

KAA Update



KENT ART ASSOCIATION INC.
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President's Message



Dear Members, Fellow Artists and Friends,

The Elected Artist Invitational and Zufar Bikbov Solo Show is currently at the gallery. Thank you to our Chairwoman Karen Cashman and our Co-Chairwoman Carolyn Fisher for all your hard work and time to make this show a success. Thank you to all the volunteers for receiving and hanging. The Saturday receiving and hanging was particularly difficult due to the air-conditioning malfunction. It was over 90 degrees in the gallery yet everyone worked diligently to get the show hung. Thank you for your dedication. Please stop in and see the show. We did have to close off the one room upstairs due to lack of entries. Hopefully more elected artists will participate in the future.

Congratulation to our newly Elected Artists:

Phyllis J. Behar, Judy Cantwell, Gretchen Getsinger, Will Kefauver, Jane Lawrence, Elaine Ralston, and Margaret N. Timone.

Nominations to the Board of the Kent Art Association

The Nominating committee has completed its task of making its recommendations for the officers and board members for 2010. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 a.m.

The nominees are as follows:

Officers

Carolyn Fisher—President
Paul Gould—1st VP
Alexis Lynch—2nd VP
Beth Dooley—Treasurer
Sandra Dorsey Beres—Corresponding Secretary
Pat Broun—Recording Secretary

Board

Clayton Buchanan	Ruth Newquist
Karen Cashman	Will Kefauver
Deborah Flavin	Peter Rembetsy
Julie Hopkins	Virginia Schaffer
Cathy Lusardi Sgro	Mireille Duchesne
Barbara Madden	Davia Kennedy Fink*

*Ex-Officio

As members of the Association, your input is a valuable tool in shaping the upcoming year. Our **Annual Meeting** is on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the KAA gallery. All are welcome and the annual meeting is the time and place to bring up concerns from the current year and suggestions to improve the Association in the up coming year. Remember, this is your organization. It is run by volunteers and the way to have your voice heard is to attend the Annual Meeting. We need to know what worked, what didn't work and what you think will work in the future. Your input is needed if we are to continue to stay an active

organization. It is also when a new board is approved and officers are elected.

It is important for you to come to the Annual Meeting to nominate any other candidates and vote on a slate of Board members and officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Remember, this is a volunteer organization and all of you are very important to the organization.

Lecture at KAA by Dr. Virginia Bush

On Sunday, September 26th, Dr. Virginia Bush will give a lecture entitled "*Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Dan Brown: 'Angel and Demon?'*" In her lecture and slide presentation, Dr. Bush will talk about the real aesthetics and meaning of the *Ecstasy of St. Theresa*, the *Four Rivers Fountain*, and other works by Bernini which were featured in the Dan Brown novel. Seating is limited and there will be a fee of \$10. Reservations are required. Please call the gallery on 860-927-3989 to make your reservations.

Can we do more? Yes. All we need is you.

As a nonprofit organization our livelihood depends on the financial resources from sales, membership and donations. Your support – as a volunteer and donor of money – is critical. Only with your support can the Kent Art Association continue to offer the many benefits and activities offered to our members.

Why your help is needed now

This year the sales at the gallery have not been as prolific as they have been in past years and this impacts all of us. Part of the decline in sales can be attributed to the economy, but low traffic in the gallery is also another factor. Please know that we are doing all that we can to help the gallery become more visible and bring in business. We plan our advertising carefully each year. Mailings are sent to our list of buyers and gallery visitors. Information is updated on our website and advertising material is displayed in local businesses throughout the area.

How can you help?

- Please encourage your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and customers to attend our shows and auction.
- Share your list of buyers and let us serve as your sales agents. We can always use extra names for our mailings. If you would prefer, we can provide you with the postcards and you can put a personal note on the card. We also send out postcards for special events such as the paint-out / auction (which is the major fund raiser for the year) and the Solo Show.
- In your e-mails to your customers please list the Gallery as the place to buy your work, and provide our link (www.kentart.org). Please contact our webmaster at jbaker@berkshire.net to add a link to your website.
- Volunteer your time
 - Do you have a special skill you can share that can help our organization?
 - Can you sit the gallery or volunteer a few hours of your time for receiving, hanging or hospitality?
 - Would you like to share your talent with others by doing a special demonstration or presentation?

- Support us with a tax deductible contribution to help with expenses in any of the following funds:
 - Building Fund (helps with expenses for repairs, etc)
 - General Fund (used for any necessary expense)
 - Prize Fund

Our building expenses cost approximately \$850 per month and this figure does not include the added cost of non volunteer labor.

Thank you! Any help you can offer is truly appreciated.

Holiday Sale Fund Raiser For Kent Art Association - 7 by 5 for \$75

We really need your help to make this a success. If we don't have any canvases, we can't sell them and raise funds. The Fund Raiser sale is on November 21st. We are asking all of our member artists to pick up at least one 5 x 7 canvas and create an original painting. It should be **signed on the back not the front**. The canvas can be returned to Kent at any time, but no later than our annual meeting October 24th. If you can not make that date, we can make arrangements for it to be returned at a later date. All the proceeds will go for the benefit of the art association. As you know, everyone's costs have gone up and it is no different for the Art Association.

Canvases are available at the front desk at all times. There are also 300 pound watercolor papers for those of you who do watercolor.

For those that did not return their canvases last year, please do so as soon as possible.

Paint-Out/Auction

This year, the Paint-Out/Auction is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2009, rain or shine. Last year the auction was successful and we look forward to continued success this year.

As a member, the entry fee is \$10 (\$20 for non-members) and the minimum bid has been raised to \$125.00. Participants paint in and around Kent that day. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. Although we have accepted walk-ins in the past, you really should register in advance, and we will send you a letter of confirmation. The application is included with the prospectus and on line at www.kentart.org under downloads, or at the gallery. The application, with the entry fee is due no later than October 3, 2009. Properly framed and wired paintings are due back at KAA no later than 3:00 pm. If you are going to be away and still want to participate, you can drop off your pieces at the gallery with the application and entry fee ahead of time.

As a participant, you are entitled to enter a second painting of any subject, medium or style, also properly framed and wired for hanging. Auction begins at 4:00 pm.

Member News



Eleanor Bounous' painting "Lace" has been accepted to hang at the "Hudson Valley Art Association's 78th Annual Exhibit" held at the Ridgewood, NJ Art Institute.

"Autumn Walks," **Will Kefauver's** latest show of landscapes in oil, opens on Friday, September 4th, at Teatown Lake Reservation. Kefauver's work hangs in the Main House, and visitors will be treated to over 30 original works of art, giclees, and prints, that celebrate the splendor of autumn in New York and New England. The show runs from September 4th through October 31st, with the opening reception on Saturday, September 12th from 3 - 6 p.m. The Main House is open Tuesday-Sunday, 9-5, and the trails are open every day from dawn to dusk. Admission and parking are free. The Teatown Lake Reservation is located at 16 Spring Valley Road, Ossining, NY. The phone number is 914-762-2912.

Julie Hopkins has been awarded the prestigious George Inness, Jr. Memorial Award for Pastel for her painting "What Lies Beneath" at the Salmagundi Club's 2009 Annual Open Painting and Sculpture Exhibition. The exhibition ran from June 29 through July 10, 2009.

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it. ~H.E. Luccock

Alexis Lynch

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President