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Bad Dream ~ Happy Ending

The story of **Onnalee Graham's** "Old Word" is every artist's bad dream.

The painting was developed from an interesting black and white postage stamp sized photograph found in an obscure monthly periodical with no attribution. The first rendering was 12" wide by 16" high completed during February 2001. Double matted and framed in distressed wood, the painting won a Special Merit Ribbon at a Robin Gallery Show in March and a Blue Ribbon at North Star Watercolor Society's peer group voting in April of that year. A private exhibition yielded a full price purchaser in May... the painting was hung in a place of prominence in the lobby of the First Christian Residence – a nursing home just a block from Onnalee's home.

This in turn engendered some print sales of the painting; notecards with the image were brisk sales as well.



Old Word # 2
By Onnalee Graham

Early this year, 2006, Onnalee's postal carrier, who had already purchased 4 of her paintings and also delivered mail to the nursing home anxiously inquired after the painting's current status...he wanted to buy it. Another resident in her apartment building who worked at that nursing home volunteered to ask about it. The "bad dream" part of this story is that the new administrative staff at the nursing home had attempted to sell it for \$1.00 on a jumble table. Unsuccessful, it was tossed! The resident went dumpster diving and found the original. He cleaned the glass and frame and sold the painting to a friend for \$50.00. An attempt to retrieve it for the postal carrier merely stiffened the resolve of the current holder of the painting to keep it.

Perceiving a small but demonstrative market, Onnalee determined to attempt a repeat; perhaps a larger format would prevent a replay of the "dissing". The watercolor "Old Words #2" image size is 18" wide by 22" high, again double matted and framed. Again, it has won a blue ribbon at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, and was accepted into the 2006 Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Competition. It has been part of the Minnesota Watercolor Society's Exhibition in Blaine City Hall.

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President's Corner

By Ron Wilson

Thanks to **Marilyn Brown** and new member, **Coralyn Dahlstrom** for taking on the task of sending the MAA newsletter each month to art departments of colleges, art centers, art schools and art stores. They put a note on each to please post our newsletters on their bulletin boards. 20 were sent out last month.

If any of you can think of any locations that you think should have our current newsletter posted at their facility where prospective new MAA members could see it, give Marilyn Brown a call.

I look forward to seeing the MAA member paintings at the fall show at Colonial Church.

Ron

Along with our website, this is part of our out-reach effort to get new members to MAA.

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| Brag Box | <i>Member accomplishments Exhibits, winning awards . . .</i> |
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If you done it, it ain't braggin'!

Ed Shimek received an Award of Excellence at Robin Gallery in the Extremely Minnesota Exhibit for his painting "Rocky Shore" which he painted pleinaire at the Cascade River on the north shore of Lake Superior.

Ed will also be the featured artist exhibiting his work at Curran's Restaurant for the months of December and January.

Pat Dillon has had 5 of her paintings acquired by Duluth Clinic branch located in Virginia, Minnesota, 2 paintings acquired by the Stillwater Medical Group, and 3 of her paintings are part of an exhibit at the Mesaba Range Community College Library.

Judy Lieber received Third Place her painting "Primary Colors" at Minnesota Watercolor Society's Fall Exhibition.



Primary Colors by Judy Lieber

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Brag Box continued...

Eleanor McIntosh & Ron Wilson are exhibiting their work at the Eden Prairie Government Center for the Month of December. **Eleanor** also has an exhibit of her work for 2 months at the Richfield Community Center.

Harry Heim was awarded Honorable Mention for his painting "Maria" in the Minnesota Watercolor Society Fall Exhibit.

EXHIBITION NEWS

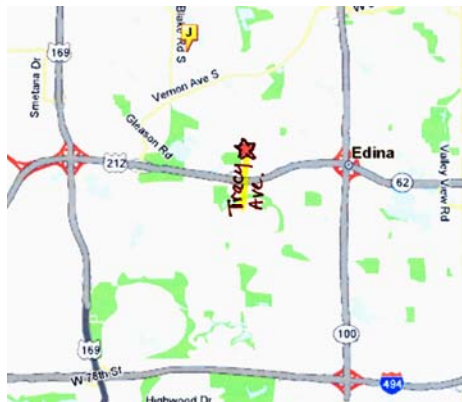


By Sylvia Rudolph

The fall exhibit is now hanging at the Colonial Church of Edina off of Crosstown Highway and Tracy Avenue. The Opening Reception will be Thursday, November 9, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Directions:

"Exit Crosstown Hwy 62 at Tracy Ave. Go North about one block. Turn left just past the fire station and continue to the Colonial church parking lot."



I want to thank everybody who helped hang the show. This committee included:

Juliet Anderson, Miriam Arneson, Rita Corrigan, Bob Kruta, Terrie Christian, Donna McKee, Sylvia Rudolph, Emmy White, and Ron Wilson.

A correction on the pick-up date for after the exhibit: The date is **Friday, December 1, 2006 from 6-8 p.m.** The last newsletter published this date as a Saturday.

December Pot-Luck & Show and Tell

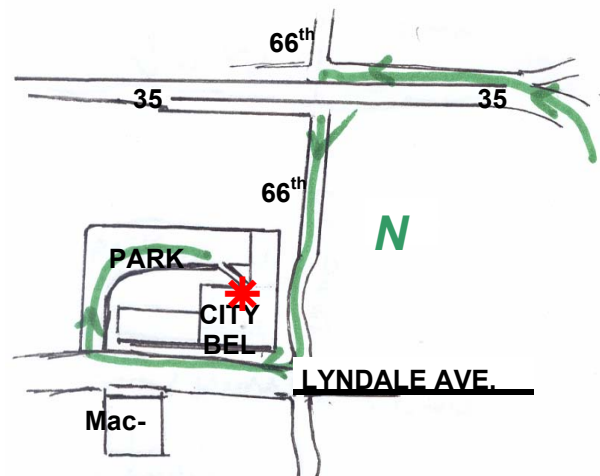


Eleanor McIntosh has graciously offered to host our December potluck & show and tell again this year.

It will be held in the party room at 6600 Lyndale Avenue South in Richfield. **December 9th from 2-5 pm.**

Eleanor's building is on the southwest corner of the intersection. There is parking in the back.

Everybody always brings delicious treats, and it is fun to see the paintings our members are creating. We hope that many of you will join us for this fun event!





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is about and for you!**



A Thankful fish. Turkey is for Dinner.
Acrylic by Terrie Christian

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