

theartleague tidings

September 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

September All-Media Exhibit

Receiving: Monday, September 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Tuesday, September 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Entry Fee: \$5 per piece.

Juror: Dr. Barbara Wolanin, art historian, critic, and curator. *Dr. Barbara Wolanin holds a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and master's degrees from Oberlin College and Harvard University. She majored in Studio Art at Oberlin College. She was an assistant professor of art history at James Madison University and Trinity College (now University), Washington, DC. Since 1985, she has been a curator in the federal government, overseeing art conservation, preservation, and research. She has published exhibition catalogues, articles, and reviews in Art in America and elsewhere, and a book on a nineteenth-century mural artist. Wolanin is an expert on the Philadelphia modernist Arthur B. Carles and authored exhibition catalogs on him and his students. She serves on the national boards of the Womens' Caucus for Art and the James Renwick Alliance.*

Awards: The Shayna Heisman Simkin Award, \$125. *This award honors the memory of former Art League artist Shayna Heisman Simkin and is funded by donations from her colleagues, friends, and family. Her art career spanned more than fifty years, 22 as a member of The Art League. This award is given to the piece deemed "best in show" by the juror.*

September Solo Exhibit: "Red Dots" by Shanthy Chandrasekar

Self-taught artist Shanthy Chandrasekar creates intricate, multi-layered drawings in an attempt to decipher the complicated dreams that inhabit her subconscious. "Red Dots," an exhibition of these pen and ink drawings, will be held in The Art League Gallery, September 8 – October 3, 2011.



"Red Dots - Circle"

Fall Speaker Series

The Gallery is offering a series of free lectures this fall on issues related to working as a visual artist today. If you're interested in attending any of these talks, please contact the gallery to sign up!

Wednesday, September 14, 1:00-3:00 pm: **Golden Paint Demonstration**

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 pm: **Copyright for Artists**

Thursday, October 20, 6:00 pm: **Social Networking for Artists**

Tuesday, November 15, 1:00-4:00 pm: **Introduction to Photoshop for Artists**

October Gallery Exhibits

There are two exhibit opportunities for members in October - an All-Media Exhibit, and "Altars, Icons, and Reliquaries" which will be our first monthly gallery exhibit that will be juried digitally (CD of images due September 16).

"Altars, Icons, and Reliquaries" - entry by digital submission only! Entries due Friday, September 16, 2011.

Although altars, icons, and reliquaries have strong roots in religious traditions, artists are encouraged to move past solely religious connotations and bring their own personal interpretations to their work. Throughout history, humans have collected and saved items to remind them of loved ones lost. Artists can consider non-Christian imagery such as the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu or spiritual images like those of Stonehenge, mandalas, circles cut into the earth, Native American symbolism. Visit our website for the full "call to artists" and for entry guidelines.

Juror: Terry Svat. *Terry Svat graduated from Kent State University with a BFA. She worked in commercial art in Ohio, Minnesota, and Washington, DC. Living abroad for twelve years, Svat exhibited and sold her work in Chile, Argentina, Panama, and Germany. After receiving her MA in Art Therapy from George Washington University, she worked as an art therapist and taught in the program at George Washington University until 2009. She continues to exhibit her work through-out the area, most recently in a one-person exhibit in 2010 at Washington Printmakers Gallery in Washington, DC. Her work shows the influence of her many years abroad and her fascination with symbols, images, and monuments. Svat says, "I want my work to convey a sense of connectivity, a flow of past to the present and back again."*



by Nick Xhiku

Awards:

The Gallery Director Award, \$200.

The Anne J. Banks Award for Excellence in Collage, \$200.

All-Media Exhibit

Receiving: Monday, October 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Entry Fee: \$5 per entry.

Juror: Danielle O'Steen. *Danielle O'Steen is a critic and curator working in Washington, DC. She has contributed to publications such as Washington Post Express, Art + Auction, Capitol File, DCist, and Flash Art. She received her master's degree in art history at George Washington University, where she organized exhibitions for Classroom 102. This fall, her group show "Site Aperture," will open at Flashpoint Gallery in DC.*

Awards:

The Gilham Award, \$125.

The Sid Platt Watercolor Award, \$500.

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. Digital submissions are due Friday, September 23, 2011 by 6:00 pm. Informational meetings are open to all those interested in applying. Artists are not required to attend an orientation meeting but it is highly recommended. Visit our website to learn more about the entry process.

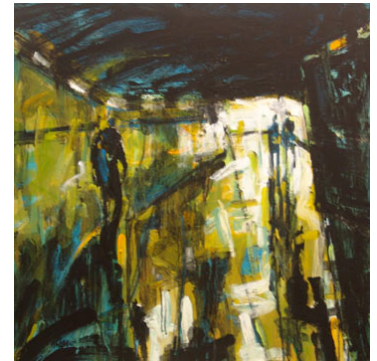
Exhibition Opportunities

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: <http://theartleaguegallery.blogspot.com>.

'Scapes Juror's Dialogue

Sarah Tanguy has viewed artwork by artists from all over the world for her job as a curator for the State Department's ART in Embassies program. As an independent curator, she has created her own dynamic and thought provoking exhibits, which have been featured throughout the country and the world. And, as an art critic and writer, she has written for numerous well-regarded publications. So for Tanguy to say that she was impressed by the variety of worked presented for the 2011 'Scapes exhibit – well, that must mean something!

"The work completely exceeded my expectations. The range of work was so great – there was such variety and diversity in terms of style, media, how the various media were used and applied, the techniques employed, and the interpretations of "scapes." It was wonderful to see," Tanguy stated. Visit our website to read the full article.



by Leslie Nolan

School News and Upcoming Travel Workshops

Register for Fall Classes!

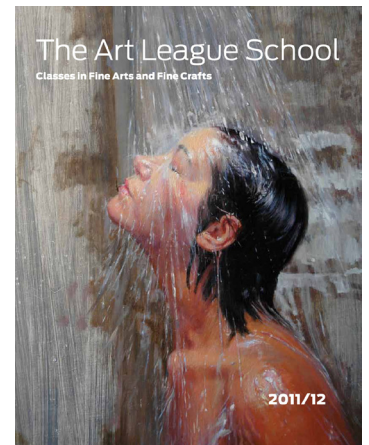
Registration is still open for the fall term which begins the week of September 19. We hope you've had a chance to study the new catalog and have noticed the new offerings and talent coming to The Art League this fall and throughout the year. Highlights for fall include:

- Our new drawing and sculpture instructor, Peter Böttger from Denmark;
- Our big selection of Fall workshops to help you get back into gear after the summer;
- Internationally known portrait artist Danni Dawson will now teach on Saturdays!

Go online to virtually click through the catalog! We're accepting registration anytime - online, in person, by mail, or via fax.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call (703-683-2323), drop us an email (school@theartleague.org), or visit us in our office in the Torpedo Factory.

We look forward to seeing you in class!



Upcoming Travel Workshops

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.



Barcelona, Spain

Plein Air Painting in the Gardens and Vineyards with Bobbi Pratte
First in a series for 2011-2012: Tarara Vineyards, Virginia
Sunday, October 16, 2011

Combine the sumptuous worlds of art and wine during this fall workshop with painter Bobbi Pratte. Enjoy a day of plein air painting in scenic Tarara Winery, located near Leesburg, in the heart of Northern Virginia wine country. Workshop includes an optional private wine tasting with a wine educator. Workshop cost: \$110.

Winter Painting Retreat with Susan Abbott in the Bahamas
February 9 - 14, 2012

When it's snowing on the East Coast, escape to Elbow Cay, a tiny gem amongst the islands of the Bahamas known for its spectacular white sand beaches and aquamarine waters. Click here to read more.

For additional information, please contact Margaret Cerutti at 703-683-1780 x 13 or by email at margaretc@theartleague.org. And, visit our travel workshop page on our website for further details!

Upcoming Events

The Art League at The Alexandria Festival for the Arts

The Art League will help kick off the festivities for the FREE Alexandria Festival for the Arts on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 10:00 am at Market Square (corner of King & North Fairfax Streets) , and we invite you to come and join us! Events will continue throughout the weekend. Fun, hands-on, art activities for all ages will be offered throughout the day along with **The Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser!**

Weekend Schedule:

Our Market Square location will be at the corner of King and North Fairfax Streets.

September 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon: Kick Off Art Activity with Art League Instructor Steve Prince at Market Square

September 10 & 11, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm: Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser at Market Square! The Art League's popular Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser is back for TWO DAYS in 2011! Join us at Market Square and buy some fabulous hand-made bowls created by the talented artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and enjoy local artisan ice cream by ACKC Cocoa Bar in Del Ray - all for only \$15 per bowl!

September 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm: Hands-on Art Activity with Art League Instructor Steve Prince at Market Square

September 10, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm: "Art Activated" Activity with Art League Instructor Patrick Kirwin in the Torpedo Factory Art Center

September 11, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Hands-on Arts Activity with Patrick Kirwin at Market Square



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Calendar

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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 14/Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 pm: Golden Paint Demonstration.

September 16/Friday: Digital entries due for "Altars, Icons, and Reliquaries."

September 19/Monday: **Fall term begins** in the School.

September 22/Thursday, 7:00 pm: Copyright for Artists.

September 23/Friday: Digital submissions due for solo jurying.

October 2011

October 3/Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm: **Receiving** for All-Media Exhibit and Bin Gallery.

October 4/Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Receiving continues.

October 4/Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm: Early pick up of unselected works.

October 6/Thursday: Jackie Hoystead's solo exhibit "INPUT OUTPUT" opens.

October 13/Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm: **Opening Reception** for October exhibits. Awards presented at 7:30 pm.

October 20/Thursday, 6:00 pm: Social Networking for Artists seminar.

October 26/Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 pm: **Art on the Rocks.**