

"Brush Off"



The Fort Myers Beach Art Association

April, May and Summer 2011

Bazaar is a wet winner in new location

A new year and yet another new venue for our Art Bazaar ! This member show and sale (our former 'Clothesline Sale') was held Sunday, March 6. This year we moved to Santini Marina Plaza shopping center, farther down Es-tero Boulevard. Santini's owner, Al Durrett, graciously invited us to hold our event at 'his place' and we are very pleased that we did.

The day began wet and windy, but our sales proved to be solid and growing --- we had our best year ever! Twenty-three artists sold \$6,182 worth of artwork (including *Mimi Little's* mega sale!). A huge 84% increase, this amount contrasts with last year's total of \$3,354 which *itself* was an increase of 31% over the previous year. Allowing charge purchases contributed to our numbers again, as well as the great amount of foot traffic at Santini. The location allowed us to bring framed artwork if we wished, as there was room for supports. Everyone agreed that moving the location off-campus resulted in good selling.

As in the past several years our President and Treasurer – *Michele and George Buelow*, are a big part of our success. Lugging supplies and tents from the gallery and setting up our cashier operation (trying to keep everything dry from the wind and whipping rain!), instructing the cashiers, selling the minis, etc. *Sylvia and Gus Kasparie* were a huge part of the operation and we appreciated their help

also with carting and setting up and taking down. There is always a lot of behind the scenes work done in any endeavor such as this.

Silvia of Skye's Restaurant provided us with the electrical and phone hookups that George needed for payments, and Bonnie Roberts of Santini Marina Plaza was on hand as a roving helper during the sale. We thank them both for their assistance!

I would like to thank everyone who took part in cashiering. As we say - 'many hands make light work' – and we did need the help. When everyone helps it spreads out the work and helps things go smoothly. Thanks, also, to our wonderful artist members and their **great artwork**, which made it all happen. Good work!

As in past years, our Student Scholarship Fund is the beneficiary of this event, receiving approximately \$1,000.



Lynne Wesolowski, Chair

From the "past president"

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president these last two years. It has been a lot of hard work but I enjoyed it all. I appreciated the fact that when I asked, you stepped up to help, no matter what needed doing. We have charted some new territories lately and I think they are turning out to be good for our association. Continue to support the FMBAA in its endeavors as *Meg Bushnell* steps in to take my place. She will serve you well. Best wishes to you all... *Michele*

A potluck birthday party

Join us on April 7 at 5:30 for the Annual Potluck Meeting done picnic style. We will celebrate the 60th birthday of the FMBAA Chair *Kathleen Flicek* and her committee will be preparing brats n'burgers with all the fixins.

Sign up to bring picnic items: potato salad, beans, cole slaw, green salads, fruit, raw vegetables, dips, chips, or snacks ---or whatever your favorite picnic food. We will have ice tea, lemonade, and beer for this final party of the year. Don't forget to bring your plates and silverware. Cost will be \$2.50 per person.

We will have a birthday cake and ice cream for dessert and will invite sponsors to this

THE BRUSHOFF™

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meeting. The new budget will be presented for approval by incoming president *Meg Bushnell*. Sign up at the gallery or call 463-3909.

Paint the Beach #2

We are in the planning stages for the second Paint the Beach...a plein air festival in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. At this point we are planning for November during the Sand Bash sandcastle building festival. . As soon as we have the exact dates we'll let you; it looks likely for the third week of November.

The many facets of the festival have been divided up and will be chaired separately. Currently we have the following chairmen:

Overall Chairman- *Michele Buelow*

Publicity- *Angela Davis*

Sponsors/Program- *Corky Condon*

Prospectus & artists packet-*Michele*

Artists check in week-*Meg Bushnell*

Gala- *Angela Davis*

Show Receiving *Pauline Healey*

Hanging *Joan Stobart*

Sales- *George Buelow*

Judging *Michele*

FMBAA Raffle- Needed

Childrens Event- *Mimi Little*

Quick Draw Event Needed

Volunteer Coordinator-*Rosemary Giovanelli*

Clean up *Bonnie Roberts*

If you would like to volunteer for chairing the raffle or Quick Draw please contact Michele. Also, let us know if you will be willing to help during the week manning the various functions of the festival. (This week is quite likely to be when the workshop of Bridgit Austin is being held and will cause check-in to be held elsewhere and impact the volunteer pool)

Michele will contact the chairmen via email over the summer. Be ready to jump in next October. Let's all make this event as successful as it was last year and even bigger and better!! All the artists are anxious to come again and enjoy our hospitality and have fun painting our beautiful beach town.

Mini Masters

While you are enjoying the summer months, take your paints with you to the beach and create a couple of new mini paintings for FMBAA. Remember the image showing in the mat is only 3x5. Be sure to sign your name in that area so when matted it shows. We will again mat them to 8x10" for sale.

Donation of matboard and bags is greatly appreciated. And if you put it all together you deserve a gold star!! This project has turned out to be a great fund raiser for the group so help us build up our supply with new paintings.

The officers for 2011/2012 will be as follows:

President:	Meg Bushnell
1 st VP:	Corky Condon
2 nd VP:	Joan Zeoli
Recording Secty.	Kathy Taylor
Corresp. Secty.	Gretchen Johnson
Treasurer	George Buelow
Asst Treas	Joanne Shamp

Welcome new members

We have eight new members to welcome. Their complete listing will be in the YEAR-BOOK or in the roster that *George Buelow* sends out regularly.

Bryant, Roberta 1 2 3 4 5 9 A B C
Warren, Gloria 1 2 3 Away: E. Falmouth MA
DeFrank, David 1 2 3 Away: Elgin IL
Hamilton Loretta 1 2 3 4 Away: Naperville IL
Luik, Joan 2 3
Martinson, Elaine 1 2 3 Away: Toronto ONT
Prichard, Doris 2 Away: Knoxville TN
Whitford, Barbara 1 2 3 Away: Moscow PA

Art Council luncheon

The installation luncheon for the Art Council of SW Florida will be on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at the Bonita Bay Club. Stan Wisniewski will present a program with the topic "All About Creativity"

Plan to come with a friend about 11:30 for the afternoon. Directions and menu/prices will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

New officers for the coming season will be elected. Candidates are:

President	Sandra Mark
Co-First Vice Presidents	Celeste Borah Michael Moukios
Second Vice President	Joan Klutch
Treasurer	John Pappas
Corresponding Secty.	Marjorie Ewell
Recording Secty	Judy Biddle

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Art on the Boulevard

This event will happen again on April. 3 Contact Pauline Healey about participating in the sale. It is a very successful venue. You must be an artist who has had work accepted into our juried shows and you need to be available to work at the event all day (12-4).

Space is limited to about 12 artists. Both framed and unframed work is sold but emphasis is on the framed.

More sale opportunities

There will be several events this spring at Santini Plaza in which FMBAA members have been invited to participate -- a Seafood Festival on April 16th and a Fashion Show on May 7th. This would be on an individual basis as we cannot commit the group at that time of year, but if you would like to have your own tent and participate in some way contact Angela Davis at Fishtale Marina/Santini Plaza for more information or Bonnie Roberts at the same place. They suggested a tent for selling art or demonstrations.

A note from Gretchen

Michele and George, Thanks for all you have done to make the Art Association even better than ever. Among the many other things, the venues on the Blvd. have made people more aware of our location while giving the artists more places to show works that have been in

shows and no longer eligible to hang on the walls of the Art Association. You have been a great team. Thanks. *Gretchen*

Noteworthy

---*Sharon Hegstrom* has arranged for a new (to us) refrigerator for the kitchen. Thanks, Sharon

---We sent a birthday card to *Neale Baltz* in honor of her 100th birthday, We miss Neale in all the workshops.

---*Joan Handel* has been editing the BRU-SHOFF since she took it from *Tove Stellas* in 1997 After 15 years, it is time for a new "crew". Beginning in October, 2011, *Kathy Taylor* will be gathering and sorting the news from FMBAA. Her e-mail address is *KCtylr@aol.com*. She will appreciate all your help.

Shows and Exhibitions

. The **Student Scholarship Show** sponsored in part by the Town of Fort Myers Beach will hang in the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery from April 6-20 and be on display during regular gallery hours. At the reception on April 17 3-5 the student scholarships will be awarded to seniors going on to study art at a university or college.

Each year the art association works hard to garner the funds to provide these awards and were pleased by the outcome of the last sale sponsored by Santini Marini Plaza and supported by residents and visitors. The art association and the students thank all who contributed to this effort, especially the merchants of Sanitini Plaza, Skye Restaurant, and Al Durrett, Bonnie Roberts and Angela Davis.

. The scholarship amounts are: 1st=\$1000, 2nd=\$900, 3rd=\$800. The middle school awards are: 1st a gift cards, 2nd and 3rd an art related item. We have received \$1000 from the Town of Fort Myers Beach towards the scholarship.

Awards for Spring Juried

First Place (*Lucy B. Campbell*)

Cheryl A. Fausel "Inside Looking Out Conversely" Water Media

Second Place

Sue Pink, "Wash Day" Water Media

Third Place

David DeFrank "My Beautiful Niece's Friend" Oil

Florida Watercolor Society

Janet Mach Dutton, "Jaguar Tracks" W/C

Merit Awards

Karen Borden, "Like A Phoenix"

Tracy Owen Cullimore "Don't Ask" Acry

Anne Kittel, "Pastiche" W/C

Honorable Mention

Lorrie Nero, "Bridge to Nowhere" Acrylic

Kathy Ross, "Charleston Winter" Oil

Marge Williamson "Back Canal Berth Venice" W/C

Ed Zender, "Sunset" W/C

Maya Byrant Award

Michele Barron Buelow, "Beach Branches" Oil

Classes and Workshops

Famous Artist workshops

Bridget Austin

Nov. 14-18, 2011

\$350 for members/ \$380 for non-members
Individual days \$80/\$90.

Bridget Austin comes to us from Green Bay, WI. This will be a return trip for her as she taught here in 1984. Enjoy spontaneity and

keep your paintings fresh and lively. You will be enjoying creative color, designing your own compositions, negative painting and celebrating sparkling whites. There will be daily demos using a variety of subject matter combined with personal help and group learning in a fun and supportive manner. Her website is www.bridgetaustin.com

This workshop can be taken for a week, 3 days or two days. All are welcome.

Contact **Gretchen Johnson** at 239-463-1214 or gretjohn@embarqmail.com

Rose Edin

January 16-20, 2012

\$360 members/ \$390 non-members

Rose has just written a new book and has just been accepted in AWS - She already had NWS after her name. She has taught for years and was anxious to come to Fort Myers Beach. We are so glad to have her here. She does beautiful watercolors. Check out her website at www.roseedin.com. Rose replaces Carla O'Connor who had to cancel.

Contact **Karen Borden** (239) 463-0343 or email: bordenkelly@comcast.net

Carol Frye

February 13-17 2012

Members \$325, non-members \$355

As a multimedia artist Carol's current works are both intuitive and experimental. She has moved to Florida and has become active in the state art community. She is on the slate for the forthcoming FWS Board.

Contact **Nancy Randall** (239)765-6381 winter (812)923-9128 summer or email: papaandnana63@aol.com

Workshop committee NEEDS you

We are in the fortunate position of being able to attract "Famous Artists" to conduct workshops at our gallery each season. We have had some of the best artists in the country come here and they are pretty impressed with

the caliber of work they see and jury into our shows. We have a wonderful facility that works well for a classroom as well as a gallery and showcase of our members talent.

Being an all volunteer organization we depend on our members to make this possible. We need more of you to participate and become members of the Famous Artist Workshop committee. There are lots of advantages in becoming a member, such as:

Discussing future artist instructors, contacting those you feel will be good for our group, determining if they can come when we would like to schedule them and what their rates are. If all these are satisfactory we go ahead and send them our normal contract.

As a committee member when you are the coordinator for a particular workshop, you do not have to pay the tuition for that workshop. We try to match committee members with an instructor that they would enjoy. The coordinator takes responsibility for making motel arrangements for the instructor, meeting them at the airport if they are not driving or do not wish to rent a car and generally making them comfortable.

Since the coordinator has been in touch with the artist prior to their visit here, there has been correspondence and they should feel that the reception here will be friendly. This gives the coordinator a chance to get to know the artist and how they think and can ask for future recommendations for instructors here and other helpful information. Networking opportunity!

Sometime during the week of the workshop, the instructor is invited out to dinner (with spouse if accompanying then). The FMBAA will pay for the instructor and the workshop coordinator. Other members of the workshop can come along if they wish and pay their own way.

I hope you will think about joining us and help to bring great artists to Fort Myers Beach in the future! I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Karen Borden, Famous Artist Workshop
Committee chairman

P.S. I can be reached at (239) 463-0343 and
email: bordenkelly@comcast.net

In the Gallery

Patty Kane watercolor

Patty holds her last series of watercolor instruction from April 1 through May 9. Intermediates come from 9-12, and beginners from 1-4. Your last chance this season to get some top-notch lessons.

Open Painting

The gallery will be open again this summer on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to noon. Enjoy the "cool" as you sketch, paint, or enjoy the exchange of ideas. Gretchen and her assistants will have inspiring still life set ups arranged.

Wednesday outside

Avis Schmitz (481-6508)

Before I list the paint out locations, I have an item regarding some awards that Lee Ackert recently won. They are the Maya Bryant award at the San-Cap member show, and the other award she received was a Third Place award at the Big Arts Sanibel-Captiva Council Show. She was so pleased when she told me about them.

Now, the schedule:

April 2011

Lee Ackert 463-5275

April 6 Times Square, FMB Parking fee

April 13 Bonita Beach at Bonita Springs
Parking fee

April 20 Getaway Marina area, San Carlos
Blvd. Parking at Pincher's Crab Shack

April 27 Wiggins Pass - go to last parking lot
- Parking fee

May 2011

Terry Shattuck 225-7397

May 4 Red Coconut RV Park on the gulf
side, 3001 Estero Blvd.

May 11 Six Mile Cypress Slough
Parking fee

May 18 FMBAA area around the gallery

May 25 Bunch Beach