



Hello Members,
 Have you treated yourself to the delights of a Plein Air experience yet? For those of you who attended Jerry Hill's Plein Air Watercolor Demo on the Patio at Ella last month, you learned first hand how pleasurable that can be. Bravo to those of you who brought your materials to join along. The summer evening was magnificent! Wasn't it? Jerry seemed to be painting effortlessly as he talked us through each of his brushstrokes while creating a beautiful rendition of the log cabin in the great outdoors. Did Plein Air appeal to you? After hearing the JCAA Plein Air Artists share their enthusiasm about the process and offering tips and suggestions about needed supplies at one of our previous Tuesday Demos, I knew I definitely wanted to try it. I remember Jean Blais commenting about being able to see things with a fresh eye. Now I know what she meant. Depending on the time of day, lights and shadows are so much more obvious. It's hard to explain but... Plein Air can simultaneously be exhilarating and relaxing. In a way, it's like taking mini vacations because, combined with the pleasant company, the Plein Air Artists seem to find a variety of "perfect destinations." Being mindful of the moment..... settings, sights, sounds, scents... also has a meditative and calming quality about it. Contact Kay Fill at 517-592-3603, Jean Blais at 796-2619 or Kaye Williams at 517-536-8166 to find out details and where to join them on Tuesday mornings weather permitting.

Thanks to Ed Browning, JCAA August Artist of the Month, the Mixed Media Collage Exhibit of Janice Stevens Botsford and Workshop participants will run September 7 thru October 7 at Ella. There will be a Reception on Wednesday evening, September 14 from 5:00-8:00. Stop by.

If you plan to enter the JCAA 21st Annual Potter Center Juried Art Exhibition, and we hope you do, please contact Lori Swope Sten at (517) 467-7888 or 206-7717....email studioart54@aol.com. See flyer and Newsletter attachments on website for info including the JCAA Exhibition/Competition Policy.

Fortunately, Joan Larsen and Julie Highlen were instrumental in arranging a JCAA Potter Center Landscapes and Cityscapes Exhibit (Non-juried) during the month of November for us. Contact Joan at 517-524- 7185 or colorworks14@yahoo.com

You'll be pleased to know that the Program Committee has been busy organizing an exciting roster of Demos and Workshops. Charlie Aymond, Director of the Ella Sharp Museum will be the special Guest Speaker at our upcoming September 20th Pot Luck Meeting. Spouses and significant others are more than welcome to attend this enjoyable event. Be sure to contact Diane Grose at 517-750-3081 and let her know what food items you plan to share. We will also be voting for Artist of the Month.

As you may already know, Heiner Hertling, host of the PBS Show and book "Your Brush with Nature" will be returning due to popular demand, to give a Demo on October 4. The location for his Saturday, October 8 Plein Air Workshop will be the Haehnle Sanctuary on Seymour Road. Fall colors should be glorious at that time. The Workshop will undoubtedly be worthwhile and memorable. Are you ready for a Plein Air adventure? Be sure to sign up. Tell a friend about it too.

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September 2011



Figure Drawing on Thursdays

...with Live Model

9am-Noon

\$7

Sept. 8-15-22-29

Oct. 6-13-20-27

Open to the Public

Third Thursdays ~ Wet media allowed~ Studio 1

President's Letter cont....

Aaron Bivins will be giving a Demo November 15 and offering an Acrylic Workshop November 30 that you won't want to miss.

These are just some of the opportunities we have to look forward to. Start marking your calendars. While you're at it, please help us spread the word about the Jackson Civic Art Association and the wonderful organization that it is. And remember..... the JCAA is wonderful because of YOU!

Candice Murphy

Remember~

Potluck on Sept. 20 at 6pm



Artist of the Month



Ed Browning was voted as the Artist of the Month for August with his still life painting of some fruit on a table top.

Great job Ed!!!!

JCAA Newsletter is published monthly so the members can keep up with what is happening in the group. Meetings, events, opportunities, discounts, member news, etc.

Send news or information to Jana Jamieson for publication in the monthly newsletter. Email to Janasewhat@comcast.net

Art-A-Loan

....a note from Fran Parker

We do need volunteers for the reception on Sunday, October 16, 2 - 4pm.
Susan Beredo is chairing the reception. Susan's number is 782-6935.
She'd love to hear from you.

Webmaster Needed —JCAA is seeking a new webmaster. Any member interested in volunteering to maintain our JCAA Website along with Sylvia Wymer, should please contact Mary Rochelle Burnham. Mary has graciously offered to explain procedures and train the new person.

CALENDAR

Save the Dates..... Please note that flyers containing more detailed info about JCAA Exhibits and Workshops will be on our website at jackson-civicart.org along with the newsletter. Flyers will also be sent out with the newsletter.

* September 7 thru October 7 Mixed Media Collage Exhibit of Janice Stevens Botsford and Workshop participants at Ella

* September 8 thru December 15 (Thursdays) "Drawing a Costumed Model" 9:00-12:00 at Ella, \$7.00 per Drop-in session. Relaxed setting. All levels. Questions? Contact Mary Hertler Tallman at maryhertler-tallman@gmail.com

* September 10 "Windows of Opportunity" MORC Fundraising Event Contact Kristie Persyn at 586-416-2063 or kristie.persyn@morcinc.org or Carrie Gerdeman at 248-276-8124 or carie.gerdeman@morcinc.org

* September 10 Grass Lake Heritage Day Festival.. Look for JCAA Artists Jean Blais and Sharon Sunday.

* September 10 Art a Loan Exhibit goes up at Ella...Contact Beth Voulgaris at 529-4856 if you know of businesses that would be interested in renting student art. Rental fee is \$150.00.

* September 14 Reception at Ella for Mixed Media Collage Workshop Participants 5:00-8:00 PM

* September 16 Board Meeting 10:00-12:00

* September 20 JCAA Pot Luck Dinner Meeting, Charlie Aymond, Director of the Ella Sharp Museum.6:00 PM, Guest Speaker

• September 20 Artist of the Month at Pot Luck

* September 21 thru October 9th ArtPrize 2011 will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan featuring work of American and International Artists. During the Competition, the public picks winners on-line or by cell phone. See www.artprize.org

"There is only one true thing: instantly paint what you see". Edouard Manet

The Wall of Art, sponsored by JCAA, at the "Ella" is a perfect way to display your art and more importantly, sell it! Not only do you benefit from the exposure of the Wall, but the "Ella" benefits from the sale of your art. Thirty percent of the the proceeds go to "Ella" seventy percent goes to you! The wall is changed out every two months. The next change of the Wall of Art is Sept. 20,2011. If you are interested, please email Betsy Youngdahl at e_youngdahl@hotmail.com or call her 517- 784-7361

"All pictures painted inside the studio will never be as good as the things done outside". Paul Cezanne

Joan Larsen has had monotypes accepted in both The Secret Garden Art Gallery and Gift Shop in Empire, MI and Northwood Gallery, Midland, MI.

Refreshment Corner

At the next meeting you attend if you could connect with **Dianne Grose** to arrange a meeting date to provide a snack. In September is the Annual JCAA Potluck Dinner. Don't forget to let Dianne know what you are bringing. Call her at 750-3081 or email her at—
dianne.grose@yahoo.com

- September 22, Drop off date for Art work and entry fee for JCAA 21st Annual Potter Center Juried Art Exhibition 10:00-2:00 in 2nd floor Gallery
 - * October 1-31, 2011 JCAA 21st Annual Potter Center Art Exhibition
 - * October 4 Heiner Hertling Demo 6:30-8:30 pm
Ella Sharp Museum
 - * October 8 Heiner Hertling Workshop (Saturday) at Haehnle Sanctuary 9:00-4:00
(All mediums)
 - * October 16, 2011 Sunday, 6:00 PM Reception at Potter Center for JCAA 21st Annual Potter Center Juried Art Exhibition
 - * November 1 Art work from 21st Annual Exhibit should be picked up 9:00- 1:00
 - * November 1 thru November 30 JCAA Potter Center Landscapes and Cityscapes Non-juried Exhibit
 - * November 1 Deliver Art work to Potter Center for Landscapes and Cityscapes Exhibit 9:00-1:00, 2nd floor Gallery
 - * November 15 Aaron Bivins Acrylic Demo 6:30-8:30 pm
Ella Sharp Museum
 - * November 19 Reception at Potter Center for JCAA Landscapes and Cityscapes Exhibit one hour before Coasters, Drifters, Platters Concert
 - * November 30 Pick up Landscapes and Cityscapes Art 9:00-1:00
 - * November 30 (Wednesday) Aaron Bivins Acrylic Workshop from 9:00-4:00 at Redeemer Lutheran Church
 - * December 6 JCAA Christmas Party Jackson Country Club. Details to follow. See Fordine Williams and Becky Mehall.

"Painting outdoors is a distillation of time, a capturing of the essence of existence during a specific period in the artist's experience". Charles Muench



Gerry Hill at the August meeting, doing a demonstration on Plein Air Painting of the Log Cabin at Ella Sharp Park.



ART-A-LOAN Framing party

