

# NEWSLETTER

## JCAA at Art 634

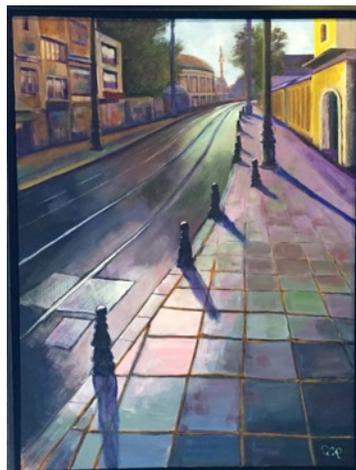
*Exhibition Draws 45 Pieces of Art from Seventeen JCAA Artists*

Another great exhibition of JCAA art was convened for public viewing at ART 634 this past month. Seventeen artists exhibited 45 paintings and sculptures in an impressive display of JCAA talent.

An artist's reception was held on Sunday, August 9 as a "Second Sunday" Art 634 event. Local television celebrity Bart Hawley was on hand to jury the exhibit. Mr. Hawley is the CEO of JTV, and hosts *The Bart Hawley Show*. Bart selected as a first place winner, Kellison King's painting "I'm in a Beautiful Space." Charles Reisdorf's painting, "Istanbul" was awarded second place. The People's Choice award, awarded by balloting of those attending the reception went to "Istanbul."



Kellison King, "I'm in a Beautiful Space."



"Istanbul" by Charles Reisdorf

## JCAA Meeting September 15

The annual JCAA Summer Pot Luck will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. The Pot Luck will feature the favorite dishes of JCAA members who, with a mixture of love and art, and teaspoons of this and that, whip up some great food. This event alone is worth the price of membership. As usual, doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30.

We will select an artist of the Month for October, 2015.

We'll also host the annual JCAA Garage Sale. In addition to art supplies and equipment, the sale will be open to other non-art items - those perfect "some things" that you can't use, but would be of value to others. So bring what you'd like to sell and a big wad of cash, and join us. Should be lots of bargains. Remember, half of proceeds go to support the JCAA, and thanks for your donation.

## Quotation...

"You can say the right thing about a product and nobody will listen. You've got to say it in such a way that people will feel it in their gut, because if they don't feel it, nothing will happen."

Bill Bernbach



**Demonstration by Kathryn Tisch Miller and the Ice Cream Social**

At the August 18 JCAA meeting Kathryn Tisch Miller demonstrated her “Poured Acrylic Process on Tissue Paper” technique. The process makes use of artist’s grade tissue paper, “gessoed” on both sides. The gesso is allowed dry on the bottom side, which is then placed on a plastic trash bag, bottom side down. The top side is worked while the gesso is still wet. Acrylic paint is poured onto the wet

gesso in a desired fashion and allowed to dry. When dry the plastic qualities of the acrylic paint allow the tissue to be lifted. It can then be glued to the canvas, and additional assorted toppings by assorted means can then be applied to finish the painting. There is in the process many opportunities for experimentation and innovation depending on the use of imagination. The process offers a measure of control by the artist though surprises are both possible and likely. Thanks Kathryn for sharing, and for a great demonstration.

After Kathryn’s demonstration, members practiced the technique building sundaes by drizzling various toppings over Jackson’s best real ice cream, donated for the event by *Frosty Boy*. *Frosty Boy* is located at 1201 N. Cooper Street. When you’re in the area stop by for some ice cream and please extend to them our thanks.

**Best of Luck, “Steampunk Eddie”**

If you read the Jackson Citizen Patriot, you may have seen an article in the August 18 edition about Ed Thayer’s being selected to compete as one of 10 artists on the gameshow, “*Steampunk’d*”. You will recall Ed Thayer demonstrated air brush painting a JCAA meeting last fall. In addition to mastering the air brush, Mr. Thayer also has mastered Steampunk art.

The first show was televised on the *Game Show Network* on Wednesday, August 19 at 9 p.m. Ed was selected as a member of one of two teams given the charge of renovating a kitchen in Steampunk over a three day period. Ed’s team ultimately was declared the winner, but not without drama and controversy involving Ed and his teammates. The idea behind the show is that each week one contestant will be eliminated from the competition until there is one contestant left to take home the grand prize of \$100,000.

**What’s “Steampunk?”**

According to *Wikipedia*, Steampunk is “a sub-genre of science fiction and sometimes fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th Century industrial steam-powered machinery.” Steampunk has dimensions in art, fashion, literature, video games, and music.

**Calendar**

Friday, Sept. 4, 18, and 25

Figure Drawing at the Ella, 9 a.m. to noon, \$8, dry media only.

Friday, Sept. 11

No Figure Drawing

Tuesday, Sept. 15

JCAA Meeting, Pot Luck, Artist of the Month, and Garage Sale. 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

JCAA Board Meeting at the Ella. 1 - 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

Portrait Painting at the Ella. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$8.



September Artist of the Month Beverly Hill holds her painting, *Winter Light*. Great painting!

The Jackson Civic Art Association (JCAA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which promotes the visual arts, and the skills of individual members in the greater Jackson, Michigan community through lectures, discussion, and mutual association. Membership is open to artists and those interested in art.

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