



Special Notice

All area chairs are automatically invited to exhibit in all area exhibitions. We hope this will encourage more members to step forward when they are needed to act in the Area Chair capacity. (Now, don't you wish YOU'D volunteered?)

OPINION

Subject: Censorship
Reason: The Capitol Gallery refused to include a members' piece in the exhibition because it included a bare breast.
Please, let me hear from more of you.

From Bill Scott:
I totally agree with Bill North. When I had my gallery, I set the rules. The artist always has the option of not showing and must realize that the exhibition is for the benefit of all those who decide to submit. Rules are rules and no artist should potentially endanger the entire show because that person disagrees with the rules.

Florida Artist Group

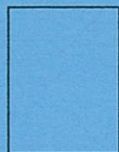
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2003 SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

The show will be at St. Augustine Art Assoc. Center May 2 -31, 2003. The Symposium and headquarters will be at Ponce de Leon Lodge. The group rate is \$79 and up for 1-2 people with free parking. The meeting and banquet will be at the Ponce. The show opens on Friday, May 2nd during Art Walk, 5-9pm. Check in time at Ponce is 3 P.M. Group rates will extend 2 days before and 2 days afterwards. Deadline for reservations is April 15th at the Ponce - 1-800-228-2821. A brochure will be mailed later. We anticipate a good attendance! Artwork: size is limited to 40" wide including frame, with no height limit. **No mailed packages or crates.** Only hand delivery. The work must arrive at the Art Center 12n-4pm April 29 & 30. Chairman, Jean Troemel, jwrtart479@aol.com.

AREA CHAIRS	
Area I	Anjal Soler, Ft. Lauderdale
Area II	Cecily Hangen, West Palm Beach
Area III	Joyce Novak, Nakomis
Area IV	Kas Turner, St. Petersburg Beach
Area V	Carol Frye, Lakeland
Area VI	Jean W. Troemel, At. Augustine
Area VII	Bob York (acting), Sanibel



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From the President Symposium Report

Our 52nd Annual Symposium and Exhibition at the Arts Center in St. Petersburg was a **great success** thanks to our Area IV hosts and their committees. There were plenty of interesting venues near the hotel; including a solo exhibit by our own **Brooke Allison**.

The Annual Meeting revealed that plans are underway to develop a standard method of Public Relations. **Joan Nixon** and **Cassandra Gordon-Harris** will write a release that will work for all news media. **Bob York** will design a piece for it.

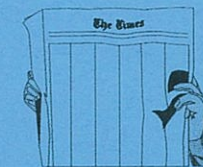
Also, please note that *the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee is vacant*. The Committee will make recommendations and **any volunteers should please come forward to be considered for the position**.

The Symposium program was a panel of area Collectors discussing "What I collect and Why." **Roberta Schofield** moderated the discussion with panelists **Cheryl Ganster**, Curator of Art for Raymond James Associates; **Eric Lang Peterson**, Certified Appraiser; **Diane Gilliotti**, private collector; and **Bonita Cobb**, private collector and arts advocate. Lots of interaction from those in attendance gave us some important insights into the ways of collectors. Thanks to **Nan & Bill Griffin** and **Kas Turner** for their continental breakfast and the Arts Center for the generous amount of Coffee.

Our 52nd Annual Exhibition had 92 works on display. The Arts Center's Exhibition Coordinator, **Amanda Cooper**, directed the installation with great skill and the reception was perfect with the attendance of our oldest living member **Lois Bartlett Tracy** (100 last year.) She was accompanied by sister **Lee Lasbury**, five-time President of F.I.A.G.

Congratulations to the award winners. The juror spent a long time making his selections. A note to remember: **"Best in Show" is sponsored by F.I.A.G. entries and the Entry Fee goes directly to the \$1,000 award so pay your fee!**

Our Awards Banquet was fabulous for the 68 in attendance. The food was delicious, the conversation scintillating, and the atmosphere convivial. Juror, Ed



Members' News

AREA I

As part of The National Women's Institute for Creativity, **Anjal Soler** gave a lecture/slide presentation at the Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Library on January 28th. The Institute's purpose is "to empower through the creative process in all the cultural arts for social and cultural transformation."



AREA II

Eydi Lampasona won *Best in Show* at the 5th Annual Winter Exhibition of the Boca Museum Artist's Guild in Coral Springs. She also has been exhibiting all over the country this year. In Muncie Indiana, she received the *Cutting Edge Award* at the 11th Annual International Exhibition of the Society of Experimental Artists, in New York City she exhibited in the *Wish You Were Here* Exhibition of the National Collage Society, and in the Mixed Media Exhibition in Slidell, Louisiana.. In Florida she has exhibited in the Boca Raton Museum of Art's Biennial Exhibition, in the National Art Exhibit of the Charlotte County Art Guild in Punta Gorda, and In the 7th Annual Exhibition of the National Association of Women Artists in West Palm Beach.



AREA III

Another important exhibition we should all see is the 20th One Woman Exhibition of **Eleanor Merritt** called "Images with Collage". It will be on display from May 18th to June 26th at the Venice Art Center at 390 Nokomis Ave. S., in, you guessed it, Venice!



Julia Hyman received *Best in Show* in the WCA show at Venice Art Center in March 2002. Her winning stone sculpture *Mourning* is in honor of Helen "Windy" Haggard.

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Wolfley spoke about F.I.A.G. and the similar club he's active in, the 75 year old Indiana Artist Club. He then presented the awards, the winners appropriately thrilled.

The 2003 Symposium will be (see article p. 4) at the Ponce De Leon Hotel in St. Augustine. The exhibit will be included in St. Augustine's Friday Night ArtWALK. I hope to see EVERYONE there.

Bob York

Nat Krate received an *Award of Honor* in the National Juried Exhibition held at the Charlotte County Art Guild in Punta Gorda. We was also accepted in the National Juried Competition held at the Hilton Head Art League in South Carolina. One of Nat's paintings was included in the 75th Anniversary Exhibition at the Art Center in Sarasota in March of 2002.



AND, he was the subject of a feature article on February 17th in the Sunday Art Section of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* entitled *Artist in Residence*.

And **Florence Putterman** has been typically very busy with *Solo* Exhibitions at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio, the Albany Museum of Art in Georgia, at Texas A & M University and at the Center for the Arts in Longboat Key. And if that weren't enough, her work has been included in group shows at the University of Texas in Tyler, at the Tang Gallery in Bisbee, Arizona, in LaGrange Georgia, at the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, at the Robeson Gallery at Penn State, at the Packwood House Museum in Lewisburg, and with the Printmaking Council of New Jersey. She won a *purchase award* at the LaGrange Biennial.



Area III is inviting Areas II, IV, and VII to join us in our regional exhibition at the Venice Art Center November 18 through December 4, 2002. Receiving, Reception and Pickup dates are to be announced.

AREA IV

Congratulations to all Area IV members for hosting a memorable 52nd Exhibition and Symposium in St. Petersburg from **Kas Turner**, Area Chair. A special thanks to the Arts Center staff for their hard work, promotion, beautiful galleries and exhibition. Lennie Bennett, St. Petersburg Times Art Critic, wrote an extensive review of the exhibition in the May 23rd Weekend section. For a visual tour of the exhibition, go to the Arts Center's website at theartscenter.org. It looks fantastic!



Area IV welcomes new FL.A.G. member **Mary Bowler** of Palm Harbor.

Nan Griffin, our new Treasurer, was invited to participate in the 29th Annual Beth-El Art Festival and sold two large pieces at the show. Congratulations, Nan!

Kas Turner had two paintings accepted for the National Art Exhibit 2002 at the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda. Kas also exhibited in Art 2002 at the Nathan D. Rosen Museum Gallery in Boca Raton.



Beth Reynolds will be traveling the exhibit that accompanies her new book *Captain He Bought Eggs: True Stories from a Firefighter* to Stamford, CT in to

commemorate the one year anniversary of 9-11. The exhibit will be 20 black and white images from the book on display at the public art space of the Ferguson Library. There will be a book signing and talk also.



Melissa Miller Nece was elected president of District Chapter 113-Gainesville of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Her chapter recently had a show at the Painted Fish Gallery in Dunedin. Melissa's piece won *Best of Show* at the PAVA (Professional Association of Visual Artists) Members Show in Largo in March.



One of three pieces in the Miniature Art Society of Florida 27th Annual International Exhibition won *First Place* for Drawing and Pastel. That show was at the Dunedin Fine Art Center in January. She also took *First Place* in Colored Pencil at the Lake Oswego (Oregon) Festival of the Arts International Miniature Art Show in June. Her work was included in a 2D-3D exhibition at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers in March; that one and two others are going to *Life's a Beach IV* at the Ormond Memorial Museum of Art in Ormond Beach in June.

Cassandra Gordon-Harris won *First Place* in the Women's Caucus for Art's Regional exhibit in Winter Haven and was part of a two person exhibit in Orlando's Avalon Island Gallery. This summer she is on the Coordinating Committee & will help design & paint the Recognition Wall Mural for the Free Clinic of St. Petersburg. The mural is 13 x 46 feet. The other artists involved are Heini Shindler, Ethel Owens-Wagner and 3 of Cassandra's private students from Gibbs High school PCCA program: Jessika Glensa, Annie Sheppard and Drew Sullivan.



Mary Alice Braukman was the juror and workshop instructor for the National Montana Watercolor Society 2001 Exhibition in October and will be the juror for the National Acrylic Painters Association (NAPA) Annual Exhibition in August, 2002.



She will also be featured as an artist instructor for two workshops in their NAPA Expo held in Santa Fe, NM, at the same time.

Area IV members included in the invitational exhibition *Sunday in the Arts* at Scarfone/Hartley Gallery in Tampa were **Muriel Green, Taylor Ikin, Ruth Stone, and Roberta Schofield**.

AREA V

Nancy Sykes Cockerham just won three art awards in this area.: *Third place* at the Melvin Art Gallery sponsored by the Lakeland Art Guild (**Gregory Jones** won *First*), *Best in Show* at the Celebration of Womanhood sponsored by Arts on the Park (**Gregory** won *Honorable Mention*) and an *Award of Excellence* at the Ridge Art Exhibit (**Gregory Jones** also took an *Award of Excellence*.) Added to all these kudos is a *solo exhibition*



at Arts on the Park the month of April. Looks like Greg and Nancy are running in the same crowd!

And Area V FLAG members were in full force at the Ridge Art Association's fun-filled fund-raiser *Mediterranean Melange*. Participating FLAG members were **Elizabeth Clement, Carol Frye, and Chrissie Tavrides**.

AREA VI

We've been particularly busy with shows and awards: In June, **Patricia Brown** had shows in Chicago and Pennsylvania. **Kathleen Mulholland** won several *awards* in shows at the St. Augustine Art Association. **Jean Troemel** won two *awards* in St. Augustine Art Center shows in Figurative and Landscape. **Katherine Parker** won an *Award of Merit* in Mandarin, FL, took *First Award* in New Smyrna, and a *Purchase Award* in Vero Beach. P. A. St. A. Gallery has featured Area VI artists **Susan Stair Stevens** in December, **Jean**



Troemel in March, **Pat Nolan** in April, and staged shows including Area V artists **Ahlin, Cockerham** and **Messersmith**. **Beau Redmond** had a solo show at Arts on Douglas Gallery in New Smyrna in May. **Sam Dee Thomas** won three *awards* at the St. Augustine Art Center and was in a two-person show at Daytona Art League. **Mary Jo Sinclair** was a guest artist at P. A. St. A. in April and May. **Sydney McKenna** was featured at Butterfield Garage Gallery in April. **Jan Miller** is showing at Joyce Petter Gallery in Douglas, MI. FL.A.G. members **Miller, Thompson, Roland, Schubert, and Redmond** were in a group show at Arts on Douglas in New Smyrna in April and May. AND 50 Santa Fe artists visited St. Augustine in April and a number of them were entertained by FL.A.G. members of Butterfield Garage Gallery and P. A. St. A. Gallery.

Fred Messersmith was awarded \$5,000 by Volusia County Art in Public places for 2 watercolors to be placed in the new \$44 million county court house! He has also received the Bluff Park Art Association *award* at the 61st Annual Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition in Huntsville. Great work, Fred!



Memorial

Dorothy Stewart

(Area V) died on Sunday, May 26th after a long period of ill health. She was very active in the Arts in Jacksonville and is thought very highly of there. She had been President of Florida Artist Group several times and did a great job. She had been receiving FLAG news, her daughter said, and had enjoyed hearing it very much.

AREA VII

Area VII had a group show at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater meriting an announcement and description in The News-Press on April 19th.



The members exhibiting were **Lee Ackert, Carl Schwartz, Ralph Bigletti, Rose Weber Brown, Patrice Burkhardt, Jean Dean, Cele Fox, Anne Kittel, Marilyn Niederman, Bill North, Christine Scott and Bob York**.

Jean Dean was accepted in the *National Art Exhibit 2002* in Charlotte County and in the state *2D/3D Exhibit 2002* at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. She won an *award* in the theme show, "Food," at Barrier Island Group for the Arts, Sanibel in December 2001. In 2002 she had two shows - one at the Art House, Fort Myers, and one at the Tower Gallery, Sanibel. My, you **have** been busy, Jean!



Peg Cullen is currently having a *solo show* of her paintings at the Lands' End Corporate Gallery in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. She is showing 20 of her larger-than-life portraits. She also won *Merit Awards* at the *Women Contemporary Artists Exhibit* at the Venice Art Center and at the *Festival of Art* show at Charlotte County Art Guild in Punta Gorda. And if that weren't enough, she was accepted in two national shows, one in Punta Gorda and one in Fort Myers. Congratulations, Peg!



A great feature article on **Bill North** appeared in the *Island Sun*, the newspaper for Sanibel, on January 25th. It covered his exhibit at the Broadway Palm Theatre and used a picture of Bill in Monet's garden in Giverny. Lookin' good, Bill!



Please correct your copy of the Catalogue:

The e-mail address for Patrice Burkhardt, Area IV, should be Burk-art@earthlink.net



Please Note

Nan Griffin has graciously accepted the job of Treasurer for FLAG when Shirley Frank found it necessary to resign. **Kudos to Shirley for the wonderful job she has done for the last several years. We wish her the best.**

Kas Turner has taken over for Nan in the job of Area Chair for Area IV