

# KAA Update



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## President's Message



Dear Members, Fellow Artists, and Friends,

The Gallery at The Kent Art Association opened February 27 with the first exhibition of the year, The 2010 Student Show. We are proud of the public and independent secondary school students who took part in The Student Show and we appreciate the effort of their art teachers. The Student Show coordinators were Executive Director, Davia Kennedy Fink and Past President, Connie Horton. The coordinators put much planning and effort into the smoothly run show. Well known artists, Peter Seltzer and Frank Federico judged the show and made insightful comments about the work. Having judged The Student Show in the past, I can appreciate how difficult it was to choose the winners because of the quality of the students' work. During the reception, awards for excellence were passed out and the artists honored for their efforts. Awards of \$25.00, a 5x7 canvas, and special one year student membership to The Gallery at the Kent Art Association were awarded for excellence. The Jane Bancroft Memorial Award and the Mario Penagos Memorial Award were also presented. Donations were collected for Haiti Relief during The Student Show. Each year this show continues to grow. It is up for only two weekends, so, in the future try to make an effort to view the work of these creative young artists.

**Member Show I** is currently being shown at the gallery. We are enjoying a wide variety of work from our members. I wish to thank Edward DeVoe, Adele Moros, and Marija McCarthy for their time and comments judging the show. Mureille Duchesne and Sandra Beres deserve thanks for Chairing and Co-chairing the show. The show's success was a result of the efforts from our many volunteers including Janet Iffland, Stuart Grandy, Barbara Ripps, Barbara Hiewiel, Dave Beres, Sandy Beres, David Cook, James Hogue, Carol Moore, Dorothy Wilson, Janet Amalfitano, Laura Wilk, Earl Fisher and Alexis Lynch. We wish to thank Will Kefauver for the presentation of "Getting a Digital Image". Remember that the next presentation, "Using Your Digital Image", will take place before Receiving for the Member Show II.

The small works continue to change with each show. We are using the 80 square-inch maximum measure of a painting's image to qualify for the small works wall. You may enter two small works in each show. The public enjoys the smaller paintings. Five pieces with a maximum outside measurement of 28 inches may be deposited in the Portfolio Bin for the year. A good idea is to vary your artwork in the Portfolio Bin from time to time. You may change Portfolio paintings as often as you wish as long as you have no more than five pieces at one time. Participation in the Small Works wall and the Portfolio Bin is a free service available to all members.

Continue to contact me with your suggestions on ways to improve The Kent Association at [carolynfisherart@gmail.com](mailto:carolynfisherart@gmail.com). Remember that we are a volunteer organization and we appreciate any help you can provide. Volunteering is also a good way to interact with other members.

*Carolyn B. Fisher*

President

## Member News



Congratulations to the winners from the March Members' show as follows:

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Julie Hopkins – Pastel - "Swamp River Revisited"  
Ed Little — Oil - "Leeks"  
Charles Gehm — Oil - "Daybreak"  
Laura Wilk — Watercolor - "The Conversation"  
Beverly Bourassa — Watercolor - "March Woods"

Mary Beth Chapdelaine's silver gelatin photograph, "The Midnight Hour", was selected for the 40th Annual Juried Members Exhibition at the New Britain Museum of American Art. The exhibit ran through January 3, 2010.

New member, Chris Sanders, will be showing work in the "Birds of Prey of the Eastern United States" Exhibit. The show is at the Yale Class of 1954 Environmental Science Center in New Haven, Ct. and runs from January 23rd – June 7th, 2010.

### JOINT BENEFIT JURIED AUCTION WITH THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND

We are pleased to announce that we will be having the Joint Benefit Auction with the Children's Cancer Fund (CCF) on Sunday, May 16th at the Lounsbury House in Ridgefield, CT. As you may recall, we needed fifty participants to hold the event and with such an overwhelming response the minimum was quickly met. There's still room for more artists so if you would like to participate we will be accepting applications until April 15, 2010. There will be a non-refundable entry fee of \$15. *This auction is open to sculptors as well, and non-representational pieces are welcome.* We want to

give our bidders as many options as possible. Remember, only *Members of Kent Art Association* will be eligible to participate.

The judges are board members, and the paintings will be juried by picture or jpeg only prior to the event. The Auctioneer is Del-Bourree Bach, noted artist and Kent Art Association member.

**All images submitted for the auction must be received by April 19, 2010 at the latest. Key points are as follows:**

- Each artist can submit up to three (3) works for the auction. It can be work that was previously submitted to Kent Art Association.
- Minimum bid will be \$200 but the artist may set a higher minimum.
- The digital images should be jpegs and be a maximum of 150 dpi.
- The file should be named as follows: first initial, last name, title, submission number .jpg with periods between the info items. For example: a.lynch.kent-falls.1.jpg; a.lynch.bird-song.2.jpg; etc.
- The images should be e-mailed to kaapres@snet.net or mailed to **KAA, PO Box 415, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.**
- In the body of the e-mail or on a separate piece of paper with photographic submissions, indicate the title, medium and opening bid if higher than \$200.
- Along with the images, please send a short bio, no more than 6 sentences long. We are producing a pamphlet with information about each artist for the bidders.

The artist will receive 50% of the sales price with 25% going to CCF and 25% going to KAA. Actual accepted pieces should be delivered to the Lounsbury House at 316 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877 (on Route 35) promptly between 11:00 am and Noon on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Artists are welcome to stay for the auction and bid on pieces.

The Children's Cancer Fund is a non-profit organization that fosters research in childhood cancer and provides patient services for children and their families. To find out more information about the Children's Cancer Fund, visit [www.childrenscancerfund.org](http://www.childrenscancerfund.org) and to find out more about the venue visit [www.lounsburyhouse.com](http://www.lounsburyhouse.com). The application is on the KAA website [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org) under downloads; please return with your **\$15 application fee to KAA, P.O. Box 415, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533 as soon as possible but no later than April 15th.** If you have any questions, please contact Alexis Lynch at (845) 896-8755.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JOINT BENEFIT JURIED AUCTION WITH THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND**

We are busy working with the Children's Cancer Fund on the planning for the art auction and seek volunteers to help on the day of the event. There's a need for people to help with set up, carrying pieces to the auctioneer, carrying pieces upstairs for pickup, helping with check out, cleaning up after the auction and returning any unsold work to KAA. This is a great opportunity to work with people both inside and outside of Kent Art Association, make some new friends, and help the organization. We are grateful to all who volunteer because the more hands

to help, means less work for just a few people. The preview begins at 1:30 pm and the Auction begins at 2:30 pm. There will be live music during the preview hour and hors d'oeuvres being served. Please let me know if you will be there to help. Thanks for any support you can provide, Alexis.

#### **KENT FILM FESTIVAL**

On April 22, 2010 The Kent Film Festival will be using our gallery for their Opening Night Reception. The invitation is offered only to ticket holders at the "film aficionado" level. In case you haven't heard of the Kent Film Festival, they are an organization that helps to develop and educate artists who work in film. Each spring, for one weekend, hundreds of people come to Kent to view the films shown at the festival. We are pleased they have chosen Kent Art Association for their reception as it showcases the exceptional talent of our organization to a greater audience of potential buyers.

#### **ARTIST TIP: CANVAS ALL SAGGY?**

If your stretched canvas is losing some of its bounce, try this tip:

Turn the canvas over on a flat surface and with a spray bottle (old Windex bottle will work great) filled with clean water, give it a "spritz"! Try to do an even spray across the whole surface and just enough to wet it without getting it soaked. Leave it to dry and the canvas should tighten up on the stretchers and get the old bounce back!

Do you have a helpful tip to share? Please send your artist tips and any other news items to Cathy Sgro at [css526@optonline.net](mailto:css526@optonline.net). The next newsletter will be sent with the Member Show II prospectus.

#### **ART CLASS OFFERED**

Plein Air Watercolor Painting with Gretchen Getsinger

Starts Saturday May 8th in Litchfield at the Community Center

For further information, call: 860-459-6275 or e-mail [GGetsinger999@gmail.com](mailto:GGetsinger999@gmail.com)