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President's Message to the Membership:

Greetings,

Fall is in the air and with it comes preparations for a fun and exciting New Year at the Cape Coral Art League. We have many new events planned as well as our usual monthly shows. The business meetings will be briefer so we can spend our time learning new techniques from our demo artists and enjoying the company of our fellow "art lovers".

Our new library should be complete by our November show and if you have any extra art books you would like to give us for our library we would be delighted to have them. Barbara Weber will be our new librarian.

Lois Johnston and her team have been very busy working and planning events for the upcoming year, including a Style Show Luncheon, Clothesline/Art Sale, and an Attic Treasure Sale to name a few.

I would like to make this our best year yet so I encourage each and every one of you to volunteer even if it is in some small way. We are a not for profit art league and rely on your help.

Gail, Dale, our class coordinator, works diligently organizing classes and workshops to bring you the best teachers in our field from all over the country and makes our league one of the best teaching leagues in Florida.

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting October 6th. Come, bring a friend and be prepared to have a wonderful time and a new learning experience.

Warmest Regards, Linda Wildman, President

GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Our first General Meeting of the season will be held on **Monday, October 6, 2008 at 9:30 am in Studio 1** at the Art League. Come join us as we start the new season with catch up with our friends and fellow artists. A brief meeting will inform you of the exciting events and classes coming up soon.

We have a great demo planned featuring ERMA JEAN WOODIS who will show us her "Versatility of Acrylics". Erma Jean will be offering a class this fall in acrylics. (See Classes info below). New activities at our General meetings: A cash 50/50 and a silent auction opportunity will be offered at each meeting. Lois Johnston, our Public Relations Director, has come up with many ideas that will benefit both our members and the CCAL and these two are just the start of many to come.

Please join us at 9:30 on Monday, October 6, 2008 and enjoy the meeting and demo. **COME EARLY AT 9 AM IF YOU WANT TO SEE BUZZ, THE BRUSH MAN.** Buzz will be bringing his tubs of brushes for you search through. Brushes of all sizes, brands and types will be available at very reasonable prices.

OCTOBER SHOW & RECEIVING

Our first show of the season, "COLOR OUR WORLD", will receive after the meeting at 12:00 pm to 2 pm. This is a member's show so all up to date members are eligible to enter. Bring your entries to the meeting and enter them as soon as the meeting is over. A reception will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008 from 5 to 7 pm.

Join us for refreshments and great art. Call the office at 239-772-5657 or check our website:

www.capecoralartleague.org for more information.

NOVEMBER SHOW & RECEIVING

The annual "Happy Hour" show will receive on Monday, November 3, 2008. This show is Open to All Artists of SW Florida and is a juried show. Judge will be well known artist and teacher, Greg Biolochini. The prospectus for this show will be available on our website and at the league. Reception is Thursday, Nov. 6 from 5 to 7 pm

WORKSHOPS

Our line-up of watercolor workshops this season is expanding:

Judy MacLaren, Watercolor Batik one-day workshop, October 18, 2008

Carol Z. Brody, NWS, November 10-12, 2008

Jean Grastorf, AWS & NWS, FWS January 14 - 16, 2009

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Bridget Austin, TWSA, WWS February 26 & 27, 2009

Suzanna Winton, FWS, SWS March 9- 12, 2009

Please let Gail hear from you if you're interested in one or more of the workshops. Call her at 543-5333 or email her at mgdale1@embargmail.com

While on the topic of workshops, Gail would like to know if you desire to have workshops in other mediums in addition to watercolor. Gail is willing to help organize workshops in other mediums, but needs your input and assistance. If you are willing to help her and if you have suggestions on instructors for workshops, please call or email her.

***DUE TO JEAN'S POPULARITY, JEAN GRASTORF'S WORKSHOP HAS BEEN EXTENDED INTO A SECOND WORKSHOP OF TWO DAYS ON JANUARY 17 & 18, 2008. PLEASE CHECK WITH GAIL TO SIGN UP.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 2008

October

4	12 to 3 pm	Receive "Color Our World" 9:30 am
6	9:30 am	General Meeting – Demo - Erma Jean Woodis – "Versatility in Acrylics"
9	5 to 7 pm	Reception for "Color Our World"
20	9:30 am	Board meeting
21	9:30 am	Art Council of SWF – VAC of Charlotte Co., Punta Gorda
31	10 – 4 pm	Remove "Color Our World"

November

1	10:30 am	FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
3	9:30 am	General Meeting & Election of Board Members – Demo Basket Weaving by Bonnie

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3	12 to 3 pm	Receiving "Happy Hour"
6	5 to 7 pm	Reception for "Happy Hour"
10 - 12	9 am	Carol Brody Watercolor Workshop STILL TIME TO REGISTER
15 & 16	10 to 4 pm	ATTIC TREASURES & OPEN HOUSE
17	9:30 am	Board Meeting
29	12 to 3 pm	Remove "Happy Hour"

December

1	11:30 am	Christmas Party at Palmetto Pines CC
2	9:30 am	Art Council SWF at Fort Myers Beach Art Association
6	12 to 3 pm	Receive "Festival of Arts"
11	5 to 7 pm	Reception "Festival of Arts"
15	9:30 am	Board Meeting

EVENTS

Public Relations Director, Lois Johnston has been busy arranging new fund raisers for the league. Please take the time to read the entire letter.

Volunteers Needed

Your League needs you! The new season is here and I've planned some fundraisers to bring money into the League (listed below). I think we can have a great time while we do it, but I sure could use help to get that money rolling in...it takes a lot of money to run the League, advertise, print brochures, pay the electric bill, etc.!

If you're interested in contributing to the League by volunteering some of your time in one of the positions listed below, [please call me at 210-1318 or email me at loisjohnston@embargmail.com](mailto:loisjohnston@embargmail.com). If we all pitch in, we can have fun improving the League and the programs we offer while we also increase community participation and bring more people to the League. Thank you!

Fundraisers Planned:

Nov. 1st Fashion Show Luncheon 10:30 AM

Nov. 15th & 16th Holiday Sale and Frosty's Workshop

Besides our usual Fine Art Sale, we will have unframed (matted) prints in bins or on clotheslines hung outside, along with the painted furniture, etc. we're creating. Children will have their own shopping area in Frosty's Workshop, where they can purchase holiday gifts for 25 cents to \$2. I'd also like a volunteer to play Santa so they may have a picture taken with Santa...Does anyone have a camera that creates instant pictures?

Jan. 10th & 11th Garage Sale

February (tentative date Feb 28th) Dinner Dance

March 13th & 14th Game Night

More info on each fundraiser as the date approaches.

Volunteer Positions Available:

- **If you'd like to gallery-sit** on a Saturday or Sunday during season, we need people to be at the league for a couple of hours before the matinee begins at the theater next door. If you're not comfortable being by yourself, I'll find you with a partner.

- **Fundraising Committee needed.** Do you have a restaurant or store that you go to frequently? Do you know someone in a business that could use some advertising and a tax write-off? We offer advertising incentives if they sponsor us with a donation. Do you know someone who would like to support development of the arts? We're looking for sponsors. Business Managers will often offer a gift certificate for services or will be a sponsor for the League or one of our shows. All you need to do is let them know that the League is a non-profit organization and will use their contribution as part of our fundraising efforts. We need money to maintain the League, for new tables, for a storage area (for tables, chairs, easels, etc.) and to provide new programs for adults and children. We'll need to coordinate efforts to avoid duplication of requests at the same locations.

- **Grant writing.** If you have experience in successfully obtaining grants, we need you!

- **We need models** for our November 1st Fashion Show & Luncheon. (Men, too!) I might also need waiters/waitresses, but I'm checking with the local high school to see if they'd like to help out.

- Help needed to set up and **clean up for the fundraisers.**

- **Do you like to decorate furniture?** We need tastefully done, painted chairs and small tables, and anything else you think would look interesting painted. I'd like some volunteers to obtain plain wooden items garage sales, thrift shops that we could re-paint with tropical themes, etc. and sell to raise funds at our Holiday sale. (I've already gotten some & will have a sample at our October meeting.) If you're interested in either aspect (or both), please let me know. We also need paint! It should be weather-resistant if possible, just in case someone wants to put the furniture outside after they purchase it.

- **We also need volunteers to create or donate items for the children to purchase at the Holiday sale.** Lillian, Dori and Joy Ann have already started on projects (thanks ladies!). We've got bracelets and tree ornaments & we need more! We're creating 'Frosty's Workshop' and need some elves to help. Anyone want to volunteer to be Santa?

- **Garage sale (to be renamed 'Attic Treasures')** assistants. Items must be in good to new condition; we'll need them priced and we need table attendants to help with sales and take money. If you're thinning out your garden plants, why not

pot them & donate to the League for this sale. We also need empty flower pots for those who'd like to donate plants but don't have pots.

- **Do you love to cook?** I'd like the dinner/dance to feature special home-cooked food (perhaps specialties from different countries), and I know we have some wonderful chefs in the League!

I'll also be offering Chinese Auction items each month, as well as a fantastic raffle featuring a 4 day cruise on Royal Caribbean for two for only \$25 a ticket, donated by Ethel Atanassov of Cruise & Tour Planners. If you'd like a ticket or would like some to sell, please let me know. (They will also be available at the League.) The drawing will take place at our April meeting.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer & I'm looking forward to seeing you all back again for a great upcoming year at CCAL.

Sincerely, Lois Johnston, CCAL PR Director (239) 210-1318 loisjohnston@embarqmail.com

SPECIAL OFFER TO MEMBERS

BJ's Wholesale Club has offered Art League members a special BJ's membership price of **\$35 for 15 months (rather than the usual 12 months)** and **they will give a donation to the Art League for each membership application received. This offer is valid until October 10th**, for the membership price of \$35. After that time, they will still make donations to the League, but the price returns to the usual cost of \$45. These offers are for new memberships or renewal of a current membership. Either way, they will make contributions to our Art League. The forms must be processed thru me (as the representative for the League) and I will turn them in to the BJ's representative. If you're interested, please call or email me as soon as possible. We also have forms at the League which you may fill out and put into my mailbox there.

GIFT SHOP

Chairman, Carmen Sprague announces that the Gift Shop in the lobby of our league will be open regular hours starting at the beginning of October. There are openings for new artists/vendors to display their work for sale and anyone interested should contact Carmen at 239-772-7612. She is looking for someone in particular who makes...eye glass leashes, fan pulls, car and window pendants on a leash, Prisms on a hanging leash, ect., Vendors who sell in the gift shop are required to work 2 times a month from 11 to 4 pm and must be members in good standing. Also anyone interested in donating a day or two a month to help sit the gift shop, please let me know,....Its a great way to be involved .

CLASSES

Our chairman, Gail Dale, has arranged a spectacular array of classes this year. A full 2 page listing is available at the Art League. Watercolor classes do not start until November when our teachers return to SW Florida. Here is the listing as is currently arranged:

- MONDAY -**
 - * **Painting in Pastels with Becky Gregg, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.(Starting in September)**
 - * **All Mediums with Betty Wedeles, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Starting in October)**
- TUESDAY -**
 - * **Jewelry Design with Lois Johnston, 9:00 am - 10:30 a.m. (Starting in September)**
 - * **The Art Of Acrylic Painting with Karen Weeks, 1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. (Starting in October)**
 - * **Beginning to Intermediate Drawing with Nick Martinez (Starting in October)**
 - * **Expressive Experimentation with Pat Johnson, 1:00pm 4:00pm. (Starting in November)**
- WEDNESDAY-**
 - * **All Mediums with Betty Wedeles, 9:00 a.m. - Noon (class is full)**
 - * **Exploring the Versatility of Acrylics with Erma Jean Woodis, 9:00-Noon (Starts mid October)**
 - * **Open Painting, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- THURSDAY-**
 - * **En Plein Air Painting with Nancy Nichols, 9:00 am - noon (Starts in October)**
 - * **Hooked on Watercolor Level II with Donna Maves, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Starts mid November)**
 - * **Hooked on Watercolor Level I with Donna Maves, 6:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.(Starts mid November)**
 - * **Basket Weaving with Bonnie Schock, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Starts mid November)**

"Watercolor Batik One-Day Workshop" with Judy MacLaren, Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. This is a NEW workshop and one that you are sure to enjoy. BATIK is a fun experience and this is an easy way to add to your repertoire of techniques. Give Gail Dale a call at 239-543-5333 for more info.

You're Invited!

To Our First Fundraiser of the Year

The Cape Coral Art League and Belk's Department Store
Present

**A Fun-filled Fashion Show and Luncheon
to take place on November 1st at 10:30am
at the Art League, 516 Cultural Park Blvd.
Only \$20 per person includes fashion show, snacks
and luncheon.**

Please call Lois Johnston (239) 210-1318 as soon as possible
To reserve your seat as space is limited
(and yes, the men are invited..We need some male models!)
Come, bring a friend, support the Art League and have a great time!
Reservation deadline is October 20th

Is there a model lurking in you? This is your chance. Volunteer to be a model for our Fashion Show. Call Lois at 239-210-1318 and sign up.

KUDOS

ERMA JEAN WOODIS: My art student, **Olivia Stauffer**, won 1st place and "best of show" for Florida in the Jr. Duck Stamp competition this Spring and will be honored at a reception at "Ding"Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Oct.25th. Her painting was done with acrylic paint.

In April the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve opened a new museum. The entry displays a mural 7 ft.tall and 22 ft.long painted by Erma Jean Woodis. You can see this on her web site artbyermajean.com or over at the Slough.. It was painted with Acrylics

June 14th. Erma was a "break out speaker" at Batesville, Indiana for SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S HEALTH and spoke about Art and the Healing process. She says that "art" is much more than just a hobby for us; it is essential to our good health to do something that takes us into that creative-healing space. **Congrats Erma Jean!**

Janet Mach Dutton - Janet received Signature status in the National Watercolor Society this summer. **Congratulations to Janet!**

Cheryl Fausel - Cheryl was accepted into Signature status of the Florida Watercolor Society this September. She was also accepted into the 2D/3D all Florida exhibition that ran for the month of July at the Alliance for the Arts. Over 800 works were entered and 47 accepted. **A marvelous achievement!**

SUNSHINE

June Sommerfield called to say she and Don were back in Cape Coral. She advises us that Don was diagnosed with ALS right before they left Michigan. They were told that Don has a slow moving form of the condition and that he will be able to continue with his many activities for the present time. We wish Don with continued success in fighting this disease.

Doris Roman is confined at home as the result of suffering a stroke. We hope that Doris is continuing to improve and will be back at her easel soon.

If anyone knows of a member with an illness or infirmity, please pass the word on to Lillian Wilson at 945-2607 or kwandlil@comcast.net, Ruth Bateman at 543-6371 or Marjorie Ewell at marjewell@comcast.net.

That's all folks. Send any news, announcements, or special items, to Editor, Marjorie Ewell at marjewell@comcast.net, snail mail to 3316 SE 22nd Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904 or call 239-045-3158.

I will be developing a new format for the next issue of the Palaver. I will accept photos for publishing and hope to have a much prettier Palaver in the near future. Till then, Happy Painting from Marjorie.

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