

# theartleague tidings

December 2011

Coming up this Weekend: ArtFest 2011!

## ARTFEST 2011



ArtFest, our popular holiday open house, is right around the corner! **The weekend kicks off with our holiday party on Friday, December 2, 6:00-9:00 pm at our Madison Annex.** Enjoy a variety of demos by our instructors, 2D/3D exhibits (including stained glass and fiber art), our jewelry and ceramic sales, live music, food and drinks, and more! **And, admission to this event is free!** If you make it to one holiday open house this season, this is the one to attend. Read the rave review by our ArtFest partner, **The Pink Line Project.**

Throughout ArtFest weekend, we are featuring a **retrospective show and sale of work by Nancy Reinke**, longtime Art League and Torpedo Factory artist who passed away in December 2009. The show will feature prints, drawings, paintings, rugs, and more from the beloved artist.

**If you can't make it Friday night, our Jewelry and Ceramic sales continue throughout the weekend!**

Jewelry and Ceramic Sale hours:

Friday, December 2: 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 3: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4: 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

All ArtFest events are held at The Art League's Madison Annex, 305 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

*Special thanks to our ArtFest sponsors MRE Properties and Cabot Cheese.*

## **Announcements**

### **Art in City Hall: Pick-up of work**

Artists with work in the current Art in City Hall exhibit must pick their work up on Saturday, December 17 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Work can be retrieved only during those hours. No early pick-ups are allowed. Works not picked up will be carried to The Art League Gallery and stored for \$5 per day per piece. There is no limit on storage fees for this work and we cannot guarantee the safety of your work during transport.

The next deadline for digital submissions for Art in City Hall is March 2, 2012. No theme, up to three entries accepted. More information will be available after December 1.

### **Special Workshop:**

#### **How to Create a CD for Digital Submissions for MAC and PC users**

Join us on Thursday, December 15 for two separate presentations on creating a CD for digital submissions.

1:00 – 2:00 pm, MAC users only; 4:00 – 5:00 pm, PC users only

This is a basic workshop, suitable for those with little or no knowledge on creating a CD. Please register by calling 703-683-1780 or e-mail us at [gallery@theartleague.org](mailto:gallery@theartleague.org).

### **Thank You!**

Thanks to all who brought in canned goods in November for the United Community Ministries food drive. We are continuing to collect donations throughout December – donation boxes are located in the gallery, the Duke Street Annex, and at the Madison Annex.

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## **Upcoming Gallery Exhibits**

### **December All-Media Exhibit**

#### **Jurors: Linda and Steve Krensky**

Linda and Steven Krensky, longtime collectors of original quality artwork of contemporary (living) artists, own Light Street Gallery in Baltimore, MD. Their goal is to contribute positively to the careers of the artists they represent and to continually introduce their customers to new and exciting artwork and artists. They have juried many local exhibits for groups such as the Target Gallery and Zenith Gallery. They are well known for their enthusiastic support of emerging artists in the Mid-Atlantic region.

### **Awards:**

#### **Carol Zakaski Memorial Award for best watercolor – \$200**

This award, honoring the memory of former Art League member Carolyn Zakaski, is funded by donations from her friends, family, and colleagues.

#### **Adam Wishnow Memorial Award for Creativity and Innovation - \$150**

The Art League is pleased to offer the Adam Wishnow Award. This award, which is supported by his family, will, in a small way, celebrate Adam's life as a creative, respected, and singular person. For those that knew Adam, he was a champion for creativity and "individual-thinking" in our community. Along with his imaginativeness, Adam had a wonderful social and work ethic that benefited all those around him.

### **January 2012 All-Media Exhibit**

#### **Juror: Allen Beland**

Beland teaches photography at Yorktown High School in Arlington. He received his MFA in Photography from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at VCA, teaching digital and traditional photography. He also works as a freelance photographer doing weddings, news, location, studio, and portraits. He shoots using digital and traditional equipment.

### **2012 Solo Preview**

In lieu of a solo exhibit in January 2012, The Art League Gallery will host a group "preview" exhibit featuring work by artists who have been selected for solo exhibits in the coming year. From January 5 - 27, visit the Gallery for a taste of the exciting solo exhibits to come. The show will feature work by Cecily Corcoran, Theresa Esterlund, Elissa Farrow-Savos, Juan Hernandez, Pattee Hipschen, Marcia Jestaedt, Georgia Nassikas, Suzanne Vigil, and Andrew Zimmermann.

## "Transitions" by Guy & Marco Rando



Using reclaimed wood from spontaneous finds, father and son duo Guy and Marco Rando create whimsical sculptures evoking the forms of nature. "Transitions," an exhibit featuring Guy's wall-mounted inlay pieces and Marco's free-standing kinetic sculpture, will be on display in The Art League Gallery December 8, 2011 – January 2, 2012.

Guy & Marco Rando

## Donations and Volunteers Needed for the 2012 Patrons' Show!



**The Art League's Patrons' Show was featured as the "Most Fun Art Fundraiser" in Washingtonian Magazine's July 2010 "Best Of" Issue. We want to keep that reputation once again this year!**

We're gearing up for the 2012 Patrons' Show! **Our 2011 Patrons' Show was the most successful event EVER thanks to all of our artists and volunteers. We need your help to continue to make this important event a huge success!!**

Our popular annual fundraiser draws hundreds of visitors to The Art League and we need your help to make it a success. We ask each member to donate artwork for this important fundraiser. **The gallery will accept donations of artwork at any time.** For each work of art donated valued at \$175 or more, we are able to sell

an additional \$175 ticket to the event. We usually receive more than 500 works of art, making this an exciting event for our ticket holders, our artists, and The Art League! Artists may donate any number of framed pieces, and artists who donate two or more framed pieces may donate as many additional unframed works as they like and we will frame them for the show.

This is an excellent opportunity to have your work seen by a captivated audience. Last year's Patrons' Show flickr site alone has had over 40,000 hits!

**We are thrilled to announce the return of the \$1000 Clemente Prize** presented to one of the donated pieces in the Patrons' Show. Once again, this award will NOT be selected by the juror. Rather, in the spirit of the event's exciting and random selection of artwork, the artist whose work is chosen by the first person whose ticket is drawn will be the winner of the \$1000 prize. This special award is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. C. Daniel Clemente, who have been so generous in funding the Amelia T. Clemente Family Award and the Eleanor Boudreau Jordan Award each year.

In addition, the judge will select four \$100 Marian Van Landingham Awards. And the \$100 Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Popular Vote Award will be selected by vote of the ticket-holders.

Patrons' Show is only possible with the help of more than 60 volunteers working nearly 300 hours. **We need as many volunteers as possible** to pull off this huge event – from helping with ticket sales day, hanging, framing, working in the gallery, to helping on the day of the event. This show is immensely popular and draws a enormous crowd year after year. Please contact the gallery (703-683-1780 or gallery@theartleague.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

### Dates to remember:

**Tickets go on sale:** Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10:00 am

**Receiving Dates:** Work can also be delivered anytime between now and February 6, 2012

**Dates of show:** February 9 - 19

**Late hours for viewing:** Thursday, February 9, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Wednesday, February 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Thursday, February 16, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**Drawing:** Sunday, February 19, 5:00 pm

## November Jurors' Dialogues and Awards



### Small Works Juried by Jordan Faye Block

With nearly 900 works submitted for consideration into the 2011 "Small Works" exhibit, Jordan Faye Block had enormous task before her when she arrived in the gallery to jury the popular annual exhibit. Like so many of our previous jurors, Block wanted to make sure that she curated an exhibit of works that fit together, rather than simply selecting random favorites. Visit our website to read the full article. (Pictured: "Variation" by Theresa Esterlund. Winner of the 2011 Anne J. Banks Collage Award.)

### What Art to Wear Juried by Carol Supplee

Carol Supplee, juror for The Art League's first wearable art exhibit, found a variety of items from which to choose for "What Art to Wear." Clothing, jewelry, boots, handbags, and accessories were all submitted for Supplee's review. Visit our website to read the full article.

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## School News

### Winter Workshops

While between sessions, sharpen your skills or check out a new medium in one of our workshops. Visit our website to view our December and January workshops.

### Special Workshops with Guest Instructors

Join guest instructor **Simon Levin** for a ceramics workshop January 6-8 titled "Methods of Expression" in clay. This hands-on workshop employs a variety of exercises to clarify and express participants' ideas in clay. Methods of expression with clay are explored, pushed, and challenged, and critique is taught and employed. Intermediate knowledge of clay work and a sense of humor are required. Visit our website or give us a call for more info.

**Stephen Early** from Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia will join us in January to teach a special workshop on Figure Painting, January 3-7. This workshop focuses on the fundamental principles essential to achieving a convincing three-dimensional representation of the human figure in oils. The workshop is highlighted with demonstrations of these methods and techniques. Visit our website or give us a call for more info.

### Give the Gift of an Art Class

Give the gift of creativity this holiday season! Gift cards are available for purchase in The Art League Gallery in any denomination for a class, supplies, or the purchase of artwork.

### Register for the Winter Term!

Winter classes begin the week of January 9. Visit our website to browse courses and to register!



*by Simon Levin*

## Upcoming Travel Workshops with Susan Abbott



Provence, France. Image by Cindy Richmond.

### **Provence, France 2012 plein air painting with Susan Abbott June 22 - July 7, 2012**

Join popular instructor Susan Abbott for two weeks of painting in the heart of beautiful southern France. This countryside's fabled fields of lavender and sunflowers, beautiful orchards and vineyards, dramatic hill towns, and magical light captivated Cezanne, Van Gogh, and generations of artists and writers. Based in a tiny hamlet, nestled in a valley in the Luberon Mountains, in the heart of Provence, this workshop is a wonderful opportunity to paint in this unique and beautiful place.

**Workshop cost:** \$3,250 per person, double occupancy. Limited single rooms are available for an additional \$200-\$350 dependent upon selection.

### **Winter Painting Retreat with Susan Abbott in the Bahamas**

**Almost sold out!**

**February 9 - 14, 2012**

When it's snowing on the East Coast, escape to Elbow Cay for an art sojourn with internationally known artist Susan Abbott!

Only six miles long and one quarter of a mile wide, Elbow Cay boasts a magnificent barrier reef that protects its sandy coastline. The 18th century scenic settlement of Hope Town surrounds the harbor, and its pastel clapboard cottages are linked with white picket fences overflowing with tropical foliage, hibiscus and bougainvillea. The streets are picturesque, narrow and car-free, perfect for plein air painting!

**Workshop Cost:** \$1,595 per person, double occupancy. Limited, single rooms (in lodge), available at an additional \$325.

*To register, or for additional information, please contact Margaret Cerutti, 703-683-1780 x13, [margaretc@theartleague.org](mailto:margaretc@theartleague.org)*

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## **Giving Thanks**

The Art League is blessed with many things:

- Volunteers who help us in the Gallery, the School, during our many events, and in leadership roles to keep us thriving
- Members who join us each year help to keep the community strong
- Students who enroll in our classes, workshops, and camps to keep the passion for learning art alive
- Patrons who visit our Gallery, attend our events, and support us to keep us connected and valued in the greater community
- Donors and Benefactors who give to our School, Gallery, and outreach programs through in-kind gifts and our annual fund – to sustain The Art League each year and for many more years to come.

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## Calendar

### December 2011

December 2/Friday, 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm: Ceramic and Jewelry Sales at the Madison Annex.  
December 2/Friday, 6:00-9:00 pm: ArtFest Holiday Party at the Madison Annex.  
December 3/Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm: Ceramic and Jewelry Sales at the Madison Annex.  
December 4/Sunday, 12:00 noon-5:00 pm: Ceramic and Jewelry Sales at the Madison Annex.  
December 5/Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm: Receiving for All-Media exhibit and Bin Gallery.  
December 6/Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Receiving continues.  
December 6/Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm: Early pick up of unselected works.  
December 8/Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm: Opening reception for All-Media Exhibit and Guy and Marco Rando's "Transitions."  
Awards presented at 7:30 pm.  
December 25/Sunday: Art League and Torpedo Factory CLOSED for Christmas.

### January 2012

January 1/Sunday: Art League and Torpedo Factory CLOSED for New Year's Day.  
January 2/Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm: Receiving for All-Media exhibit and Bin Gallery.  
January 3/Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Receiving continues.  
January 3/Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm: Early pick up of unselected works.  
January 12/Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm: Opening reception for January exhibits. Awards presented at 7:30 pm.  
January 14/Saturday, 10:00 am: Patrons' Show tickets go on sale in the gallery.

