



IMPRESSIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARKANSAS LEAGUE of ARTISTS



August Demo Artist Susan Hurst

Little Rock artist, Susan Hurst, gave a wonderful pastel demonstration at our August meeting. Susan has been painting since she was in the 6th grade, specializing in oil and pastel portraits.

She spoke about her recent trip to France and Amsterdam and encouraged us to do more life drawings, stressing how beneficial it was in order to improve our paintings.

She chose a picture of her brother for her demonstration. He had amusingly donned a hat and scarf, which immediately reminded her of Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* or *The Sampling Officials*, a painting of the aristocratic Drapers Guild.

Susan does not begin with a detailed drawing, but rather starts with general shapes and, as Rembrandt, is "nonspecific until it all comes together". She said the beauty of his paintings was that "he left things in disguise."

She then began adding a combination of colors for the dark, saving the lights for last and brought it quickly together, adding a few details at the end. As you can see in the picture, it ended in a very good likeness of her brother. www.hurstgallery.org



September Demo Artist

Our September demo artist will be the very talented artist and teacher, Marjorie Williams-Smith.
<https://www.facebook.com/MWilliams-Smith-Silverpoint-193919130642282/>

ALA Links

www.arkansasleagueofartists.org

www.alaartshow.com

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ARTISTS of THE MONTH



August Winners:

- 1st - Louise Carlisle
- 2nd - Patrick Edwards
- 3rd - Freda Angeletti
- 4th - Ann Warren
- 5th - Clarence Cash

Art Sold

Debbie Strobel sold one painting through Facebook.
 Ann Presley sold one painting at The Art Gallery.
 Ann Warren sold 2 prints of "Helena" painting.
 Mary Ann Stafford sold a painting at Art on the Green in Conway and is currently working on two commissions.
 Vonda Rainey sold one painting on Facebook, two paintings at the Art Group Gallery, and two commissioned paintings of the Brooklyn Bridge.

New Signature Members

Congratulations to Don Green, Sally Papich, Susan Hurst and Patricia Corder for becoming ALA Signature Members.

Recognition

Karlyn Holloway was accepted into the "Art of the Heartland" national juried show, which will be in Mena, Arkansas.

ALA Membership Fees Are Due!

January, we introduced a prorated membership fee of \$25 instead of the normal rate of \$30, because the ALA is changing back to a fiscal year. For that reason, the membership **fees now due are again prorated* at \$25 for a regular membership**. (This amount is based on dividing the dues by \$2.50 per month). The regular membership fee of \$30 will be due for new members and for those who are not current on their dues**. Those who paid the previous prorated amount will again pay a prorated amount of \$25 and that will cover dues from August of 2016, to August of 2017. **Members who paid their dues in June, July and August of this year, are paid through August of 2017.**

Members must be current on their dues to participate in monthly competitions or any shows or exhibits.

Signature Members must be current on membership dues to keep their status.

Regular Members: \$25* or \$30** Non-exhibiting Spouses: \$5 Students: \$10 High School (13-18) \$15 College (18-22)

There will be a \$5 late fee added after October 31st.

* The prorated amount of \$25 is for all members who paid their dues from January through May.

** Those just now paying dues this year, whether new members or previous members who are not current on their dues, will pay the regular membership fee of \$30.

If you have any questions, please email us at Arkansasleagueofartists@yahoo.com.

Membership due may be mailed to:

Arkansas League of Artists, P. O. Box 94367, North Little Rock, AR 72190-4367

Our New President, Rachel Trusty



At the August ALA meeting, we were pleased to present Rachel Trusty, the new President of the Arkansas League of Artists. Rachel recently moved to Conway, Arkansas, from her home in Russellville. This summer, she was chosen to be part of an internship program, the Open Palace Programme, in the United Kingdom, from July 17 through August 5th. The day after she returned from the internship, she began working as an art instructor at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton. In 2006, Rachel graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor's degree in Art Education.

In 2011, she graduated from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA, with her Masters of Fine Arts in Studio Arts. For most of her career, Trusty has worked as an art teacher in the school system. In 2015, she left education to take the role of Gallery Coordinator and Educator at the William F. Laman Library in North Little Rock.

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Trusty also coordinates the "Delta des Refuses" exhibition. In its second year, the Refuses show offers an alternative for artists who were not selected for the Delta Exhibit at the Arkansas Arts Center. Rachel focused on mixed media sculpture in her undergrad and graduate career. She enjoys working with a variety of materials to make both 2D and 3D work. Currently, Trusty has a show at the University of Monticello through the month of September. She will be giving an artist talk on September 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm.

Announcements

New ALA Officers were elected. They are Rachel Trusty (President), Glenn Beasley (President Elect), Jenell Richards (returning Treasurer), and Sharon Franke (returning Secretary). Our thanks to them for volunteering and donating their time!

Arlette Miller will be exhibiting at St. James Methodist Church, September 10th through November 8th. Come see the show Bill Burgin selected from her huge collection of works.

Arkansas Art Center Museum School – Interesting and exciting Fall session classes are now open for enrollment at the Museum School. Instruction in drawing, painting, pottery, jewelry, woodworking and other mediums are led by seasoned and professional artists. A catalog of class offerings is available at www.arkansasartscenter.org.

Robin Miller-Bookhout participated in a show for Master Artists, "Something Old – Something New". It is an exhibit of her favorite watercolors and oil pastels at the City Hall in Slidell, Louisiana. It opened August 19th and will exhibit through September 23rd.

Mary Ann Stafford will be teaching a class on Composition and Design at the Maumelle Senior Wellness Center beginning September 15 - October 27 from 1:30-3:30 PM. The class focuses on composition, the use of color and value, and design principles. Examples, exercises, and critiques will help participants improve their creations. Students will use their preferred media as well as some teacher-provided materials. Cost is \$45 (plus pro-rated membership in the MSWC for ages 50+ if you're not already a member.) <http://www.staffordart.com>

Her solo exhibit at the Searcy Art Center, "Where the Sky Kisses the Earth," will close September 21.

Vonda Rainey will be the featured artist at the "River City Coffee Shop" on Kavanaugh September 12-October 30th.

Saint Joseph Center
6800 Camp Robinson Road, North Little Rock, AR

Saint Joseph Center of Arkansas will be offering Figure Drawing Sessions with live models on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are expected to pay \$15 each for the models. If you have interest, please email Jennifer Wilson at jenniferwilsonart@comcast.net or Steve Rockwell at laughingbirdarts@mac.com so that you may be added to a weekly email list that has information about each session, including cancellations. Sandy DeCoursey is the Director of Saint Joseph Center and has all the information regarding activity scheduling and information regarding renting a studio space. It costs only \$10 a day to plein air paint on the grounds.

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