell
- Workshop report (both past and upcoming) new sign up requirements) Sharon Warren
- New signs for JKH juried shows...Carol Penprase

New Business:

- Juried Show schedule update and discussion, Mary German, Rena Hunter, and Lettie
- Offer of new gallery venue and Fall Show proposal....Lettie
- Other new business

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Alliance Announcements

Current Spring Show....
reception Friday May 7...6:30-7:30pm JKH
Current show comes down Saturday July 24.

Summer jury same day, Saturday July 24
Summer show comes down September 11

Fall Jury October 30

Congratulations to the winners of the Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield Spring Juried show, which had 38 entries.
Reception is Friday, May 7, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Jurors Choice Award went to:
Dee Giles, "Cool Drink", watercolor

Honorable Mention to:
Lois Reeves, "Aging Beauty", watercolor AND "Water Lilies", watercolor
Chad Thomas (our newest member) "Violin Girl", acrylic

Member News

Congratulations to Deby Gilley who won an award of excellence at ArtsFest

Congratulations to Alliance members who were juried into the Waverly House ,
"Flavors of the Season" spring show. Reception will be held from 5-7:30pm on Friday, May 7.

Accepted members include:

Karen Deeds,(Best of show Award),

Alicia Farris, (Theme Award),

Dianne Baum, Lettie L. Blackburn,

Deby Gilley,

Jane Huggins,

Ernest Lorenc,

Kathy Luna,

and Marla Parnell.

Workshop Report

The John Fitzgibbon workshop was a great success and all were blessed. John Fitzgibbons is a great teacher and person. This was the first acrylic workshop. We will have the first major watercolor workshop in May with Paul Jackson and it is completely full. The excitement is beginning to bloom.

We will have some local artists for workshops this Summer and in the Fall we will have another National artist for a two day workshop.

Thanks to all the people who brought such yummy foods for the lunches. We will always bring a sack lunch for the future workshops to make it simple. We can provide coffee and tea and the students may bring a treat for all to share.

Sharon Warren

April Meeting Minutes

will be sent out in a separate e-mail from Jane Huggins later this week.