

“Brush Off”



The Fort Myers Beach Art Association

October – November, 2011

From the President...

It is very exciting for me to welcome all of you to the Fort Myers Beach Art Association year of 2011/2012. It is a great privilege to be working with a Board of directors, Committee Chairs and members who give of their time and talents to benefit our community. We have a very busy year planned for our members. That means that it will take all of us to make our classes, pot lucks, sales and events successful. Volunteer your time or take on a job when asked for help. We get to know each other better when we work together.

There has been a great deal of publicity in the local papers about the lack of “the arts on the beach”. We all know who we are but obviously many people do not. This is the year for the FMBAA to let everyone know that we are an organization devoted to our community and have fostered visual arts during the last 60 years. So let’s tell everyone else we are here!

So with that in mind the Paint the Beach event kicks off that effort beginning Monday November 14 when the artists start painting. Then the **biggest and classiest** event on the beach takes place on Friday evening, November 18 with an opening reception and sale of paintings executed during the week in the **biggest and classiest tent** on the beach with great food. Buy your tickets early and sign up to participate or volunteer. See the FMBAA web site. The committee needs your assistance so

get in touch with Michele Buelow so she can put you to work!

Also our Famous Artists Workshop with Bridget Austin will begin November 14th in the Gallery. There is still time to sign up. Remember that you get special pricing when you are a member. Take advantage of excellent instruction with well known artists during our workshops. This is the last year for the November workshop. This class will not be as big as the other winter workshops so you will get more individual attention.

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

The October 20th Pot Luck and the December 15th Pot Luck will again feature the “**Art of the Kitchen**” under the direction of Kathleen Flicek. Going out to dinner to dine on Kathleen’s cooking is always a delight. This “restaurant” will be full of your old and new friends so come and enjoy.

I will see you soon!!!! *Meg Bushnell*

Noteworthy

--Congratulations to our Scholarship winners from last season:

- 1st Place-Anna Craig
- 2nd Place -Alexandra Cox
- 3rd Place- Katy Herscher

We had a great show and the winners are very happy. Thanks to *Elaine Finelli* for pulling this together.

--Our Gallery Chair for October is **Kathryn Miller** (985-0038) and **Kathy Taylor** (454-4547) for November. Fill up the spaces soon.

---Be sure to reserve a place at the POTLUCK on Thursday October 20.

--**Connie Donfrancesco** has prepared a schedule for the **painting bins** for this season: one painter (12 paintings in a bin) or two painters share a bin, (six paintings each). Artists using the bins will change with each new show Sign up for the spaces now. The sign-up sheet is in the library. Leave your inventory at the desk. Artwork should be properly matted and shrink wrapped.

2011-2012 YEARBOOKS

--This 2011-2012 YEARBOOK was expertly prepared by **Sue Pink**. It was e-mailed to members who elected the e-mail option for correspondence. Print copies were prepared for others and are available to sign for at the gallery. The membership list was included in the YEARBOOK.

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--The **Ultimate Island Guide**, and new web site administrator, is giving us a wonderful spot on their web page. Check it out. Go to www.ultimateislandguide.com and then go to Florida, Fort Myers Beach, and the Arts. You might even see yourself at work.

--Thanks to **Doris Callison** who was a member of the FMBAA since the 1970s has donated lots of art supplies. She has moved to The Windsor, Cape Coral, FL.

Watercolor paper supply:

Gretchen Johnson reminds members that we provide a supply of water color paper at good prices by getting bulk orders. The paper is not

free. We are on the honor system for paying. The prices have increased. The new prices are:
Arches 140# hot and cold press - \$4.50 per sheet

Arches 300# hot and cold press - \$10.00 per sheet

Yupo - \$3.50 per sheet

The receipt should include the amount and kind of paper (3 sheet limit), the price and your name. Put the receipt in the pouch with your payment.

In the Gallery

Experimentalists Tuesday

9:00 to 12:00.

Come on Tuesday mornings (exceptions noted on calendar). Explore new approaches to your art. No instruction, no fee. **Michele Buelow**

Figure and Portrait group

Tuesday 1:00 to 4:00

Meet each Tuesday afternoon (exceptions noted on calendar). This group works in any medium. No Instruction. Model fee. New artists are asked to contact **Pauline Healey** at paulinehealey@gmail.com

Open Painting Wednesday

9:00 to 12:00

Each Wednesday morning (exceptions on the calendar) come to draw paint sketch, paint, and exchange painting tips. No instruction.

Gretchen Johnson



IN MEMORY

Vi Hathaway died at the age of 91 on 4/23/11. **Terry Shattuck** writes: “Vi Hathaway made great contributions to FMBAA in her active years. She coordinated our famous workshops for many years and went above and beyond the call of duty. Back then the chairperson was the instructors chauffeur, picking them up at the airport and providing their transportation for the entire week. She even provided their lunch if someone else did not volunteer. She was a gracious hostess and represented us well. She always hosted a party in her home for the instructors and workshop participants. She was last active on the exhibition committee and you may remember her as the lady who inspected your frames and wires on receiving day for our shows.

She was a good painter and for years she exhibited in the Summer circuit shows in New England. Vi was still painting this past year which reminds me of a quote that Gretchen Johnson shared with our summer painters last week. **"When it comes to following your artistic aspirations, "sooner" beats "later". Ten Minutes a day is better than taking a whole year off when you're 90 to do your masterpiece.** Vi was also a member of the Lehigh Art League and San Cap. “

Aleca Cobb died at the age of 83 on 4/26/2011. **Sue Pink** writes: “I first met Aleca when I joined the Fort Myers Beach Art Association in 1997. She may have been petite but was also a fire ball of energy. When something needed to be done, Aleca was figuring out a way to do it. If she couldn't get anyone to assist her, she took on the project alone. It wasn't until I shared a room with her at the Florida Watercolor Society's annual convention that I discovered her very interesting life. She was of

Greek descent and was born in Alexandria, Egypt. Her description of her early childhood in Egypt was nothing but lavish. She earned a degree in nursing and married Richard Donnalley. She told me stories of long sailing trips on the Mediterranean Sea with him. They moved to the United States and she continued her nursing career along with caring for her growing and busy family. Richard became ill and Aleca cared for him until his death. We knew her as Aleca Cobb, because she remarried, and Aleca and Mac moved to the Fort Myers area. Looking for something to keep her busy she showed up one evening at one of the 'pot luck' dinners hosted by the FMBAA. The rest is history. Aleca eventually became involved in every committee, no job was too small or too large for her to tackle. She was president of the organization from 1990 through 1992. She took over the 'Famous Artist Workshop' committee and ran those workshops until she moved to stay with her daughter in Hollywood, FL. Aleca had a marvelous impact on the FMBAA. We were so lucky to have her as a part of our family.”

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Mary Knight (Howard) 19333 Summerlin Rd., Site 306, FM 33908

Patricia Newport (Ralph) 30 Nancy Ln., FMB 33931 (239-560-3722)

Linda Raphael 22748 Island Pines Way 1-201 FMB 33931 (239-463-2608)

Florence Zdanowitz 24914 Windward Blvd., Bonita Springs 34134 (732-551-8110)

Elaine Martinson (Andy) Smuggler's Cove (416-231-5099)

Member Photos

George Buelow has compiled about 80 photos of members.

As you get a chance, we would like yours...or you may change yours if you want a new look! Please send your photo to George at gbuelow@sbcglobal.net or send them to the FMB gallery so they can be included in the directory.

Officers for 2011/2012

President	<i>Meg Bushnell</i>
1 st VP	<i>Corky Condon</i>
2 nd VP	<i>Joan Zeoli</i>
Recording Secty.	<i>Kathy Taylor</i>
Corresp. Secty.	<i>Gretchen Johnson</i>
Treasurer	<i>George Buelow</i>
Asst. Treas.	<i>Joanne Shamp</i>

Elected Directors

Neil Walling
Elaine Finelli
Corky Condon
Sylvia Kasparie
Joan Zeoli
Floyd Lawrence

Paint the Beach ...Sandcastles to Shrimptoats.

A plein air Festival in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. November 14-20

The committee has been working on this festival all year to make it even better than last year's event. From November 14-17 artists will be painting in the town and will deliver the finished artwork to the festival tent on November 18.

Pauline Healey is in charge of the receiving and *Joan Stobart* the hanging. Georgia Reimuth, Bonnie Roberts and Kathy Durrett from Fish Tale Marina/Santini Plaza are busy planning the wonderful gala and awards ceremony for Friday night, November 18. *Floyd Lawrence* is handling the raffle, *Michele Buelow* is handling the Quick Draw and *Meg Bushnell* the check in for artists, *Mimi Little* the Children's event, and *Corky Condon* has been working all year on sponsors and will do the programs. All these committee chairs will need your help. If you haven't volunteered, please do. This project has become our biggest money maker and how we pay our bills.

We have made arrangements for demo artists on Thursday at Holiday Inn Pincers and Saturday at the Fish House but need artists to demonstrate. The artist last year volunteered and it was a huge success. Please let us know if you would be willing to do this on one of the days.

The deadline is October 30 for artist sign ups. We are planning for 75 artists this year so tell your friends about it!! The judge is Tony Rice from Ringling School of Art and Design. See our website or pick up the prospectus at the gallery. We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the volunteers and for host homes for the out of town artist.

If you have any questions please ask us...*Michele Buelow*, *Mimi Little* or *Corky Condon*.

Michele Buelow



Art Council of Southwest Florida

The following are the 2011 dates for the Art Council of Southwest Florida. There are two sets of meetings: one is for the Board of Directors (Officers and Delegates), and the second is for the Council (General Meeting for Officers, Delegates and Interested Others).

November 1, 2011, 9:30 – 12:30 Council Meeting, Guest Artist Jan Ellen Altkiewski on “The Business of Art” at The Alliance for the Arts” Ft. Myers November 1, 2011, 12:30 – 4:00 Board Meeting – Conference Room at Alliance for the Arts in Ft. Myers

December 6, 2011, 9:30 – 12:30 Board Meeting – South Regional Library Meeting Room, Three Oaks Blvd. near Corkscrew Rd. December 14, 2011, 9:30 – 12:30 Council Meeting – TBD

Shows and Exhibitions

Mini-masters: Be Creative on a small scale!!.....

The Mini Masters Project has been a great success since its inception at FMBAA about four years ago. When they debut at the Art Divine Christmas sale there is always a rush to purchase these small treasures. At each sales event we display them again and continue to sell them. Members are making collections of our own artists work and visitors like to take the tiny treasures home. There is always room in a suitcase for one or two. They have been purchased for favors, prizes and gifts.

With all these sales the number on Minis is VERY low. We need your help!! So get out your paintbrushes and papers and make a couple for this year's project. A small image of 3x5

gets matted into an 8x10 mat. Use at least 4x6 paper to give a margin for matting. Drop them off at the gallery or mail them in.

This year Patty O'Kane, a very new member, who teaches and paints in Illinois, donated over 100 mats to the project. Pauline has the bags to package the matted paintings and we are ready to get them set up at the end of November. Thanks to Patty for her generous donation and for Pauline and everyone's help.

If you have any questions email me at kzooartist@sbcglobal.net.

Michele Buelow

Art Divine Six framed and six matted paintings may be entered, each priced for \$99 or less. The entrance fee is \$15. No commission will be deducted on sold entries. You can replace work sold. Enter and make a little money for your supplies.

Gallery Sitting. Please remember that artists entering **ANY SHOW** are expected to gallery sit unless hardship is shown. Gallery sitters are an important part of our member run FMBAA and especially to have our gallery open during our shows. They provide information to visitors on the FMBAA, the show, and the artists. We cannot be open if we do not have sitters. You can sign up at receiving when you are at the gallery.

“Favorite Painting” Voting at the Annual Meeting, April 7, 2011, ended in a tie between **Joanna Legge** for her painting “Rock bottom Fossils” and **Meg Bushnell** for her sculpture “My Faith”

Show Notes

--*Pauline Healey* has been accepted in the Florida Watercolor Society. Congratulations to Pauline. Members with paintings accepted in the Florida Watercolor Society 2011 exhibition are Pauline Healey (her painting entitled "Harvard Square") Anne Kittel, Joanne Ostroski, and Tracy Cullimore.

--*Sue Pink* has a painting accepted into the National Watercolor Society 2011 91st Annual Exhibition.

Fall Member Show – “Anything Goes”

Receiving: Friday, October 14
9:00-12:00 noon

Reception: Thursday, October 20
5:30 p.m. (potluck)

Removal: Friday November 11
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Members may enter two paintings or photos, including paintings which have won awards in other shows, work completed solely by the artist in workshops, etc. The entries may not hang in additional shows during the current year.

Fall Judged Show (Member Show)

Receiving: Friday, November 11
9:00-12:00 noon

Judged by Bridget Austin TWSA
Sunday a.m., November 13

Gallery Talk: Sue Pink
Sunday, November 20, 1:00p.m.

Reception: Sunday, November 20
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Removal: Friday, December 9
9:00-11:00a.m.

The prospectus for this show is enclosed>
Waivers and entry forms are at the Gallery.

Art Divine (Member Show)

Receiving: Friday, December 9
9:00-12:00 noon

Removal: Friday, January 13
9:00-11:00 a.m.

(no reception)

Gallery 2 Shows

Officer, Director, Cte. Chair Show

Receiving : Friday, October 14
9:00-12:00 noon

Removal: Friday November 11
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Work done at a recent FMBAA workshop

Receiving: Friday November 11
9:00-12:00 noon

Removal : Friday December 9
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Maya Bryant Award

The Exhibition Committee voted to move the Maya Bryant Award from the Spring Juried Show to the Fall Judged Show. The entry must be entered in the Fall Judged Show and will be selected from those eligible entries. To be eligible, the painting must be begun plein air and the majority of the work plein air; but it may be completed in the studio.

Classes and Workshops

Famous Artist Workshops

*****Attention NEW Reduced Rates**

Bridget Austin, TWSA.

November 14-18, Mon thru Fri, 2011

Watercolor, all levels. \$300 members, \$330 non-members, individual days: \$70 members and \$80 non-members. This workshop can be taken for a week, three days or two days.

Bridget's expressive paintings reflect her love of the Midwestern landscape, as well as her travels. She has received awards in many national and regional shows, including the AWS and NWS. She received the Master of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America medal. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, she has worked as a graphic designer and teacher. She has enjoyed concentration on watercolor painting and sharing her enthusiasm for the medium in workshops for 25 years. Bridget will work with students to help refine individual styles through personal and group critiques.

Contact *Gretchen Johnson* at 239-463-1214
gretjohn@embarqmail.com

DEMO on Sunday, November 13 \$10

Local Artist Workshops

The local artist workshops are the short workshops this year taught by our members. (You may take one or more days)

Kathryn McMahon will be teaching a class November 3-4. Students can use either oil or

acrylic paint. The two day class will cover both still life and plein air painting and comes just in time for brushing up on your plein air skills before the Paint the Beach Plein Air Festival Nov. 14-20. Kathryn is a experienced and well qualified instructor with much to share. The cost is \$50. per day or \$100 for the two days. Minimum of 10 students. Please sign up before Oct., 2011. Leave a message on the gallery phone to sign up (463-3909). Workshop chairman is *Karen Borden* (463-0343).

Pauline Healey will show us how to make batiks in a one day workshop on Dec. 2, 2011, \$50 per day.

Sue Pink will follow up with a 2 day workshop on collage on Feb. 2-3, 2012, \$50 per day.

Neil Walling will again teach his popular plein air workshop on Feb. 23, 24, 25, 2012 (3 mornings, plein air, \$20 per session). These workshops fill up fast so register soon.

Classes

Patty Kane - Watercolor

Patty Kane continues her 'loose and juicy' series of watercolor classes. She will introduce you to the beauty of layering transparent watercolor and the value of using a limited palette through demonstrations and critiques. Students will explore many traditional watercolor techniques and exercises designed to gain skills and confidence needed to tap into your creative side.

6 WEEK CLASS

Monday, November 7 thru December 19, 2011
*No Class November 14 due to Bridgett Austin Workshop

Intermediate/Advanced Class - 9-noon
Beginning Class 1- 4 pm

6 WEEK CLASS

Monday, January 9 thru Feb 27, 2012

*No class January 16 due to Rose Eden workshop

*No class February 13 due to Carol Frye workshop

Intermediate/Advanced Class 9 – noon

Beginning Class 1-4 pm

8 WEEK CLASS

Monday, March 5 thru April 23, 2012

Advanced Class - 9-noon

Beginning Class – 1-4 pm

COST: \$18/class/FMBAA member OR
\$20/class/non-member

The classes are taught in a series. This is not a drop-in class. Prepayment for the series is required, reserves your spot in the class and is greatly appreciated. Please write and mail your check to: artbypattykane, Inc., 8008 Sivon Way, Naples, FL 34119

Demos

Demos are held the Sunday prior to our famous artist workshops. Plan to attend and get a preview of the workshop.

Bridget Austin TWSA, Nov 13 at 4 p.m. \$10.

Rose Edin TWSA, NWS Jan 15 at 4 p.m. \$10.

Carol Frye ISEA Feb 12 at 4 p.m. \$10.

“THE BRUSHOFF”

The newsletter of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association is published four times a year:

October, December, February, and April.
(Deadline is the 13th of the previous month.)

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Summer Hours: Wed & Thurs 9-1

Wednesday en plein air

Avis Schmitz (239-481-6508) will again organize our plein air painters. The plein air painters meet each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at various locations to find scenes to paint or sketch. You will see watercolors, oil, acrylic, and pastel. They meet at noon for a brown bag lunch and critique. Chair **Avis Schmitz** has asked Pauline Healey and Kathy Taylor to select the painting locations and lead the discussion for October and November.

OCTOBER 2011

Pauline Healey (243-0850)

- 5 Joanne Shamp, 5664 Estero Blvd FMB (Car Pooling suggested)
- 12 Hooters, 1600 Estero Blvd FMB
Lunch & critique at the art center
- 19 Fish Tale Marina, 7225 Estero Blvd FMB
- 26 Beach Elementary School, 2751 Oak St FMB.

NOVEMBER 2011

Kathy Taylor (454-4547)

- 2 Times Square FMB (fee for parking)
- 9 Bowditch Point, North end of Estero Island (fee for parking)
- 16 Bunche Beach, John Morris, off of Summerlin Rd.
- 23 Red Coconut (RV Park next to FMBAA)
- 30 Port Sanibel Marina, Port Comfort Road, off Summerlin Rd. , one mile before the Sanibel bridge.

FORT MYERS BEACH ART ASSOCIATION

www.fortmyersbeachart.com

PROSPECTUS FALL JUDGED SHOW

RECEIVING: Friday, November 11, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

MEDIA: Two dimensional paintings including drawings, watercolor, oils, acrylic, pastel, collage, hand pulled prints, serigraphs, woodcuts, and batik. No sculpture, photography, computer art, laser, giclee or iris prints.

EXHIBITION: All paintings must be conceived by the artist, painted without the help or assistance of another artist, and not painted in a class or workshop. IT MUST HAVE BEEN PAINTED WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS AND NOT SHOWN PREVIOUSLY THIS SEASON AT FMBAA. PAINTINGS WHICH HAVE WON 1ST, 2ND, or 3RD AWARDS, OR THE EQUIVALENT, IN ANY COUNCIL SHOW ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. Maximum size in any direction 50" including frame. Full size watercolor paintings must have acrylic glazing. Paintings on canvas must be framed or have "wrap around" canvas *with the sides painted* and no staples showing. All artists entering the show are expected to gallery sit unless a hardship prevents them from doing so. The FMBAA reserves the right to exclude any painting with subject matter deemed inappropriate. See the Yearbook for definition of Diptych, framing information, and other information.

AWARDS: 1st - \$200 Maya Bryant - \$100 (see note below)
2nd - \$150 Merit (3) \$50 ea.
3rd - \$100 Honorable Mentions (3) \$35 ea.

JUDGE: Bridget Austin TWSA

FEE: Two paintings may be entered for \$20 with the guarantee one will be hung. Please number entries #1 or #2. If necessary, #2 paintings will be eliminated by lottery.

SALES: A 20% commission will be charged on all sales. Prices should include the 20%. If two paintings are entered, only one may be marked NOT FOR SALE (NFS).

GALLERY TALK: Sunday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m. (Prior to Reception)

RECEPTION: Sunday, November 20 (following Critique)

REMOVAL: Call Gallery to see if your painting was received. All declined entries must be picked up within 48 hours. RECEIVED paintings may be picked up 9:00-12:00 noon, December 9, 2010. (You may bring Art Divine entries during the same time period)

WAIVER and ENTRY FORMS: Waiver and Entry forms have been standardized for all three major shows. They are available at FMBAA website, from Kasparies@aol.com or at the Receiving. (Forms from prior years may NOT be used)

PLEASE NOTE: The Maya Bryant Award has been moved from the Spring Juried Show to this show. The entry must be entered in the Fall Judged Show. Please note on the top of the entry form "Outdoor Painter". Only members of the FMBAA Outdoor Painters are eligible for this award. The majority of the work must be Plein Air, but it may be completed in the studio.

For questions, email Kasparies@aol.com or call 433-3340 or 775-315-0367



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