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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 23	7:30pm	Scholastic Award Ceremony	NVCC
March 2	7pm	Board Meeting	Kathleen's Home
March 3		Show Change	Village Gallery
March 3	2pm	Village Gallery Committee Meeting	Village Gallery
March 4	10-6pm	Show Change	Old Town Hall
March 6	1-3pm	Membership Meeting	Green Acres
March 6-7		Fairfax Chocolate Festival	Fairfax City
March 6	12-5pm	FAL All Things Chocolate	Village Gallery
March 8	7-9pm	Reception	Old Town Hall
March 19	7-9pm	St. Patrick's Day Feastival	Village Gallery

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kathleen Stark

There hasn't been a lot happening in the FAL galleries except **SNOW,SNOW,SNOW!** As a result, March will be extra busy.

FAL will be having all the events this month that were cancelled in February. Check the calendar for the new date for the Chocolate Festival in Fairfax at the Village Gallery. We will also be going on our field trip to The National Museum of Women in the Arts. Our biggest event will be our **ST PATRICK'S DAY FEASTIVAL, Friday March 19 7-9**. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. There will be *Irish Music, The Comedy Pigs Improv. Group from Frederick, Md., a silent auction to benefit The FAL New Gallery fund, good food and wine.*

In between snow storms, **Trudi Arnold**, Education Chair and I were able to go over to Walnut Grove Center to look at the portfolios of the twenty-six Gold Key Regional Winners of the Scholastic Art and Writers Show. After looking at some very talented young artists' work, we choose an FAL scholarship winner. Trudi and I will present the \$500 award at the Awards Presentation on Tuesday, February 23 at NOVA, Annandale. If anyone else would like to come with us that evening just give Trudi or me a call. I hope all of you have stayed warm, got some painting done and are ready to get out and about in March.

Ruth Bailey has a great program for us to enjoy at our March 6th meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Another Field Trip

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There is a wonderful German restaurant on the way to the museum where we can stop for lunch. It is called The Mozart Café. The food is very good. There is a café at the museum but it isn't that great. The admission fee for the museum is \$10 and lunch will be about \$20-\$25. Please let me know if you are interested in going. The cut off date is Friday March 5 so let me know soon at landkstark@verizon.net (703)569-8760 Our last two field trips have been great fun for all who went along. I really wish that I could get some suggestions as to where you want to go on future trips. What about going to a museum

outside of the metro area? The Barnes, outside of Philadelphia, has been suggested. What do you think?

Kathleen

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE AND THE SWEET THINGS IN LIFE AT THE VILLAGE:

The Fairfax Chocolate festival will be Sat March 6-7 in City of Fairfax. FAL will be having our postponed ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE & THE SWEET THINGS IN LIFE ART SHOW OPENING on Saturday from 12-5pm. Please bring your donations for the bake sale and the goodie basket to the gallery on Wednesday, Mar. 3rd, 3-7pm when you bring your art work for show change. Since, this is a fund raiser for the Art League, I hope as many of you as possible will bring things and make this a successful day. The more money we raise, the closer we get to having our own space. Thanks to you all!

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ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

We are planning a fund raiser/multi-art event at the Village Green Gallery on the third weekend of March. Stay tuned for announcement of the date (either March 19th or March 20th.) We hope to see everybody there, ready for a good time!

FROM THE VILLAGE GALLERY

By Jacqueline Elwell

February was a snowy month at Village Gallery. The regular monthly show change was cancelled due to weather and our plans for Gallery events during the Chocolate Festival never materialized. However, all was not lost; when possible the heartiest of artists kept the gallery open for visitors and Deborah conducted several training sessions on the new credit card system for those people who sat the duty.

Herein is the revised schedule for new shows at Village Gallery for the next three months. Plan to participate. Bring in plenty of your wonderful work so that we can fill our walls with a Salon-style exhibition in time for Spring. It would be wonderful to see our paintings, photographs, works on paper, and mixed pieces hanging in a harmonious way from floor to ceiling in the gallery. We used this dense style of showing art when we were located upstairs in the courtyard and it was well received. We now have just as

much, if not more, wall and flat space in the present location. Let's fill the space with your artwork.

Shows will change after every four weekends. The schedule is:

Intake day - Wed. March 3: Theme: The Sweet Things of Life

Wed. March 31 Theme; The Arrangement (a still life show primarily)

Wed. April 28 Theme: Shapes and Spaces, Dots and Dashes (think abstraction)

If you like the Theme ideas, use them for inspiration. If they don't interest you, do what you love to do and share it at the Village Gallery.

At FAL's Village Gallery we are working hard to recapture our audience since moving from the Courtyard on North Street to the University Ave.(street level) location.

Even if you don't show your work at Village Gallery, you and every artist in the League can support this effort by stopping by for a visit once a month or as frequently as you can. You can bring your friends and

family and spread the word about our fine facility. Remember, this is a project that benefits our entire body of artists and we want to keep it alive and well.

We will be joining in on the city's Chocolate Lovers Festival in February and have some great ideas planned. Our artistic theme for the month will be "The Sweet Things of Life." If that sounds good to you, please plan to submit a piece of your work. Maybe it's all about hearts, or something chocolate in color, or maybe some other sweet thing. Hope to see you in February and every month thereafter.

PUBLICITY

The Fairfax Art League is made up of artists with many different aspirations and media. There are differences between the two FAL galleries since the Old Town Hall has heat, washrooms and is a weekday gallery with currently few visitors and the Village Gallery is a weekend show with no washroom, heat only at desk, but frequent visitors.

Fairfax Art League Gallery at Old Town Hall.

Artist of the Month will be main focus of publicity except for April's "Spotlight on the Arts" Show and the December Holiday Show. The March Theme is "Flurry of Art."

We can spin visitors between the two galleries.

Gallery at Plaza. I will need assistance Saturday, March 6th since I am opening the Gallery two hours early to serve visitors from Old Town Hall Chocolate Festival Date.

Additional Publicity You may provide an artist statement and jpegs for Fairfax Art League website. Also I would use artist statement from that website with new jpegs for publicity. Print up postcards, cards, etc for distribution at both galleries. Let me know when you are at wine festivals, other shows or winning spots in special shows or galleries. Thanks. **Mark Isaacs**

GALLERY SPACE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee is still looking at different spaces for a gallery. Thank you for your suggestions! Members of the committee and **Kathleen Stark** are going to have another meeting with **Robert Golden**, of Dickson & Associates Realty, to further discuss the spaces which they have suggested. We are also considering different means that we could use for funding a gallery space. **Ruta Sevo** is writing grant proposals and we are looking for donors and sponsors for FAL. If you know of someone who would be interested in helping to keep the arts flourishing in Fairfax, please let us know.

As an interesting note, visitors to the Village Gallery doubled in number from December to January. In December 2009, we had 98 visitors. In January 2010, that number was 201. Unfortunately, due to the snow in early February, the Chocolate Festival was postponed. But, as you can read in Kathleen's comments, we are planning a celebration in March. Please invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and acquaintances to come out to the gallery and join us for this event. The success of the gallery depends on visitors. We know that people like to view our art; we need to let them know where we are located!

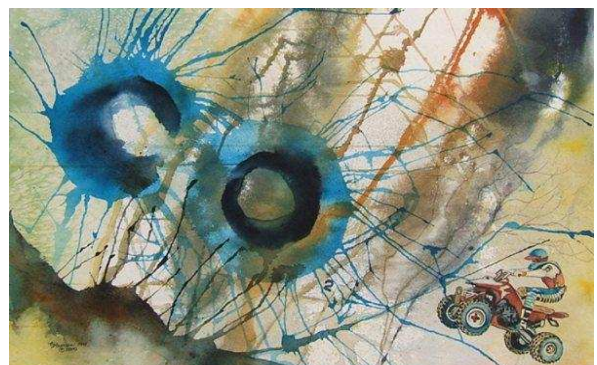
Thank you to those of you who responded to our survey! You provided many interesting comments and suggestions. If you did not receive a survey and would like to respond, please contact Ruth Bailey at rew_rick@yahoo.com or 904-553-2691.

MARCH GUEST DEMONSTRATOR

While demonstrating various tools and techniques for doing watercolors, **Marni Lawson** will share how ideas spark paintings and how watercolor play sparks ideas. The "secret" to doing watercolors will be divulged in one of the demonstrations. Come with an open mind...bring some friends...

Marni Lawson is an artist, using watercolor and other media, a recipient of numerous awards and grants, and a motivational speaker. Since 1988, she has sold more than 1800 original paintings. Marni writes: "I believe that everyone is creative. EVERYONE. I believe that whenever you think, act, problem solve creatively, you are connecting to the creative energy of the universe. I don't believe creativity stopped on day six." To learn more about Marni and to see more of her work, please visit her website at www.marnilawsonwatercolors.com.

Please come and join us on March 6th at 1:00 at Green Acres Center.



**AN INVITATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE TO ENTER
THE FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE'S EXHIBITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE CITY OF FAIRFAX'S SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS
AT THE OLD TOWN HALL GALLERY FROM April 1, 2010 UNTIL MAY 6, 2010
RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

PRIZES: BEST IN SHOW \$150.00; FIRST PLACE \$75.00; TWO SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS \$50.00 EACH; TWO HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS \$25.00 EACH

PRESENTATION: PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED DURING THE RECEPTION.

JUDGE: Lynn Goldstein

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **REGISTRATION BY MAIL POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 26, 2010. No registrations of art work will be accepted at the door.**
- **DELIVERY OF ART, THURSDAY: APRIL 1, 2010, FROM 10:00AM UNTIL 7:00PM. No art work will be accepted after that time.**
- **PICK UP OF ALL ART WORK: MAY 6, 2010, FROM 10:00AM TO 7:00PM.**

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY CONDITIONS:

- **THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN ONLY TO FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.**
- **LIMIT OF TWO PAINTINGS PER ARTIST NOT TO EXCEED 40 INCHES ON ANY ONE SIDE.**
- **25% COMMISSION TO THE FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL SALES.**
- **ARTISTS MUST PROVIDE STANDS AND SECURE ALL SCULPTURE.**
- **ART WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL.**
- **THE FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY ART WORK THAT IS POORLY FRAMED OR MATTED, SOILED, WET PAINT, NOT PROPERLY WIRED FOR HANGING (work with tooth hangers WILL NOT be accepted) OR OTHERWISE UNSUITABLE FOR DISPLAY. UNFRAMED CANVASES MUST BE PROPERLY GALLERY WRAPPED.**
- **BEFORE PRESENTING ARTWORK EACH ARTIST MUST IDENTIFY THE WORK BY ATTACHING A LABEL TO THE BACK OF THE PIECE CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING: Title of Art Work, Medium, Price, Name of Artist, Address and Telephone Number.**

FEES: \$8.00 EACH PIECE with REGISTRATION by mail, postmarked no later than March 26, 2010.

REGISTRATION FORM: FILL IN ALL INFORMATION AND MAIL TO:

CAROL CAPUTO
10818 MAPLE STREET
FAIRFAX, VA 22030
703-273-1277

ARTIST'S NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

TITLE #1 _____ MEDIUM _____ PRICE _____ SIZE _____

TITLE #2 _____ MEDIUM _____ PRICE _____ SIZE _____

I understand that the Fairfax Art League will use reasonable care in handling and displaying my art; however, I will not hold the Fairfax Art League, its officers, directors or its members or the City of Fairfax and its employees responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to my art work during the time it is on display

ARTIST'S SIGNATURE: _____



The Fairfax Art League (FAL) meets at 1:00 pm, the first Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA. FAL hangs artwork at the Old Town Hall Members' Gallery, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, VA.

If you know someone who would benefit from joining the membership, please pass the appropriate information along. FAL welcomes artists of all levels.



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