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MINNESOTA ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION / SINCE 1937

The First all Media Art Organization in Minnesota

Featured Artist



The painting to the left is "Her Seven Children" it was painted for my Grandma Tinker. Fall is her favorite season and she has seven children.

See 2 more paintings on page 4 of Monterey Bay in California that I did for a woman named Leslee. She took the trip out to Monterey shortly after her father had passed away.

Jeannie Williams
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February Program
Tuesday, February 16th
Bloomington Art Center
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
See Page 2 for details.

So, you wanna be a juror?

By Jack O'Leary

The program for our February 16th meeting will feature mock entries to a mock exhibition and you'll be asked (playing the role of juror) to evaluate around eighty paintings and select sixty or so for the show and reject the remainder. Further, you'll be required to determine ten awardees: a Best of Show, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Honors, three Honorable Mentions (no ranking) and three special awards, the Lieber Cup, the E. White warm & fuzzy certificate and the Wednesday Morning at Currans prize. The source of the paintings displayed for this exercise will be gleaned from the America Watercolor Society's recent catalogs, The paintings will be coded and displayed on 8.5 x 11 paper.

As you know, judging the visual arts is a highly subjective matter and the purpose of this exercise is to see how much agreement or disagreement exists among our members.

Among artists, at a juried exhibition opening, a broad range of emotions is on display. Reactions ranging from an awardees' obsequious, "finally a juror who understands what I'm trying to communicate; I think I'll go over and shovel his driveway tomorrow" to the rejectee's lament, "Where did he get his art training, at the Hennepin School of Welding and Animal Husbandry? " Most folk, however, react with the typical Minnesota stoicism, "rejection builds character, or wait'll next year".

Should be fun. **Jack O'Leary** will manage the affair.



Art Swap Shanty

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Donna McKee has her work on exhibit at Curran's Restaurant at 42nd & Nicollet for the months of February and March.

← **Kathy Braud's** painting "Dawning the Jewels". This abstract work is a new direction for Kathy. She was also awarded the Great River Arts Association December 2009 Artist of the Month Award.

Kathy also sent a piece down to the Art Swap Shanty at the **Art Shanty Project on Medicine Lake** pictured on page 2. This was the 6th year for this project which is located by **Terrie Christian's** house. It takes place for the last 3 weekends of January and the first weekend of February. Terrie always visits several times. For winter fun it is a very creative event. Look for them to return next year and think about visiting or participating.

Burnsville Visual Arts Society's

Art Fete 2010

Artists are invited to exhibit their artwork in the 28th annual *Art Fete*. The mission of *Art Fete* is to make the visual arts more accessible to our community, and to support local artists by providing them with the opportunity to exhibit and sell their artwork. You must renew or become a member of BVAS in order to participate in *Art Fete*. For entry form visit the BVAS website at: <http://www.bvasmn.com/>

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Important Dates:

Monday, February 22, 2010: Postmark deadline for entry form, artwork statement, and fee

Thursday, March 11, 6-9pm: Opening Reception

Exhibit Dates: March 11 – May 1, 2010

March 1, 2, & 3, 10-5pm: Artwork drop off at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center

May 3, 4, & 5, 10-5pm: Artwork pick up at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center



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**Deadline for next
Newsletter
The last Friday in
February**

Dear Members,

Our newsletter is terrific because some of you are sending me images and news to share. **It doesn't have to be in a show or win an award!** ***Please*** send me your images that you would like to share. Say a few words about it. Thanks to **Jeanne Williams** for her contribution this month!
Terrie Christian, Editor