NEWS from the PALETTE

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Kathy Miller Stone NWS - Interviewed by Kay Bailey

Baton Rouge artist, Kathy Miller Stone, has been painting and drawing professionally for 47 years. She is a signature member in the National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Louisiana Watercolor Society, Missouri Watercolor Society, and others. When asked if she ever considered any other career, she replied: "Only when I was in grade school did I think of being a veterinarian. When I started thinking about what I REALLY wanted to be, my father

said 'DO WHAT YOU LOVE'. When I told him I wanted to be an artist, he said to at least find an art career that could be profitable." So she studied Commercial Art in college (but never used it).

Kathy paints every single day, usually from 3-5 hours. She says that when her children were little she claimed a day (Thursday) to paint. She took the kids to Mother's Day Out, and family and friends knew not to call unless the need was urgent. As the kids got older, they knew that their Mom wasn't going to bring lunch, homework, etc., to school on Thursday.

Kathy advises all artists to enter competitions: "Even if you don't want to compete, it will make you look at your work in a whole different way - consider it a challenge to yourself and not just competition with other artists. Enter as many shows as possible - it keeps you thinking about the next painting and bettering yourself - and - if your work is not out in front of the public, who will know about it to buy it?"

Selling one's art requires the artist to be proactive. When at art shows,

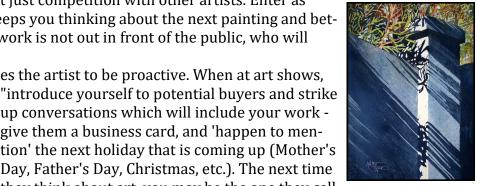


them in a conversation." Her final piece of advice to new artists is to take as many workshops as you can - "with each one, you will learn something, and you will be networking with other artists from whom you will also learn."

up conversations which will include your work give them a business card, and 'happen to mention' the next holiday that is coming up (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, etc.). The next time

Kathy will be teaching a LAAG workshop, Making a Masterpiece Using Light & Shadow, on March 21-25, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.







From the President



Kay Bailey 2011 LAAG President

A letter from **Kay Bailey**, the new LAAG President -

It seems that only yesterday we were ushering in the year 2000, with all of its hype about what the new millennium might bring. Here we are 10 years later, and I'd venture to guess that most of us, as artists, have scarcely approached our medium any differently despite the abounding new technology. Watercolorists, along with oil and acrylic painters, go about the business of creating art just as we did before iPhones, iPods, and GPS units. The internet, however, has changed the way we access information. At our fingertips is more information on art, artists, and techniques than we will ever be able to use.

As we kick off 2011, able to communicate faster and more frequently thanks to Facebook and smartphones, we are focused on what's important to our Guild members. In addition to having a place to paint, many Guild members have expressed the need for real-life interaction with other artists. At the Studio in the Park on Silverest Avenue, both of these needs are met on Wednesdays and on Sunday afternoons. Fellow artists gather to enjoy each other's work, to share techniques, to offer help, or to provide a friendly critique when asked. Your studio is open on Wednesday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. and on Sundays, Open Studio is scheduled from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Join us for coffee and donuts, go out to lunch with other artists from noon until 1:30 pm, and return to paint the afternoon away. The coffee is always hot. You cannot find a better place to paint than with the Guild community.

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Sweet, Sweet Potatoes Kay Bailey

Guild News

Bylaws

A committee was formed in September to review and revise the existing LAAG bylaws. Changes were made and approved by the Board. The resulting bylaws were then sent to the membership to vote on. They were unanimously approved and official announcement of the new bylaws was made at the Christmas Party. These updated bylaws more clearly define the structure and operations of our organization. If you would like to read the new bylaws, they can be downloaded from our website at www.laag-site.org/Bylaws_2011.pdf.

2011 Board Members

The results of the election of new Board Officers for 2011 were announced at the Christmas Party.

Officers

President: Kay Bailey

Vice-President: Roberta Loflin Treasurer: Claudia LeJeune Secretary: Eve Carmena



Claudia LeJeune, Kay Bailey, Lane Downs, Roberta Loflin, Eve Carmena

Committee Chairs

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Feliciana Chapter

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Guild News

New Years Resolution

It is a new year and we have all made our New Years resolutions. How's that going? As artists looking to grow and better our skills, we should all resolve to dedicate more time to painting. Some of us are overly busy with a variety of important adventures happening in our lives. So how can we make art more of a priority? Sometimes you just have to "turn off the TV" and pick up a paintbrush.

One good way to get more focused on painting is to get out of the house and away from distractions. Part of the allure of Open Studio is the opportunity to paint without stopping to answer the phone or questions from the spouse. Being around other artists inspires creativity. So why not resolve to spend more time painting with fellow artists at LAAG Open Studio on Wednesdays and Sundays.



2011 Dues



Annual membership dues were due in January, but we will continue to accept dues throughout the year. To be included in the Membership Handbook Directory your dues must be paid by February 28. The 2011 Membership Handbook will be published and delivered in early March. Also, please note that if your dues are not current you will no longer receive newsletters or email notifications.

Welcome to our new members: Judy Hanks, Kathy Kramer, Tracy Munson.

Christmas Party

The annual LAAG Christmas Party was on December 19. Over forty people showed up to enjoy the festivities including bountiful food, flowing spirits and timeless fellowship. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Jane Hershberg, LAAG was granted permission to serve wine at the party.

Every year partygoers play a gift exchange game where each person takes a turn opening anonymous gifts. Each person has the option of "stealing" someone else's gift or choosing a new one to open. This brought about plenty of laughs and good camaraderie. We also had a painting exchange where each artist who brought a plainly wrapped, unframed painting chose another

artist's painting to take home.

This is a great way to get a piece of art by one of your fellow artists!





Guild News



Grants

LAAG is the recipient of grant monies from the ExxonMobil Foundation's Volunteer Involvement Program. The grants are received on behalf of a participant who donates volunteer hours to LAAG. Current and retired employees of ExxonMobil and its US affiliates, or their spouses, are eligible to participate. There may be other companies who also provide similar opportunities. Please check and see if you are eligible to apply for a grant from a past or pre sent employer.



Members Forum

Sunday, March 27, 2011

The first Members' Forum this year will be held at the Studio in the Park from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

This is your chance to be heard. Share your thoughts and ideas for improvement of your organization. We want to know what we can do for you.

41st National River Road Show

This year 137 artists from 23 states submitted 418 entries to be considered for the show. The Judge and Juror, Paul Jackson, AWS, NWS, selected 77 paintings from 55 artists.

1st Place: Janice Cipriani-Willis, A Mover And A Shaker

2nd Place: Will Pealatere, Golden Moment

3rd Place: John Brown, *Don* ₹ Mess With My Marbles

Merit Awards

Don Michael, Jr, Hidden in Plain Sight Claudia LeJeune, Umber Happens
Denice Cyrex Ducote, Taboo
Brenda Beck-Fisher, Incoming Tide
Peter Hay, New Life
Pio Lyons, Horn Island
Tim Lloyd, Young Soldier
Willie Briar Jones, Gulfo di Napoli
Ernie Fournet, Almost Under Colors
Lita Andreano, Snowy Reflections
Seay Earehart, Fork in the Road
Mary Lou Liberty, Egret Sanctuary

Honorable Mentions

Jane Flowers, *December Yellows*Janice Evans, *Luminous Grace*Cindy Brabec-King, *Snaps, Sours and Beans*Maureen Killaby, *Spirit Winds*



A Mover And A Shaker



Golden Moment



Don't Mess With My Marbles

Congratulations to the following LAAG members who won an award in the exhibit. Claudia LeJeune, Denice Cyrex Ducote, Tim Lloyd, Seay Earehart, Jane Flowers

Congratulations to these LAAG members who had a painting accepted into the exhibit. Jane Brown, Mary Sue Couvillon, Marylyn Daniel, Gary Drinkwater, Louise Hansen, Donna Kilbourne, Karla King, Amy Lee, Joann Mobley, Christy Olson, Thomas Skillern, Kathy Miller Stone, NWS, June Tuma

Pictures of the winners and all exhibited paintings are on the website at www.laag-site.org/Gallery/LAAG_Galleries/River_Road_Shows/River_Road_Show_10/index.html

Color catalogs will soon be available for sale for \$10.

Winter Judged Show

The Winter Judged Show was exhibited at the Independence Park Theater Gallery from November 11 to January 6. The show was judged by Elayne Kuehler.

1st Place: Louise Hansen, Angel Caps

Patricia Ryan, Rosedown Retreat Annette Melancon, Rural Louisiana

Katie McGarry, Oak at Windrush

2nd Place: VG Hope, Fancy

Honorable Mention

3rd Place: Betty Efferson, Ousel Falls, Big Sky, MT







Angel Caps



Ousel Falls, Big Sky, MT

Iberville Judged Show

Ruth McNaylor, The Falls

On November 6 and 7 the Iberville Chapter of LAAG held their Fourth Annual Fall Art Show & Community Market. The show was judged by Kathy Miller Stone, NWS.

Professional Division

1st Place: Sandra Keller,

Wisdom

2nd Place: Calvin Balencie,

Forgotten

3rd Place: Donna Kleinpeter, Hydrangea's Evening

Honorable Mention

Ann K. Brown, Equine Altercation

Mary Heckman, Dominica Roberta Loflin, Onion & Garlic Shirley Daigre, Hollyberry Time



Kathy Stone, right, and Mary Heckman with her painting Dominica

Non Professional Division

1st Place: Brenda Perrault, Watchers of the Falls

2nd Place: Bobbie Booksh,

Blue Winter

3rd Place: Bobbie Booksh,

Speckled Beauty

Honorable Mention

Brenda Perrault, Blue Mountain Ridge Brenda Perrault, Cypress Bayou

Feliciana Judged Show

On November 6 the Feliciana Chapter of LAAG hosted a judged art show and sale at the Landmark Bank in Clinton. The show was judged by Ann Warner.

1st Place: Carol Shirley 2nd Place: Donna Kilbourne 3rd place: Kathleen Simpson



Amite River at Dusk Carol Shirley

Baton Rouge Little Theater Exhibit

As we do every year, the winning paintings from the Winter Judged Show and one painting from each exhibiting artist were selected and exhibited at the Baton Rouge Little Theater from January to February. At the end of the exhibit, the paintings will be brought to the Studio in the Park and artists will be notified to pick them up.



Kathy Stone Pouring Demo

Current Independence Park Theater Exhibit

Currently on display at the Independence Park Theater Gallery is a Member Show consisting of 16 paintings entered by 9 artists. The reception on January 16 was well attended by about 40 people.

Kathy Miller Stone, NWS discussed techniques and equipment used and executed a pouring demonstration.



The Music Man

Reception attendees voted and chose Louise Hansen to receive the People's Choice Award for her painting *The Music Man.*

Upcoming Independence Park Theater Exhibit

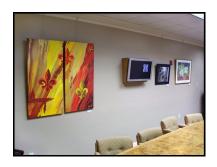
Take in for the Spring Judged Show will be held at Independence Park Theater on February 17 from 12-4pm. Paintings currently hanging in the Member Show should be picked up at this time. If you cannot drop off your paintings at that time, other arrangements can be made, such as dropping off your paintings at Open Studio the day before. Just give us a call at 926-4657 or send an email to laagbr@laag-site.org and we will be happy to accommodate you. The reception will be held on Sunday, March 6, from 2-4pm. Cash awards totaling \$500.00 will be presented as prizes for the paintings judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Ongoing Exhibits



Paintings at the **Forum Salon** in Town Center were changed out on January 24. A painting by Margaret Harmon was sold from the last exhibit at this venue.





Paintings at the **Mayor's Office** will be changed out on February 11. Please drop off paintings at the Studio in the Park on Sunday, February 6 from 1 to 4 pm or on Wednesday, February 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. The available exhibiting space at the Mayor's office is best suited for larger paintings, at least 20" x 28", up to 4' x 4'.





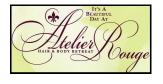
There is limited exhibiting space at the **Serops Express Restaurants**.

The restaurant at 712 Jefferson Hwy has space to hang 8 paintings. The restaurant at 18169 Highland Rd has space to hang 7 paintings. Therefore, we have decided to begin using the Serops Express Restaurant locations for one-person shows. This opportunity is free and open to all members. Anyone interested in exhibiting at either one of the locations, please



contact the Guild at laagbr@laag-site.org or 926-4657 for more information.

The first one-person shows opened on February 1. Roberta Loflin is featured at Highland Rd and Byron Levy is featured at Jefferson Hwy.



Paintings at the **Atelier Rouge Salon** inside the downtown Hilton Hotel will be changed out on March 4. This location can accommodate 20-25 paintings, therefore we really need artists to bring in their artwork. Paintings can be dropped off at the Studio in the Park on Wednesdays and Sundays during Open Studio times.

Recent Workshop

Paul Jackson - Watercolor Painting Glass and Shiny Objects

November 29 - December 1

Nationally known artist and instructor, Paul Jackson, judged the 41st River Road Show sponsored by Louisiana Art and Artist Guild at the LA State Archives. While Jackson was in Baton Rouge for the judging he conducted a three day watercolor workshop from November 30 through December 1, 2010 at the Studio in the Park. The workshop was well attended with twelve participants eager to gain tips from Jackson on painting "Glass and Shiny Objects".



Workshop participant comments:

"It was a fun filled three days, with a lot of fast paced painting that somehow was still very relaxed. Paul was easy to work with and had a great sense of humor. I learned several tips that I think I will use often in my future paintings. My favorite fun tip that he showed us was the use of a "Mr. Clean Eraser" sponge to lift paint...in some instances, all the way down to the white paper and it didn't damage the paper. That was pretty cool." *Leah Schwartzman*





"As a beginning painter I learned several helpful hints and techniques.. I got a lot of encouragement from Paul and painted a painting that I would never had thought I could do." *Elmer Godeny*

"I have taken other workshops from Paul. I like Paul's workshops because you paint along with him in a step by step process." *Claudia Lejeune*









Current Workshops

Roberta Loflin - Watercolor Elements of Landscapes

Saturdays, January 15 - February 19

In this class students are working on separate "elements" such as water, sky, trees, etc., and composing a painting from their photographs. Students will also work on composition and how to combine elements from two or more photos to create one composition.







Life Drawing Sessions

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Fee: \$10.00 per night / \$30.00 per month

Sessions are open studio, no instruction provided.

Artists are welcome to draw or paint from a live model in different poses for various durations. The sessions start off with approximately fifteen 1 minute warm-ups in different action poses. Then the times increase to 5 minutes and 15 minutes. We also try to have two 30 minute poses followed by one long 45 to 60 minute final pose. We have several models and offer a different one each week. For more information contact Steve Shamburger at steve@steveshamburger.com.





Upcoming Workshops

MARCH

Kathy Miller Stone, NWS

Watercolor - Making a Masterpiece Using Light and Shadow

March 21-25, Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150.00 members / \$200.00 nonmembers

To register contact Judy Hanks at judyhanksdesign@gmail.com or

240-418-2460



APRIL

Judi Betts

Creative Watercolor

April 4-8, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$225.00 members / \$275.00 nonmembers

To register contact Charleen Kling at brcrawfishtails@aol.com or

225-938-1058



MAY

Billie Bourgeois Acrylic Painting for Beginners

May 16-19, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$150.00 members / \$200.00 nonmembers

To register contact Roberta Loflin at rloflin@gmail.com or 225-803-6785



JUNE

Mort Solberg

Experimenting in Water-based Media

June 6-10, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$275.00 members / \$325.00 nonmembers

To register contact Betty Klenke at bjklenke@gmail.com or 225-371-3405



Feliciana Chapter News



Clinton Community Market celebrates Valentine's Day on February 5 downtown with lots of unique gifts for your valentine - from gift baskets to iron pots, from bird houses to stone ground cornmeal, from camellias to fruit trees, from kids' clothes to handmade soaps and candles, there is something for everyone. Weather permitting, a horse and carriage ride around the National Landmark East Feliciana Parish Courthouse and Lawyers' Row viewing the vendors' wares is a great valentine's treat.

The Clinton Mardi Gras Parade rolls at 11:00 a.m. downtown on February 19. Lots of throws in a safe area. Visitors welcome.



For more information contact Carol Shirley, Clinton Main Street Manager, 225 603-9003.

46th Annual Jackson Assembly Antique Show Art Sale March 25 - 27 Application DEADLINE March 10, 2011

It is time again for the Annual Jackson Assembly Antique Show Art Sale. This year we are offering several options for artists to display and sell their work. To participate in this year's show, please download an agreement from the website and mail it along with your deposit to: Alice B. Kent, 6988 Mack Lane, Clinton, LA 70722. Please also include a brief artist statement, biography and photo(s) (if available) of your work to be used for publicity. If you have any questions, call Alice Kent at 225-683-8785 or 225-719-2728.

We hope that you will join us this year at the show!

Member News

Margaret Harmon has been invited to show her work at the East Baton Rouge Parrish Library in Zachary for the month of February. She also sold one of her oil paintings, *Strutting in High Grass*," in November at the Forum Salon Exhibit.

In order to better inform the membership, each newsletter will feature answers to

Frequently Asked Questions



When should exhibited paintings be picked up?

Paintings exhibited at the Independence Park Theater should be picked up from the Theater on the Take-in day of the next exhibit. When entering paintings into an exhibit, please mark your calendar with the pick-up date. Take-in / Pick-up day is always on a Thursday from 12 pm - 4 pm.

Paintings exhibited at other venues will be returned to the Studio in the Park. They can be picked up from there on any Wednesday or Sunday thereafter. When dropping off your paintings for one of these exhibits, please mark your calendar with the pick-up date.

Any paintings not retrieved within 30 days become the property of the Guild.

How can I found out where my paintings are being exhibited?

If you have lost track of which paintings you have hanging in which venues, please contact the Guild at laagbr@laag-site.org or 926-4657 or come by the Studio in the Park on a Wednesday or Sunday during Open Studio times. We keep track of all paintings so our records will solve your dilemma. We're here to help!

What is a Featured Artist?

Starting this year, the Guild will periodically feature different artists. Each featured artist will be interviewed for the front page of the newsletter and will have their bio and pictures of their work displayed on the home page of the website. The opportunity to be a featured artist is open to all LAAG members and is a great chance to get better connected to your art community by increasing the exposure of your name and artwork. If you are interested, submit your bio and pictures of your work to Lane Downs at laagbr@laag-site.org. If you are chosen to be a featured artist, we will contact you to arrange an interview.

2011 Calendar of LAAG Events

Tuesday, February 1

Serops Express Exhibit - Byron Levy Serops Express Exhibit - Roberta Loflin

Saturdays, **January 15** - February 19, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Roberta Loflin - Elements of Landscapes - Watercolor classes

Tuesday, **February 8** - February 11 AWA workshop - Ken Hosner - Oil

Friday, **February 11**10:00am Mayor's Office Exhibit

Thursday, **February 17**12:00pm Spring Judged Show Take-in and Pick up

Friday, **March 4** 10:00am Atelier Rouge Salon Exhibit

Sunday, **March 6** 2:00pm Spring Judged Show Reception

Tuesday - Thursday, **March 15 - March 17,** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Kathy Miller Stone - Watercolor Workshop, Iberville Chapter

Monday - Friday, **March 21 - March 25**, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Kathy Miller Stone - Watercolor Workshop

Saturday - Sunday, March 26 - March 27 Frames and Things Sale

Sunday, March 27 Members Forum and Sale

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Monday - Friday, **April 4 - April 8**, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Judi Betts - Watercolor Workshop

Thursday, April 28

12:00pm Workshop Show Take-in and Pick-up

Tuesday, **May 10** Serops Express Exhibit Serops Express Exhibit

Monday - Thursday, **May 16 - May 19**, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Billie Bourgeois - Acrylic Workshop

Monday, **May 23** 10:00am Forum Salon Exhibit

Friday, **June 3** 10:00am Atelier Rouge Salon Exhibit

Monday - Friday, **June 6 - June 10**, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Mort Solberg - Waterbased Media Workshop

Friday, **June 17** 10:00am Mayor's Office Exhibit Second **Monday** - last Monday, monthly 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Larry Downs All Levels Drawing Class

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Life Drawing Sessions

Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Sundays**, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Open Studio

Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Larry Downs All Levels Acrylic Class

Third **Sunday**, monthly, 10:00am-4:00pm Picture Day



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Information to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Trish Poynot at grannytrishp@yahoo.com by the first of every other month. The newsletter is published bi-monthly.

If you are interested in helping with the newsletter, please contact Lane Downs at laned69@yahoo.com or 275-8835.



Practise what you know, and it will help to make clear what you do not know.

- Rembrandt van Rijn

I certainly hope to sell in the course of time, but I think I shall be able to influence it most effectively by working steadily on, and that at the present moment making desperate efforts to force the work I am doing now upon the public would be pretty useless.

- Vincent van Gogh