

NEWSLETTER

Thurlow Demos Abstract Painting

Artist Steven Thurlow Gets Down and Dirty with the JCAA



He's fearless. And yes, he does use *Rustoleum*.

Mr. Thurlow cares about the outcome, but for him the real thrill seems to be in the process, the sheer joy of painting. And, he's determined that the rules of engagement aren't going to get in the way of fun.

The demonstration was preceded with a lecture. Steven admits the process he uses yields results that are often chaotic and unpredictable. Many of his works become art, and a few do not. "Failure" means nothing but an opportunity to paint

The obvious question, "Why *Rustoleum*?" was asked at the JCAA Meeting on June 16 which featured Artist Steven Thurlow. Mr. Thurlow demonstrated abstract painting.

He paints often on boards. "Cheaper is better," he says. But, he also works on canvas. He stands over his work with a twinkle in his eye, and latex gloves on his hands (usually). It's a splashing display of drizzling, oozing, splattering and dripping paint. There is a lot of experimentation and innovation in his work. He doesn't ask, "Why?" He asks, "Why not?"

over, and try anew.

He presented some of the techniques he applies - tin cans with holes filled with paint and swung as a pendulum, splattering, applying wet paint and then tilting the canvas. He looks for the potential of the accident, and uses it to his advantage. Working outside, errant bugs that become lodged don't bother him. They become part of the painting.

Oh yeah...why *Rustoleum*? "It's shiny, and virtually indestructible," he says.

Art 634

Submit Exhibition Pieces July 30

Due to construction on the Jackson College campus, it appears **the only opportunity** for a JCAA art exhibit during this calendar year will be the exhibition at Art 634 during the month of August.

Art work is to be submitted on Thursday, June 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Art 634, 634 N. Mechanic Street in the City of Jackson. Art work should be ready for hanging. One piece may be submitted per artist with a fee of \$10. Cash prizes will be offered.

Watch for information on when the exhibit will be open to the public, and the date and time of the artist's reception.

The exhibit will run August 1 - 31, 2015.

Remember...

Gerald Hill's **AWOL (Acrylic, Watercolor, and Oil Learning) Workshop** will be held July 9 to 11. Registration is still possible. \$225 for members. Contact Julie Highlen.

The **July 21 meeting of the JCAA** will feature a watercolor demonstration by Larry Golba. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Ella Sharp Museum. Artist of the month will be selected. Please mark your calendar now.

Quotation...

“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.”

Pablo Picasso



Julie Highlen tries her hand at abstract art at the JCAA meeting of June 16. The meeting featured a demonstration by Artist Steven Thurlow.



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Artist of the Month for June, 2015, Kellison King stands with her abstract painting, "Portrait of a Personality."

A Special Thanks...

A critical phase in the Art a'Loan Program came off smoothly and efficiently due to coordination between **Megan Shoup** of the staff of the Ella Sharp Museum, and **Sylvia Wymer**, and the donation of many JCAA members who graciously gave their time, attention, and effort. A big thanks to the following JCAA members who helped make this phase of this important program a success:

Nyla Arvy, Tom Boyer, Terry Cheney, Denni Glick, Julie Highlen, Betty Kochan, Janelle Marks, Mike Palmer, Lori Swope Sten, Beth Voulgaris, and Connie Wolin.

There will be more opportunities to volunteer in future phases of the program. The reception, an impressive display of interest and excitement by the Jackson Community, will take place the evening of October 1, 2015. Members are invited to attend and participate.

Calendar

July 9 - 11th, 2015. 9 am to 4 pm
 AWOL Workshop at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015. 9 am to noon.
 Figure Drawing at Ella Sharp. \$8, dry media only.

July 17, 2015. 1 to 3 pm.
 JCAA Board Meeting at Ella.

July 21, 2015. 6:30 pm.
 JCAA Meeting at Ella. Larry Golba - Watercolor demo. Artist of the Month.

July 31, 2015
 Portrait Session has been Cancelled.

NOTICE

Due to building rehabilitation on the Jackson College Campus, JCAA exhibitions planned for this Fall at the Potter Center Gallery have been cancelled.

NOTICE

If you have not done so, please pay you **dues** this month to assure your listing in the 2015-16 JCAA Directory.



In Remembrance...

Art (Rocky) Rockall

June 29, 2015

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