



NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Artist's League of Orange County www.artleagueoc.com

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Monthly Meeting and Artist Demo

Saturday, February 20 @ 1:30

Beardall Senior Center

800 S. Delaney Avenue, Orlando

Artist Demonstration

- Cindy Sturla

Cindy is a talented watercolor artist who enjoys painting landscapes, florals and people. She joined Gallery on First in Sanford several years ago. In addition to creating artwork for commission and sales, she teaches watercolor painting at the gallery and privately. Her work can be viewed at www.cindysturla.com.

Bring a prepared snack (finger food) for sharing

Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of every month from September through May at 1:30 P.M. (Board meeting begins at 12:30 P.M.). Summer recess is June, July and August.

Creative Spirit Art Gallery presents

"Vivacity"

Featuring

**Rachel Lloyd &
Kimberly Mathis**

Wine and appetizers will be served

Friday, Feb. 12, 6 to 9 PM

Exhibit is on display through
March 5

GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday—Friday, 12 to 5:00 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

820A Lake Baldwin Lane

Orlando, FL 32803

(407)898-8343

Harwood-Watson Dance Studio
www.creativespiritartgallery.com

Calendar of Events

Shalini Tandon has classes twice a week at the Beardall Center in silk painting (\$28/mo.—city of Orlando residents/\$31.50/mo.—non-residents). Classes are Tues. 1-5 and Thurs. 9-1. Please contact 407-246-2637 to sign up.

Sketch Club at the Maitland Art Center will host two long pose sessions with models on Sunday, March 21, and Sunday, April 18 from 1-4. \$15 per session. All welcome! Bring your paints!

Life drawing session also being held Tues., March 2nd, in the 851 Building on Celebration Ave., Celebration. All ALOC members are invited and there is no fee. Contact Meryl Rachlin at 321-939-4121 or merylsmurals@comcast.net.

The **Orlando/Winter Park Branch of the National League of American Pen Women** group show is opening at Steinway Piano Galleries on Thursday February 11, 2010, between 6-8 p.m. Between 7-7:30 p.m. there will be piano compositions and poetry readings by member composers

and poets. The show runs through February.

Plein Air Workshops at Orlando Museum of Art: Kevin McNamara, Feb. 27, \$165 (\$150 OMA members)
Morgan Samuel Price, April 15-17th, \$440 (\$399 OMA members)
Contact Jan Clanton to register at jclanton.omart.org

Don't forget to submit your art for the Casselberry Art House show for ALOC members in March. Drop off date for art is March 1st from 11 to 1. Check out the blog for further info: <http://tinyurl.com/ybohfu7>. Reception is Fri., March 5th, from 6:30 to 8 PM.

Sanford Seminole Art Association — 50th Annual Fine Arts Show, February 28, 1:00-4:00p.m., SSAA artists and Seminole County middle schools art students. Free. At the Sanford Civic Center. **407.323.0247** or **407.330.1908**



Call for Artists

Deadline is March 1 for plein air artists to participate in **"Watch Art Happen"** in Winter Garden's Spring Fever in the Garden event on April 10-11. Application fee is \$10 a day. Contact for further info: <http://www.springfeveringarden.com/>

The **United States Mint** invites artists to be a part of American history through coin design. The Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) provides gifted artists the opportunity to contribute creative and beautiful designs for coins that will be enjoyed by all Americans. AIP artists have submitted successful designs for coins released through the 50 State Quarters® Program and the Presidential \$1 Coin Program. Honorariums are \$2,000 for each design submission and \$5,000 for each selected design. Visit www.usmint.gov/artists to apply.

Orange County is looking for teaching artists. They get many requests for artist residencies in

the county and, believe it or not, have trouble finding interested participants. They pay \$50 an hour and require that the artist participates in VSAFL disability awareness and inclusion training or can demonstrate previous experience. Please contact Marian Winters, Exec. Dir., VSA Arts of Florida, www.vsafll.org, 813-558-5095.

Artists wanted to donate works of art to **"Art with Heart"** fundraiser for Doctors without Borders (MSF) in Haiti. Event will be at Maitland Art Center on Friday March 26th, from 3 to 9 P.M. 100% of proceeds from sale of art will go to MSF. Please contact Jerry or Gayle Bell at 407-672-1001 if interested in supporting this worthy cause or volunteering for the event. Additional information is at www.firstgiving.com/artwithhearthaiti.

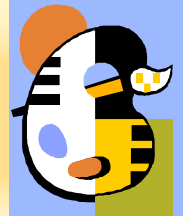
Go to the ALOC blog for more

Calls for Artists
www.artistsleagueoforangecounty.blogspot.com

MEMBERS IN THE...



Personal sketch... Meryl Rachlin



Marianna Ross will be exhibiting her paintings at the University Club of Winter Park, 841 N. Park Ave., from March 1-30. A reception will be held Sunday, March 14, from 2-4 p.m., with a silk painting demonstration at 3 p.m. and brief artist talk. University Club Info: (407) 644-6149. Hours: 9-5 Monday-Friday.

Also, **Kitty Osburn** is having an opening reception for her painting display at the University Club on Feb. 14th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Doris Smart's batiks and paintings will hang through February in the Apopka City Hall.

The Maitland Art Center RSVP exhibit is showing artwork from a number of ALOC members, including: **Arlene Bayne, Gayle Bell, Fred Goodart, Arlene Kartak, Krys Pettit, Jane Polkowski, Marianna H. Ross, Ginny Seibert, Doris Smart, Ellen Smith, and Jan Tunnell.** The show is on display until March 14th.

Linda Amundsen had three paintings selected for Orlando's - Paint the Town exhibit. The exhibit will be held at the Avalon Gallery, with artist reception on March 18th from 6-9 p.m. She also has a One Woman Show in DeBary at the DeBary Historic Site Theater in March. DeBary Hall will be hosting a reception on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Theater. Refreshments will be served and it will be free to the public.

Kathi Durnford, Judy Bragg Pardo, and Meryl Rachlin had artwork accepted into the Nude Nite event running from Feb. 11-13th.

Please forward newsletter announcements, along with your website and email links, to Gayle@GayleBell.com

Meryl Rachlin, one of our newest members, has been an artist since childhood. Her parents encouraged her emerging talent and she followed in her father's footsteps by studying graphic design at Massachusetts College of Art. She then began a long corporate career, working first in computer graphics at Time, Inc., followed by a demanding career in sales and demonstrations.

The day came, however, when Meryl decided that corporate life was too restrictive and that she needed to feed her creativity by traveling. She quit her job in 1994, and embarked on a solo journey around the world.

It was while backpacking through New Zealand and as a guest at the Garden City Lodge in Auckland, Meryl asked the owner if she could paint the huge white walls in the dining room. The lodge's owner was enchanted by her sketches and offered free room and board while she worked. From the moment Meryl picked up her brush to enliven that first wall, she never looked back.

After returning to the United States, Meryl studied the decorative arts, and started her own business, Meryl's Murals, in 1995. Since then, her clients in the Boston area and now Central Florida have been charmed by her imaginative wall murals, featuring everything from the beauty and majesty of lions in the African veldt to views of Tuscany.

Meryl and her husband Bill moved from Boston to Celebration five years ago. She is current president of the Artists of Celebration group. With business slow during the recession, Meryl has begun working in 3D creating wire sculptures and paper mache and has had her first work juried into the annual Nude Nite show this month. Meryl certainly lives her philosophy: "The great thing about being an artist is the ability to constantly reinvent yourself." You can check out her great art at www.merylsmurals.com.

Yearbook Updates:

Changes/Corrections:

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Marianna Ross

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Valentine's Day: Fun Facts



- The holiday of Valentine's day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD as a means to suppress the ancient Roman fertility festival of the Lupercalia which was still being observed by some people.
- An estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, according to the Greeting Card Association, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (Approximately 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.)
- The majority of cards are purchased by women (approximately 85 percent).
- In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia. The oldest known Valentine card is on display at the British Museum.
- Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, although written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400.
- The first commercial Valentine's Day greeting cards produced in the U.S. were created in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland who was known as the Mother of the Valentine. She made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap".

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Space available for artists at Creative Spirits Art Gallery

Please contact Doris Smart at

Phone: 407-365-4066

Email: dsmart@cfl.rr.com

for further information.

ALOC Membership Dues— \$25/year

Call or write Alan Lindenmuth to make sure you're current on your dues or if you're interested in joining the group (321-282-7024 or tcartframing@yahoo.com). Please fill out the form and include a \$25 check payable to ALOC and bring to the next meeting or mail to:

Alan Lindenmuth, ALOC Treasurer

14557 Jamaica Dogwood Dr.

Orlando, FL 32828

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Wanted:

Volunteers to help with "Art with Heart" fundraiser for Drs. Without Borders in Haiti March 26th. Please call Gayle or Jerry at 407-672-1001.