

KAA Update



KENT ART ASSOCIATION INC.
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President's Message



Dear Members, Fellow Artists, and Friends,

Our first juried show was Chaired by Steffi Jones and Co-chaired by Patrick Purcell. The Spring Show was ably juried and judged by Janice Baragwanath, Joel Spector, and Thomas Adkins. We wish to thank the judges for their time, thoughtful comments, and wonderful paintings which are on display at the Kent Art Association gallery.

Volunteers ensured that Receiving and Hanging were completed efficiently. We wish to thank our dependable volunteers including Gretchen Getsinger, Cathy Lusardi-Sgro, Marj Tilley, Clayton Buchanan, Sue Morrill, Judy Cantwell, Laura Wilk, Alexis Lynch, Earl Fisher, Patricia and Dan Billeci who helped with Receiving and Judging. Thank you Ruth Newquist, Exhibition Chairperson, who was involved in the activities all day Saturday.

We wish to thank our Hanging Committee including Sandra Beres, James Hogue, Russ Styles, Mary Beth Chapdelaine, Kip Miller, Stuart Grandy, and David Beres. Volunteering helps you understand how the organization works and gives you the chance to meet people who are interested in art. Think how you can help Kent Art Association become a more vibrant organization.

Kent Art Association kicked off its Spring Show Thursday, April 22 by hosting the initial reception for the Kent Film Festival. Frank and Patrice Galterio brought many new visitors into the gallery who enjoyed viewing fine art, partaking in good food, and engaging in conversation. We enjoyed hosting the Kent Film Festival and look forward to future visits.

The well attended Friday reception officially opened our Spring Show. As well as a chance to view fine art, visitors listened to Scott Mitchell play his acoustic guitar. Scott's music added atmosphere to our reception. Refreshments were provided by the popular Villager Restaurant, located on Main Street in Kent. We wish to thank Tony for the delicious food which added spice to the event. Anita Langford and Mary Beth Chapdelaine deserve special thanks for hosting this event.

During the Saturday afternoon Awards Reception, The Kent Art Association honored the Spring Show winners. This was a good time to speak with successful artists and find out more about them. It was also an opportunity to study the winning art work and listen to the judges' comments concerning each piece. We give special thanks to Jane Lawrence who received an award and brought cheese and crackers for the reception. Anita Langford hosted the reception and made sure the reception table was beautifully displayed. Make time to view this fine representational show before it closes on June 6.

Continue to contact me with your suggestions on ways to improve The Kent Art Association at carolynfisherart@gmail.com [<mailto:carolynfisherart@gmail.com>].

Our next show will be Member Show II. Make sure to attend Will Kefauver's presentation "Using Your Digital Image" which will take place before Receiving for the Member Show II. Remember to change your small works with each show.

Carolyn B. Fisher
President

ARTISTS' TIP: FLIP IT!!

We all get to the point when we just can't figure out what might be wrong with the great new piece we're working on. It seems right, but there's just something...

Give this a shot - turn your work upside down and then step back and look again. Many times, problems you don't see normally will jump out at you when seen from this new perspective. Alternately, look at your work in a mirror. Again, the new perspective highlights problems you might not have been able to identify before!

Do you have a helpful tip to share? Please send your artist tips and any other news items to Will Kefauver - will@kefauverstudio.com [<mailto:will@kefauverstudio.com>]

AT OTHER SHOWS:

"LANDSCAPE - Photography/Painting"

A two-man show - Will Kefauver with photographer, Robert Rodriguez, Jr. will be on display at the Hudson Valley Hospital Center, May 4-August 30th, in the Main First Floor Gallery.

Hudson Valley Hospital Center
1980 Crompond Road
Cortlandt Manor, New York
(914)737-9000

For more information—
kefauverstudio.com/HVHC.html

"THE ART OF CARING"

Ruth Newquist is the featured artist in a new show in support of the Regional Hospice and their work in changing the lives of patients and families.

www.ruthnewquist.com

Friday, June 11th - 7:00 pm
Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation
900 Ridgebury Road
Ridgefield, Connecticut
For more information - 203-739-8312 or
www.RegionalHospiceCT.org

"WATER WORKS"

Several pastel paintings by Julie Hopkins will be featured in the upcoming show "Water Works".

May 15 through the end of June
Gregory James Gallery
13 Main Street
New Milford, CT.

To see more of Julie's work - www.juliehopkins.com

"SOLO SHOW"

During the month of May, Patricia Collins Broun will be displaying her work in a solo show at the East Fishkill Community Library. The Library is located in Hopewell Junction, New York on Route 376.

For information on library hours visit
www.EastFishkillLibrary.org or call (845) 221-9943.

CCF/KAA BENEFIT AUCTION

We have been busy preparing for the upcoming benefit art auction with the Children's Cancer Fund. The event takes place this Sunday, May 16, 2010 at the Ridgefield Community Center in Ridgefield, Ct. We have 55 participating artists and 139 pieces of art to be auctioned including sculpture. There is a nice variety of artwork that's sure to appeal to everyone so please invite your family, friends and acquaintances to attend.

For more information go to www.childrenscancerfund.org or www.kentart.org

For directions to the event please go to www.lounsburyhouse.com

VOLUNTEER THANKS

Every non-profit organization needs volunteers to help support a full calendar of activities for the year. Kent Art Association is no different and we are very grateful when members help to take on projects or assist with an event. Thank you to everyone who so willingly offers their time to help our organization. The art auction is a big undertaking and we can still use more member support to help with setup and break down tasks, runners to bring the artwork up for bidding, etc. If you can help please contact Alexis Lynch at Amlynch@optonline.net or Cathy Sgro at css526@optonline.net

SPRING SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners from the Spring Show as follows:

Awards of Excellence

Patricia Billeci - Founders Award Best In Show, "A Long Road", Watercolor

Mireille Duchesne - KAA Award for Oil/Acrylic, "La Rencontre", Oil

Tamara Oppel - KAA Award for Watercolor, "Peonies"

Jane Lawrence - KAA Award for Pastel, "Onions & Garlic"

Alfred Haywood - KAA Award of Excellence, "Vestige" Etching

Clayton Buchanan - KAA Award of Excellence, "On the Clearwater", Pastel

Sauna Holiman - KAA Award of Excellence, "Mysterious Bull Banksia", Ink on Paper

MEMBERS SHOW II

Don't forget to enter our second Member's show of the season. There will be a special \$100 prize awarded in the upcoming Member Show II for work that commemorates Connecticut's 375th anniversary. For more information on this historical event just go to www.ct375.com.

Receiving will be on Saturday June 12th from 11am until 2pm

SUBMITTING PAINTINGS AT MEMBER SHOWS

There was some confusion at the last receiving as to which artists were able to enter three (3) paintings at member shows. To make the issue clearer, Sustaining Members and Patrons are allowed (3) submissions. If you are an Associate Member—paid \$35 in dues—you can enter only (2) pieces. We allowed all members to submit the paintings they brought in for the first member show, but this time we will adhere to the rules.

Thank you for your understanding.

Member News



Congratulations to Julie Hopkins whose pastel painting "Little and Big Trees" received the Larry Newquist Award for Excellence - Best in Show at the Society of Creative Arts of Newtown 's 40th Annual Spring Juried Art Show.

Karen Cashman's work appeared in the show Canterbury and More: Landscape Paintings in Oil this April at the Edward J. Duffy Family Art Gallery, Canterbury School. For information about Karen's work - www.kcashmanpaintings.com

A new show from **Susan Scott** showed her work in exploring her life-long interest in art, nature and science. The show was called Raw Data and each piece referred to a specific, unique, and irreplaceable segment of time. It was at the Kohn-Joseloff Gallery in Cheshire, Connecticut.

Remember- If you have any news for the newsletter, please send your e-mail to Cathy Lusardi-Sgro css526@optonline.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

- President's Show—July 25 to September 6
- Elected Artists Invitational and Solo Show—September 12 to October 17
- Paint Out and Auction—Saturday, October 9
- Annual Meeting—Saturday, October 23, 11 am to 1 pm
- North East Watercolor Society Exhibition—October 21 to November 8

A BIT OF HISTORY

The Kent Art Association was founded in 1923 by nine well established artists who knew each other when they lived in New York before moving to Kent: Rex Brasher, Elliot Clark, Floyd Clymer, William Dryden, F. Luis Mora, George Laurence Nelson, Spencer Nichols, Robert Nisbet and Frederick Waugh. Six were National Academicians.

At first, the nine held an annual show in which only their work was exhibited. Later, more artists were accepted and others were invited to be associates. By 1935, they had a membership which voted upon and accepted a set of rules as the Association's By-Laws. In that year they were issued a Certificate of Incorporation by the State of Connecticut, and in 1940 were authorized by the Federal Government to be tax Exempt, making it possible for future donations to have a tax free status.

Up until 1956, the KAA held exhibitions wherever space was available in Kent. In that year the Association acquired a two-story colonial house on South Main Street (Route 7), and as time went by, architectural improvements were made to allow the entire interior to be converted into its present spacious well-lighted and air conditioned galleries.