

theartleague tidings

August 2011

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Announcements:

Don't forget to renew your Gallery Membership!

All gallery memberships expired on June 30. Save time and a stamp and renew **online!**

Renewing Members: \$80

New Members: \$95

Bin Gallery Members: \$65 for 2-D artists and \$45 for 3-D and pastel artists.

Reminder: Entry fees are now \$5 per piece



Gallery News

'Scapes: the Annual Landscape Exhibit

August 3 - September 5, 2011

Our landscape has been visually rendered since the beginning of time and remains one of the most venerable subjects in art. 'Scapes, the annual August landscape exhibit at The Art League Gallery, exclusively features works depicting the various scenery of our natural world.

Artwork inspired by all environments may be a part of this exhibit – urban and rural, industrialized and primitive, coastal and arid, and works portraying the beauty and destruction created by Mother Nature. Works of all media may be submitted.



*Jill Banks. Best in Show, 2010
'Scapes Exhibit.*

Receiving: Monday, August 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Entry Fee: \$5 per piece.

Juror: Sarah Tanguy, independent curator and critic, as well as a curator for Art in Embassies (AIE), US Department of State, based in Washington, DC.

Awards:

The Chameli and Amiya Bose Memorial Award, \$125. This award was established in 2010 by Art League member Raka Bose Saha to honor her parents, Chameli and Amiya Bose. It is to be awarded by the juror to the best acrylic or oil painting on stretched canvas.

Potomac Valley Watercolorists, \$250. Donated by the Potomac Valley Watercolorists (PVW), this award was established to honor the founders of PVW and recognize the artist whose watercolor is selected as best watercolor painting by the juror in the 'Scapes exhibit.

July Juror's Dialogue and Awards

The July All-Media Exhibit with an *Emphasis on Sculpture* was juried by Twylene Moyer, managing editor of Sculpture Magazine. She awarded the Kirstein Award to Joan Tarbell Plato and the Monkith Saaid Sculpture Award (pictured) to Noah Williams.

"I'm not trying to weigh one genre or style against another – I have to evaluate each work for what it is. As a juror, you try and determine the artist's intent, and evaluate whether or not they were successful," Moyer said. Visit our website to read the full Juror's Dialogue and view the images in the exhibit.



Noah Williams, "Lizard."

Opportunities for Artists

Solo Artist Jurying 2013

Are you interested in having your work featured as a solo exhibit in The Art League Gallery? We are preparing to jury our 2013 line-up of solo exhibits. Visit our website to learn more about the entry process.

Join the Plein Air Painters of The Art League!

Grab your portable easel, paints, and sunscreen and join the Plein Air Painters of The Art League for their second session capturing the Old Town Alexandria waterfront on Sunday, August 14 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon! Artists interested in participating should contact Jean Schwartz, jksland@cox.net. This activity is part of a series of events occurring throughout the summer to enliven the Alexandria Waterfront, organized by the Waterfront Committee.



Jean Schwartz, painting the Alexandria Waterfront

Exhibition Opportunities

Are you following our blog? If not, you're missing out on articles, interviews, video demos, and weekly compilations of exhibits to enter in the DC area and beyond! Get online and check it out: theartleaguegallery.blogspot.com

School News and Upcoming Travel Workshops

School News

Fall Registration begins Monday, August 8. The Fall Term begins Monday, September 19. The new 2011-2012 Catalog will be in your mailboxes and online shortly!

August Workshops

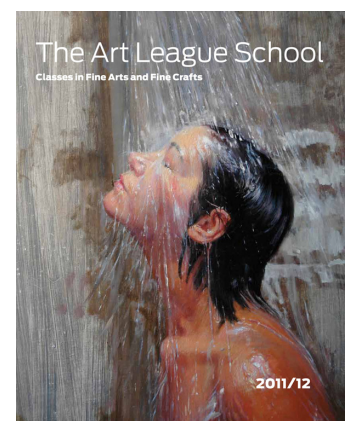
There are still several opportunities to engage in an Art League class this summer - including a couple mini travel workshops, like "A Week in Thomas, WV with Danni Dawson, Mike Francis, and Paul Lucchesi" (which was recently featured on our blog)! Visit school.theartleague.org to view the workshop list for August and give us a call (703-683-2323) if you have any questions.

Travel Workshops

Day Trip: "Faberge' Revealed" at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA AND Tiffany Windows: Old Blandford Church in Petersburg, VA Thursday, August 18, 2011

Join The Art League for a day trip to Richmond to view "Faberge' Revealed." This exhibit will feature the largest collection of Faberge' on public view in the United States, totaling more than 500 objects. Day trip price: \$85 for members and benefactors. \$95 for non-members. Visit our website for more info. Contact Margaret Cerutti to register (see contact info below).

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2011-2012 School Catalog Cover!
Painting by Danni Dawson.

Barcelona, Spain
Museum Exploration/Sketching with Jim Burford
October 2 - 10, 2011

Considered to be Spain's most cosmopolitan city, and a principal European port, Barcelona is an art lover's dream. Join Art League instructor Jim Burford for this workshop and explore this magical city! This trip is \$1,975, double occupancy. Visit our website for more info.

For more information about our Travel Workshop Program and to register, contact Margaret Cerutti, margaretc@theartleague.org, 703-683-1780 x13.

Around and About

A Big THANK YOU From the Development Department

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who donated and volunteered in FY2011! Your loyalty and generosity helped, and will continue to help, The Art League in so many ways. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive community - thank you!



Your Board at Work

The new Art League board is already busy at work in FY2012. Board news and articles will be shared with you in Tidings, as always. Visit the board page on our website to see the full board and staff listing for FY2012.

From Patsie Uchello, Second Vice President:

Many years ago, as a sophomore at Tulane University, I sat in my Intro to Psychology class and learned something that has truly stuck with me, a theory designed by Abraham Maslow in 1943. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is a basic framework to understand humanity and its motivations. It is a theory of psychology that explains and compares the basic needs of man, such as food, shelter, clothing, procreation, and safety, vs. the need to be loved, the need for self-esteem, and the highest need of all: the need for self-actualization. Once our basic survival and comfort is accomplished, it is still not enough. We need to be fulfilled on an intellectual, creative, and spiritual level.



Patsie Uchello, Board of Directors.

I had an epiphany the other day – which is that The Art League exists to provide a path to self-actualization for its members and students. It is the vehicle by which we artists may hone our talents, and become our very best selves, by expanding our artistic horizons. It is a guide in our endless search to be more.

Every non-profit organization has a mission, and ours is self-actualization for our community of artists. We could print Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs on our brochures, with the top of the pyramid circled, with an arrow pointing to the phrase "study and grow here."

It is a privilege for our members, staff, teachers, and volunteers to be a part of the growth of so many individuals from our surrounding communities. Won't you please join us in this worthy mission? Sign up for a class, become a friend, and/or support our mission financially. The Arts are being cut from school curricula every day, and The Art League is one of the last remaining schools to offer certain classes. We are unique, we provide quality, and you will not find our equal anywhere to help fulfill your dream of self-actualization.

Best,

Patsie Uchello, Art League Board, 2nd Vice President

Save the Date!

Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser at the Alexandria Festival for the Arts!

The Art League's popular Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser is back for TWO DAYS in 2011! Join us at Market Square in Alexandria on September 10 and 11 and buy some fabulous hand-made bowls created by the talented artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and enjoy a bowl of local artisan ice cream by ACKC Cocoa Bar in Del Ray - all for only \$15 per bowl!



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Calendar

Visit our website to view the exhibit calendar for the remainder of the year.
Visit our website to view the upcoming events calendar.

August 2011

August 1/Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm: Receiving for 'Scapes. **No Bin Gallery!**
August 2/Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Receiving continues.
August 2/Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm: Early pick up of unselected works.
August 8/Monday: Registration for Fall begins.
August 11/Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm: Opening reception for 'Scapes. Awards presented at 7:30 pm.
August 18/Thursday, 7:00 pm: Solo Artist Jurying Informational Meeting.
August 26/Friday, 1:00 pm: Solo Artist Jurying Informational Meeting.

September 2011

September 5/Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm: Receiving for All-Media Exhibit and Bin Gallery.
September 6/Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Receiving continues.
September 6/Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm: Early pick up of unselected works.
September 8/Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm: Opening reception for All-Media Exhibit at Shanti Chandrasekar's solo exhibit, "*Red Dots.*" Awards presented at 7:30 pm.
September 10 and 11/ Saturday and Sunday: The Art League participates at the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, and presents the second Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser!! Event to take place at Market Square.
September 19/Monday: Fall term begins in the School.

Featured in the 2010/11 Catalogue for Philanthropy.

"One of the best small charities in the Greater Washington region."
*We appreciate the support from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts,
Alexandria Commission for the Arts, United Way/CFC.*



