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The Last HFA Newsletter of the Season

As we approach summer here in West Michigan, HFA meetings are over until the fall. Our next meeting will be in September. Check the online HFA calendar for details.

But there are still plenty of opportunities to get together, hang out and commune with one another, like our annual potluck (June 15 at 7pm at Kollen Park – bring a dish to pass), and the annual Art in the Park (August 7 at Centennial Park).

And don't forget that August is renewal month. You'll be receiving a postcard with your renewal notice then as a reminder. Nothing stopping you from renewing now, though.



Let's Support Our Fellow HFA Members

Gallery Uptown

Both Dawna Dziedzic and Ann Whitmore are among ten watercolor artists in a "Splash" exhibit at the Gallery Uptown, in Grand Haven. The opening reception is May 7, and the show runs through May.

ArtPrize

Also, don't forget about ArtPrize and those fellow members who have signed up, or will sign up, for this great event. Later, in the year a call will go out to submit people's stories on their experience, artist and non-artist, with ArtPrize for our newsletter.



Lookin' for votes!

Hi peeps! Time for some shameless self-promotion! I submitted an entry to the America's Next Master Artist and I'm lookin' for votes. The theme of the contest is "Life in Motion." I represented that theme with this collage showing the effect of wind and waves on the beach environment.

You can view my entry at:
http://www.facebook.com/l/803b4;wildfireapp.com/website/6/contests/26431/voteable_entries/3779547

Thanks! Michelle

HFA Website

On the home page of our website we would like to replace the current art work photos with some new ones. If members have digital photos of one or two of their recent artworks that they would like displayed on our home page, please send them to Doug Lowe (lynnlee@wmol.com) by email. The digital photos need to be in jpeg format.

On the Calendar

■ The Muskegon Museum of Art will have its Regional Competition, opening May 27. Drop-off dates for art (all media, no CD entry) May 6 - 8, with the popular Salon Thursday on **May 6, 5:30 -8:00** — artists can bring in two entries, either for the Regional Show or just to exhibit for the night. It's a free thing, and there are refreshments; you can watch all the art coming in and being hung in the gallery.

This Competition usually gets over 500 entries; this year's juror is Jim Nawara, a professor of art at Wayne State University.

■ The Michigan Water Color Society annual exhibition opens **June 20**, at The Denos Museum Center, in Traverse City. The show runs through September 5. Some of us have entered, and we will hear around May 10 if we got in. (I can let you know if any of us does!)

■ The HAAC is offering a workshop on **July 28, 29 & 30**, by Joe Miller, "Cheap Joe" of catalog fame. It is a watercolor workshop, with daily demos, critiques, and problem solving, among the offerings.

■ **Sunday, May 16, 3pm - *Songs of Travel*** - Holland Area Arts Council. Listen to baritone Gary Bogle sing traditional 17th and 18th century Italian canzoni, opera arias, and the song cycle "Songs of Travel" composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams based on the poetry of Robert L. Stevenson. Jennifer Wolfe will join Gary on Piano as they collaborate on the performance of this recital.



Welcome Summer Art Party

Washington Square Art Gallery is throwing another party (and they're good!) **Friday, June 4, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**. Live Music. Catering by Pereddies Restaurant.

Meet our new Artists: Susan Wray paints with pastels, a medium that offers rich colors from pure pigments. She draws her original subjects from west Michigan's rural landscapes and its urban architecture.

"I like to capture local scenes," says Wray, a Michigan native. "I like to paint sunlight on walls, reflections on water, and the colors hidden in shadows."

The Washington Square Art Gallery is pleased to feature her paintings for the month of May.

Located at 453 Washington Ave, Holland (next to Pereddies Restaurant and Deli), the gallery's hours are Wed & Thu 11 - 7 and Fri & Sat 11 - 9.

Original, Colorful, Imaginative,



SY ELLENS BELIEVES THAT ALL people are created with individual and unique talents. God gave him the ability and desire to draw, so he has been doing just that for as long as he can remember. From the time that he was a young boy sitting in the barn drawing dogs and cows and horses and making things from wood, he knew that he

could not be happy unless he was doing something creative. Even though he was working as a house painter and decorator, doing artistic designs for as many people as he could, he felt that he wasn't doing as much art as he wanted to do.

Five years after high school he entered Kendall School of Design (renamed Kendall College of Art and Design) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Upon graduation he worked as a commercial artist in Kalamazoo. He soon became disenchanted with designing milk cartons and cookie boxes. With the encouragement of his wife, he enrolled at Western Michigan University to earn a degree for teaching art.

Following nine years of teaching art at Kalamazoo Christian High, he moved with his family to Nigeria where he taught art for three years at Vandeikya Government Teachers' College. This experience gave him respect,

appreciation and interest in other cultures and the environment. Subsequently he traveled to many other countries including the Middle East, Turkey, Europe, England, Scotland and, in the summer of 1992, he and his wife spent seven weeks teaching in China, and again in 1997.



As a result of these experience, his paintings are

Realistic and Historical Paintings

found in many private collections in Canada, Nigeria, Netherlands, Germany, England, Switzerland, Italy, India, Poland, Hungary, and the U.S. He is also represented in corporate collections such as those of Upjohn, Allied Capital, and Mall City Containers of Kalamazoo.



His paintings, both large and miniature, have been accepted and received awards in many national and international juried art shows. Included among many awards and shows are the

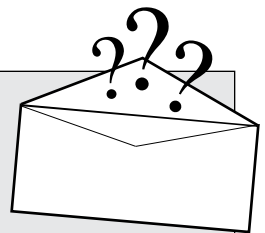
following: American Watercolor Society High Winds Award, National Watercolor Oklahoma, Western Colorado Watercolor Society, United Pastelists of America International Juried All-Media Show, American Artists Professional League, Inc. at the Salmagundi Club of New York.



Members were asked to sign up, ahead of time, to bring an art piece to participate in a "soft" critique by Sy and fellow HFA members, which turned out to very informative and insightful.

The HFA is still having trouble getting emails to these accounts. If you have already sent corrected email addresses to **paperpuppet2001@hotmail.com** or **jose_noe_castro@hotmail.com**. Please bear with us and send the corrections again. Thank you.

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Gallery 602 — Holland Hospital Exhibit

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SUZANNE IS A RURAL LANDSCAPE ARTIST THAT draws most of her inspiration from surroundings where she lives and paints. She now lives in Saugatuck Township, MI. Suzanne has been drawing since the age of 4 or 5 and producing art in one form or another for the better part of her life. Her style and inspiration can be traced back to her childhood days of growing up in the farm lands of Ohio and Indiana. She still travels the back roads of the Midwest and shoreline of Lake Michigan where she now lives, searching for inspiration. Her favorite subject is still nostalgic rural America. She uses her medium to try and capture the feelings of the moment.

She has attended numerous workshops with nationally known artists and has studied art for several years in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She is a consistent participant and award winner of numerous prestigious awards in regional, national and international juried exhibitions. She has earned signature membership in the Watercolor Society of Indiana and her work can be seen in numerous group or solo exhibitions and gallery shows throughout the United States. Her paintings are in many private and corporate collections here in the states and several foreign countries.

Several of her works have been made into Limited Edition Lithograph prints. She has been teaching watercolor classes and workshops since the 1980's. Summers are spent exhibiting and traveling to numerous juried fine art shows in the Midwest. Winters are spent doing gallery shows, producing new work for galleries and summer art fairs. Her work is in several galleries and can be seen on her web site or her studio by appointment only. Her studio is located by taking M89 Fennville exit #34 off of I96 west to Lakeshore Dr., go north on Lakeshore about a mile to Colver, turn right, Colver becomes Butternut, take Butternut to Chestnut Lane., turn right, go to the end of Chestnut, the last house on the left on Chestnut is Suzanne's home and Studio. To visit her studio you will first need to call for an appointment.



Gallery 602 — Holland Hospital Exhibit

Jim Suerth

Jim's painting experience is limited mostly to "lessons", either from art books or video tapes. Never satisfied with suggested illustrations, Jim adds his own touch.

Kay Suerth

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Kay inherited artistic abilities from her mother who taught her to envision shapes, colors, and perspective. Her creative pendulum swings from cartoons through sketches, watercolors, oils, and acrylics. While oil portraits of people and pets are among dozens of commissions, Kay will illustrate varied subjects using most any media. She has studied with (the late) John Polka for oils, and with Gloria Delvini for watercolors. Every painting is an original, as she will not make printed copies of her work.

Jim Henke

Jim Henke began working in pastel in 2006 and took early retirement from teaching stage design in a college theatre program to be able to paint full time. He currently paints landscape and still life and draws inspiration from the variety of subjects to be found in the beaches, forests and fields of Michigan. His "Afternoon Woods" was accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society 2010 national show in Midland, MI.

HFA is still looking for volunteers for our annual big show, Art in the Park, Saturday, August 7th this year. A commitment to volunteering would only take 1-3 hours. This is a chance to play a big part in our fundraising efforts for our scholarships, meetings and workshops. Especially our local school scholarships. If you're interested, contact Bonnie Lowe at lynnlee@wmol.com.

Art in the Park

The one position we **DESPERATELY** need to fill is our Vendor Coordinator position. This job involves:

- Making phone calls to line up our food vendors (many return year after year.)
- Day before: Friday afternoon - Check that the electric and water are ready.
- Day Of: Saturday morning - Oversee arrival of vendors and make sure they get set up properly on Central Avenue.

A 15 minute training session is available with the current volunteer. Remember, this is the only fundraiser for the Holland Friends of Art.

We also **DESPERATELY** need to fill our **Tulip Time, Juried Fine Arts Show** and **Newsletter** chairs. So, come on people if you, or you know of someone who would like to participate, please send them our way.

Your Handy-Dandy Guide to Artsy-Fartsy Happenings This Summer

HAAC Happenings

April 29 - May 30	HFA Tulip Time Exhibit
May 1 - May 10	Tulip Time Quilt Show
May 3 - May 7	Tulip Time Garden Club Show
June 3 - August 31	Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!
June 3 - August 31	Reid Masselink
June 10 - August 31	The Art-Full Life: Alice Hertel

See You There!

May 29

Lafayette Round the Fountain

Sat 9:00-4:30 Downtown around the Courthouse, Lafayette, IN

June 5

59th Annual KIA Art Fair

Sat 9:00-5:00 booth, Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, MI

June 15

HFA Annual Potluck Picnic

Tues. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Kollen Park (weather permitting)
Holland, MI *Bring a dish to pass.*

June 26

Art Rapids!

Sat 10:00-5:00
Along the waterfront
Elk Rapids, MI

July 3

Saugatuck Waterfront Invitational

Juried Fine Art Show

Sat 10:00-5:00 booth # L-5
Butler and Water Street
Saugatuck, MI

July 10-11

49th Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

Sat 10-6 - Sun 10-5
Lake Bluff Park on Lake Boulevard
St. Joseph, MI

July 17

25th Annual Petoskey Art in the Park

Sat 10:00-6:00
Downtown Pennsylvania Park
Petoskey, MI

July 26 - 31

Ottawa County Fair Art Show

This show will take place on July 26 - 31. The show has been sponsored by the HFA for the last two years, since state cut-backs have gone into effect. So, the board has decided to step up and support this show for the sake of art and to do our part during the trying economic times. The show is geared to amateurs and HFA suggests members get involved as well as any little tykes who love art. It is a very worthy cause and great time. Look to your local listings for entry dates.

July 31

Traverse Bay Outdoor Art Fair

Sat 10:00-5:00
Front lawn of Northwestern Michigan College, 1701 East Front Street
Traverse City, MI

August 7

41st Annual Art in the Park

Sat 9:00-5:00 booth # 332
Centennial Park downtown
River Street, Holland, MI

September 11 & 12

Black Swamp Arts Festival

Sat 10-7 and Sun 11-5
Downtown Bowling Green
Bowling Green, Ohio

September 25

40th Annual Octagon Art Festival

Sunday 10:00-5:00
Main Street Cultural District
Downtown, Ames, Iowa

See More Happenings on Pages 2 and 3 of This Newsletter