

(Director of the Florida School of the Arts Gallery in Palatka) here at my gallery in March.

Impressive **Jan Miller** has a solo coming up at the Joyce Petter Gallery in Douglas Michigan June 25 to July 16. She will be demonstrating fine art painting and design on furniture June 26th and 27th noon - 5pm if any of you will be in Michigan for the summer!



Area 7

Peg Cullen exhibited a collection of her new work in "Archtypes" at the Pine Island Art Association. This included a silent auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Pine Island Elementary School.

Lee Ackert was in a show at the Art League of Marco Island. It was called "Nine Women it Art" and exhibited from Oct 5 - 29th. She won the *Popular Choice* award at the Northern Vermont Artist Association's Annual Show in June 2003. She is the also

featured Artist in the Hirdie Girdie Gallery on Sanibel for the month of February and is having a solo show in Studio II of the Ft. Myers Beach Art Assoc. on Fort Myers Beach from Mar. 4 through Mar. 17, 2004. Hope you get a chance to see it!

A Retrospective exhibition of the work of **Mary Keogh** opened at BIG Arts Phillips Gallery on Sanibel Island on January 7th featuring paintings from 1987-2003. Quite impressive, Mary! Congratulations!!



Special Notice

Please remember that if you do not pay your dues **on time** your membership in Florida Artist Group could be adversely affected!



Change!!

Our special Publicity Co-Chair, Joan Nixon has a new e-mail address. Please change your records to reflect that her new address is:
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From the President

The next couple of years promise to be busy ones for Florida Artist Group. The 54th Symposium & Exhibition at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale will be held from Friday, April 2nd through Sunday, April 4th, 2004. Anjal, Area I Chair and host, has assured us that this will be a memorable event. The forthcoming prospectus will apprise you of details regarding this exciting event. Art Serve will receive works on Friday and Saturday, March 26th and 27th, 2004. Start making arrangements for getting your works to Fort Lauderdale! We are all excited to see the new art that you have been creating.

The 55th Symposium & Exhibition will be held in Southwest Florida in June of 2005 at the newly completed Arts Complex at Florida's newest university, Florida Gulf Coast University. FGCU is located south and east of Fort Myers in one of the fastest growing areas in the US. This annual event will be hosted by Area VII.

The Boca Museum in Boca Raton will mount a juried exhibition which will also be in June. 2005 promises to be a busy year for Florida Artist Group.

When you paid your dues this year, you noticed an increase of ten dollars. This increase was necessary in order to keep up with additional costs associated with the Annual Symposium and Exhibition and in an effort to keep award monies at an enticing level. Based on the number of members in your group, some of the dues are returned to your area.

Our efforts to collect 35mm slides for our visual database is continuing. To help us create a complete database of our membership, please send your best and most representative slides, along with a brief biography to me as soon as possible. We would like to complete the database prior to the end of 2004. Mail to: Florida Artist Group; c/o Robert York; POB 1140; Sanibel, FL 33957.

We are already planning for 2006. Your continued interest and involvement in Florida Artist Group will help the viability of our organization and keep the quality of art high in Florida as it has since 1949. If you have ideas that will assist FLAG help you as a professional artist, please let me know. I will be looking forward to seeing you in Fort Lauderdale.

ROBERT YORK



Members' News

Area 1

Wilma Bulkin Siegel continues to set the world on fire! Her work has been published in *The Art of Layering: Making Connections* and in the *American Journal of Nursing*. Congratulations, Wilma, that's fabulous! She also won *Honorable Mention* in the Florida Chapter Annual Show of the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) at the Northern Trust Bank in Aventura, FL

Always energetic **Rowena Smith** has won awards at the Watercolor Society of Alabama's Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Broward Art Guild's Tri-County Exhibition at ArtServe, and Coral Springs Artist Guild Open at the Coral Springs Museum of Art. Two of her monoprints were accepted in the International Society of Experimental Artists Exhibition at the Beverly Arts Center in Chicago (this exhibit travels to Wales in August - That's Wales, UK!!) She was included in the "She" Exhibition of the NAWA in Aventura, FL and in the "Artists Who Happen to be Women" show of the NAWA's NYC Chapter at Texas A & M University. Upcoming shows include the Coral Springs Guild invitational at the Coral Springs Museum and the Flamingo Artists at the Sunrise Civic Center Gallery.

First Place was awarded to **Eleanor Richter** at the Gold Coast Watercolor Society's *I Love Watercolor* exhibit at the Lobby Gallery of the Coral Springs Museum of Art in November! Congratulations, Eleanor!! Good job!



Area 2

We have another! *First AND Second prizes* were won by **Fern Samuels** at the Boca Museum Artist Guild. She won *First Prize* at the Milagro Art Center in Del Ray and *First Prize* at Northwood University in West Palm Beach. To top it off, her work was accepted by the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art

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Museum Collection at Rutgers University. She continues to exhibit in prestigious shows such as the Fifth and Sixth postcard exhibit at Cork Gallery in NYC, International group show at the Nathan Rosen Museum in Boca Raton, Arts Club in Chicago, Palm Beach City Hall, Venice Art Center, Armory Art Center, with the Alumni of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and at the International Society of Experimental Artists in Chicago. March 5-April 9, Fern's solo exhibition "Persistence of Vision" will be on display at the MOS Art Center in Lake Park, FL.

Our very busy **Cecily Hangen** was guest artist at PASTA Gallery in St. Augustine in September and October and she won *Second Place* in the September exhibit at the Boca Museum of Art Artists Guild Gallery Exhibition. Please note Cecily's new address, too - 830 Franklin Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33405.

Area II sure has one energetic member in **Joan Lustig!** She's been showing with verve in solo shows at MosArt Center in Lake Park, Montgomery Gallery in Manalapan, a 2-person show at Northern Trust Bank in North Palm Beach, and in group shows at the Cornell Museum in Delray Beach, NAWA shows at Northwood University in WPB, Northern Trust Bank in Stuart and the Coral Springs Museum, the Boca Museum Artists Guild Gallery, Artists' Guild of the Palm Beaches at Northwood University, and Postcard Show at Cork Gallery in NYC. She picked up 2 *Judges Recognition* awards and 1 *Honorable Mention* at the Boca Museum Artists' Guild Gallery and an *Honorable Mention* at the Artists' Guild of the Palm Beaches. In addition to all this exhibiting, she's selling her porcelain jewelry at Dawn Lynn Fine Arts in Palm Beach Gardens, Cornell Museum Gift Shop in Delray Beach, and Coral Springs Museum Gift Shop. Wow...

This area continues to impress as **Eydi Lampasona** is featured in the new art book "Creative Composition and Design", published by North Light books. She currently has an assemblage accepted in the VonLiebig Art Center state exhibition in Naples, was in the Postcard exhibition at the Cork Gallery in NYC, and was

accepted into the Florida Watercolor Society exhibition at the Terrace Gallery in Orlando. She had a solo exhibition at the Cultural Art Center in Stuart along with a book signing. Congrats, Eydi!!

Area 3

Joyce Novak won awards in both the October Digital Fine Arts (Di.F.A.) exhibition in Venice Art Center and in the November Venice Art Center Members' Show, 2003. She also exhibited work in the Anna Maria Island Di.F.A. show in December.

Immediate Past President **Don Carmichael** has completed a commission for Kiwanis International as a gift to the new President. The sculpture depicted in the painting stands at the International Headquarters in Indianapolis. Don's work was also accepted in the juried "Abstract Exhibition" at the Venice Art Center. Other Area III members accepted were **Pal Findlay,**

Julie Docking, John Barends, Fran Henley (*Second Prize!*), **Phyllis Bek-Gran, Herman Bek-Gran** (*Merit Award!*) **Jean Germain,** and **Sue Turconi** (*Merit Award!*.)

Modest but wonderful **Eleanor Merritt** was in a two-person show at the Manatee Junior College South Campus Gallery in January. Word is out that her new work is GREAT! Sure hope we get to see it at the FLAG show in Ft. Lauderdale!

Julee Docking will be exhibiting two paintings in a National Show in Washington DC April 1st thru June 26th at the Sumner Museum (!!) and at the



Don Carmichael's painting presented to the current President of Kiwanis International, 22" x 28", watercolor.

Memorial

Long-time Area II member Rose Hildebrand Brown died on February 13th at the age of 101. She was a member of FLAG since 1973 and last showed with us in 1999. She brought a lot of energy and talent to our group and she will be missed.

Women's Resource Center's 25th Anniversary Show in Sarasota on February 19th. She is included in a group show at the Roskamp Center in Sarasota March 9th to April 8th.

John Berends sold 4 Mobiles during December; one from the Juried Show at The Sarasota Visual Art Center.

Area 4

Cassandra Gordon-Harris just got juried in for membership in the National Association of Women Artists at the national level and the Florida Chapter.

Melissa Miller Nece had five pieces accepted in the Miniature Art Society of Florida's 2004 Annual International Miniature Exhibition. One of those won *Third Place* for Human Figure. She also had three pieces in the Ridge Art Association's 54th Anniversary Exhibition. Two others were selected by Daniel Greene for the National Exhibit 2004 at the Charlotte County Art Guild.

A reminder! **Taylor Ikin's** solo exhibit called *Hillsborough Collection/ All Things Hillsborough* at Nuance Gallery in Tampa opens on April 2, 2004. The Gallery and Taylor will contribute a percent of each sale to the Rhea and Lawton Chiles Center for Healthy Babies at the University of South Florida. Check *Watercolor Winter Edition* for her recent article!

Amidst a lot of volunteer work for various non-profit and Arts Organizations **Roberta Schofield** managed to squeeze in a solo show at Opus 39 in St. Augustine. The host gallery/restaurant was very kind and hospitable. The opportunity was a direct result of attending the FLAG Symposium in '03 so she encourages everyone to attend our Symposia!!

Area 5

Ahlin celebrated her 10th Biennale exhibition at The Watergate Gallery last March. One of the paintings will now hang in the Kuwait Embassy in Washington!! She exhibited in group shows at the Palm House Gallery in Winter Park and will be the featured artist for a workshop at the Maitland Art Center entitled "Now & Zen" - Experimental Watercolor. In a recent Orlando Sentinel story, Terry Hummel called her a "Zen Master." *aummmmmmmmm.*

Area 6

Linda Blondhiem is having a solo show in the Capitol Meeting Room in the Capitol Building in Tallahassee. The title of the show is *Plein Air Spaces*, January 12 - April 8. Hope everyone gets a chance to see it. You've got plenty of time! **Linda** is also showing solo at the Annette Howell Turner Art Center in Valdosta Georgia May through October of '04. Wow! That's a lot of work, **Linda**. Congrats! But ... **Linda** has also won *First Place* in the Southeast Regional Exhibition "Summer Showcase" at the Thomasville Cultural Center in Georgia. Double Wow!

Area VI members are showing at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through March 1st. The publicity for the show and interest about FLAG has been tremendous! There have even been inquiries about membership!

Katherine Parker received a *Purchase Award* from Disney's Festival of the Masters in November (one more of her pieces in their collection!) She is to be the



Linda Blondheim, *Five Palms*, 6" x 8", oil on canvas

featured artist for the New Smyrna Beach "Images" Art Show to benefit the Atlantic Center for the Arts. Her painting "Oceanview" will be used for their advertising and posters.

Last January, **Trish Thompson** had a solo show at the DeLand Museum of Art. In the fall, she had solo shows at Arts on Douglas, the Miramar Gallery in Sarasota, Harris House of Atlantic Center for the Arts and has upcoming shows at Miramar and the Images Festival in New Smyrna Beach.

Joy Register is having a solo show at the St. Augustine Art Association. Hope you get a chance to see it.

Sydney McKenna has been elected to the board of the Artist Alliance of North Florida - a group working toward creating a National "arts personality" for thirty counties in North and North Central Florida. She is having a show "Impressions of Florida" at 57 Treasury in February and March, and a show "A Tour of Italy" with David Ouellette