



Happy New Year JCAA Members!

I hope that 2012 is off to a great start for you! Have you promised yourself to create more Art?

"If not now, when?" Some of you know that Ed Browning's wife, Jeanette shared that thought with me a little over a year ago. And...for a little over a year.... that quote has influenced many (not all) of my day to day decisions. Some of those decisions pertain to Art...whether to tackle new responsibilities, enter shows, try new mediums, participate in workshops etc. It's been a good thing!

Be sure to get ready for the 2012 JCAA Biennial Art Exhibit--Ella Sharp Museum which runs March 24 through June 23. Multi media Artist Heiner Hertling will be the Juror. Coordinators are Becky Mehall and Candice Murphy. See details on flyer and at jacksoncivicart.org Will you be entering this year?

Might you be interested in exhibiting your Art around town? Consider the Carnegie (Contact person, Debbie Sears), East Jackson (Contact person, Steve George) and Meijer (Contact person, Patricia Snoblen Branches of the Jackson District Library. Steve at the East Jackson Branch mentioned that the Meeting Room outside the Library proper is an ideal location for Exhibits and possible Artist Receptions. Carnegie also has possible Reception areas...Auditorium, Macintyre Room. Remember that the Y (Contact person, Craig Omen) is also looking for Artists to display their Art. The Libraries and the Y could also publicize exhibits on their websites. If arranged ahead of time, assistance with hanging pieces could be available. As you may know, Baker College (Contact person, Pam) is currently undergoing a renovation project but will be ready and happy to exhibit Art later in the Fall. If Art is sold, Artists keep the entire selling price at the libraries, Y and Baker College. For those of you interested in displaying and selling your Art at the Ella Sharp Museum, Betsy Youngdahl is responsible the Wall of Art. Cari Wolfe oversees Art exhibited in the Granary Restaurant and the Activities Gallery. If you have Art that could possibly be sold in the Gift Shop, please talk to Cari. Ella hopes to showcase local Artists. Artists keep a percentage of all sales at the Museum and the Museum also keeps a percentage. These Ella possibilities are noteworthy and promising. Will you pursue these exhibiting opportunities?

Are you ready to try winter Plein Air painting? By special request, Heiner Hertling will be returning February 22 to offer an all day Plein Air Workshop at Ella for the hale and hearty Artists among us. Doesn't that sound exciting? Gather your gear and get the hot chocolate ready. Are you game for another adventure?

Movie Night, January 17 should be fun too, as we explore and experience Nature with two Artists using different mediums. Are you receptive to new approaches?

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January/February 2012



Figure Drawing on Thursdays

...with Live Model

9am-Noon

\$7

Jan. 12-19-26

Feb. 2-9-16-23

Open to the Public

Third Thursdays ~ Wet media allowed~ Studio 1

Presidents letter continued.....

Art Historian Barbara Lock is sure to enlighten and captivate us with her lecture and slides on February 7. People are still raving about her last visit. Will you be there to soak up the Historical Art info?

Kate Lambert Lee will be giving a Digital Photography Demo on February 21. She's been highly recommended. Might you join us for another worthwhile and enjoyable evening?

"If not now, when?"

Hope to see you soon.

Keep well and happy,



Candice Murphy

Artist of the Month



MareAn Flanders~and~Susan Beredo

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

CALENDAR

Save the Dates..... Please note that flyers containing more detailed info about JCAA Exhibits and Workshops will be on our website at jacksoncivicart.org along with the Newsletter.

- * January 12 Figure Drawing sessions, hosted by *Mary Hertler Tallman* resume on Thursday mornings 9:00-12:00 at Ella Sharp Museum. Gather your supplies and join us for these worthwhile experiences. All skill levels welcome. \$7.00 per Drop-in session. Try it, you'll like it.
- * January 17 There will be one Tuesday night JCAA meeting in January. "Movie Night About Art", 6:30 PM will take place at ELLA SHARP Museum, and not at Redeemer Lutheran Church as previously indicated. See you at Ella. Wall of Art Changes.
- * *MareAn Flanders* Art Exhibit at Potter Center, 2nd Floor Gallery continues through end of January.
- * End of January through February- *Dick Stanton* Art Exhibit at Potter Center, Jackson Community College, 2nd floor Gallery.
- * January 29 (Sunday) 6:00 PM Reception at JCC Potter Center for *Dick Stanton* Art Exhibit, one hour prior to "Fiddler on the Roof" which begins at 7:00.
- * February 7- *Barbara Lock* "Art History and Slides" 7:00 PM meeting, 6:30 socializing and refreshments. Vote AoM
- * February 21- *Kate Lambert Lee* - Digital Photography Demo.
- * February 22- *Heiner Hertling*-Plein Air Workshop at Ella Sharp 9-4. See flyer for additional details. Contact *Julie Highlen* 629-9826.
- * March- *Joan Larsen* "Interior Gardens" Art Exhibit at Potter Center, 2nd floor Gallery JCC.
- * March 6 *Jana Jamieson*-- Painting on B&W Photographs Demo
Vote AoM
- * 2012 JCAA Biennial Art Exhibit-Ella Sharp Museum (March 24-June 23) See flyer and website for details.
Coordinators: *Becky Mehall* 782-4023 and *Candice Murphy* 784-7596
- * March 19 JCAA Art entries for 2012 Biennial Exhibit must be delivered to Ella Sharp Museum 10:00-2:00 PM
- * March 20 "Art With a Story"-- Tuesday evening of sharing

Landscapes and Cityscapes

Thank you **Joan Larsen** for coordinating the JCAA Landscapes and Cityscapes November Exhibit at the Potter Center. What a fine array of JCAA talent!

Thank you to all the talented JCAA Artist Exhibitors who participated in the Landscapes and Cityscapes Show.

Congratulations **Jerry Hill**, Peoples' Choice Award Winner, for your exquisite Watercolor images, "Brooklyn".

Congratulations **Jana Jamieson**, Peoples' Choice Award Runner-up for your outstanding Jackson Scene Photography "Blossoms on the Trail".

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. ~Scott Adams

Art Biz Coach

What's that?

Joan Larsen participated in an on-line course last summer geared to helping Artists get organized, increase contacts, market their Art and more. She highly recommends Alyson B. Stanfield, Art Biz Coach. Check out the website

artbizcoach.com/go.html

It is jam packed with excellent, invaluable, relevant advice and suggestions. Much of the info is free... including the on-line Newsletter blog.



Julie Highlen was Artist of the Month for November.

Tuesday, January 17th – Movie Night

Enjoy learning to see through the eyes of two different artists with two different mediums. "Artist in the Wild," **Robert Bateman**, will be the first video. *Bateman is a celebrated artist and naturalist known the world over. His art reveals his commitment to the environment. Witness one of Bateman's artistic masterpieces in the making and watch it come to life with his bold technique. (Mill Pond Press)*

Then enjoy "Chased by the Light: A Photographic Journey with **Jim Brandenburg**". *This video tells the story of how one of the world's greatest nature photographers renewed himself through an exploration of his craft in the untamed north woods of Minnesota, taking just one photograph a day for 90 days. (Aurora Pictures and Cascade Communications)*

Note: Movie Night will take place at Ella Sharp Museum. Snacks and conversation will be from 6:30-7:00 with a brief business meeting promptly followed by the movies.



Christmas Party

Thank you **Fordine Williams** and **Becky Mehall** for organizing the delightful Holiday Party at the Jackson Country Club. Thank you **Patti Shaw** for planning the fun activities.

Thank you **Dave Siler** for your wonderful piano playing and **Ray Fill** for leading us in the festive sing-a-long. It was a wonderful and memorable evening with much laughter and good cheer.

Did you know that **Charlene Pung** and **Millie Gift Smith's** beautiful landscapes adorn the walls of the newly opened Allegiance Health, Gayle M. Jacob Cancer Center? May all those who view the Art feel restored and renewed.

The **Aaron Bivins** re-scheduled "Keeping Things Simple--Acrylic Workshop" was another huge success. Needing to plan, prepare and cancel due to the snow and then... re-schedule, plan, prepare again was anything but simple...but **Julie Highlen** handled the unexpected challenges with amazing calm and grace. Please know that we are sincerely grateful, Julie. How do you do it?

Heiner Hertling Plein Aire Winter Workshop

Heiner Hertling is back, by popular demand, to lead a winter plein aire workshop.

Location: Ella Sharp Park on February 22, 2012.

Cost: \$125/members, \$160/non-members.



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