

NEWSLETTER

Citrus Watercolor Club

March 12, 2010

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CWC Website <http://www.citruswatercolorclub.com>

I attended two great exhibits of watercolor this week. A group of CWC members made the trek to Bradenton to view the American Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit. Viewing the work of these nationally known watercolorists does leave one feeling a bit deficient, but at the same time the absolute quality of the work gives one something for which to strive.

On the 20th and 21st the Citrus Watercolor Club held a judged show and sale at the Homosassa State Wildlife Park. Art lovers and visitors alike had the same comment, "We didn't realize that this high level of watercolor art existed on the Nature Coast". Our club members commented, "This is the best show ever!" I had to agree, the CWC does have some great watercolor artists - they are getting better all the time. Special commendations to Jeanne Conrad for her expert management of the show. As usual, everything was well organized and went like clockwork. Thanks, Jeanne.

Finally, congratulations to Susan Strawbridge for her floral painting that won the Best of Show award. The other award winners were Nancy Eaton - First Place, Norm Freyer - Second Place, Anna Kern - Third Place, Dolores Witt and Glenda Ackley - Honorable Mention.

Don't forget the Rainbow Springs State Park Show and Sale on March 6th and 7th. Guidelines are on club website.

Norm Freyer, President

MARCH PROGRAM

Our demonstrating artist for the March 12th meeting will be Jean Grastorf, FWS, AWS, NWS, TWSA. Jean is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology with further studies at the School of Ceramics in Alfred, N.Y. She is an elected member of numerous watercolor societies. She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Watercolor Society as well as the Jury of Submissions and Jury of Awards. Her work appears in watercolor books and magazines. She is the author of "Pouring Light, Layering Transparent Watercolor,".

Her workshop is scheduled for March 13 and 14, 2010 at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness. Jean will demonstrate the use of poured watercolor washes to create the illusion of light falling on, through and around objects, while retaining the beauty of white paper. She balances "chaos" and "control". For additional information contact Jeanne Conrad 352-628-7760.

RAINBOW SPRING STATE PARK ART SHOW AND SALE

Saturday March 6 and Sunday March 7, 2010. Open to Public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact Ray Jowers 352-489-0588 southernwon@bellsouth.net to volunteer your help.

JUDE CABORN WORKSHOP

The Three F's - Finishing, Fixing and Finding Out

Saturday April 10 and Sunday April 11, 2010 ⇔ 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Members - \$90 for 2 days; \$50 for one day

Contact Glenda Ackley 352-560-4220 gnack601@tampabay.rr.com for supply list.

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE

Joyce Cusick has planned a paint out for 9:30 A.M., Thursday March 18, 2010, in Homosassa - details will be given at the meeting. All are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are now being collected for the 2010-2011 year. Those who pay from January 1 through to mid-April will be included in the Directory for this membership year, 2010-2011. Make checks for \$35 payable to CWC, for membership through May 2011. Mail to Rhonda Hancock or Pat Kelly-Sistrand. Please include your name, address, city, zip, telephone, e mail and snowbird address.

MEMBERS' CLASSES

Sue Connor - "Watercolor...Not to Worry" Classes for beginning students will be the last Monday: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar. 29 and Apr. 26 from 9 to 3 PM at Citrus Art League. \$150 members, \$160 non-members. (15 max)
"Making Your Own Rules" Advanced classes will be the last Friday: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 26 and Apr.30 from 9 to 4 PM at Citrus Art League, Limit 15 students. \$150 members, \$160 non-members Citrus Art League. Call 422-5481 (cell) or 628-5421 for registration and supply list.

Ellen Hines- "Drawing in Graphite & Colored Pencil" at the Art Center Tuesday 9:30 to 11:30 AM Call 527-0901 or e mail ehines3@tampabay.rr.com for schedule and other information.

Pat Kelly-Sistrand- Ongoing beginner/intermediate classes available at the Citrus Springs Community Center on Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 AM and the Dunnellon First United Methodist Church, Tuesdays 1:30-3:30 PM. For further information, call 465-1308 or e mail sistrand1@tampabay.rr.com.

Barbara Kerr- The session for Intermediate/advanced watercolor class beginning February 3 is filled. Barbara is retiring. Ron Affee will be continue her classes at the Art Center. Good luck, Barbara.

Suzanne Mahr- Classes at Withlacoochee Technical Institute: Oil Painting Tuesday 9-noon; Watercolors 1 to 4PM during the school semester. (Register through the school.) Ongoing Oil Painting classes Wednesday at the Citrus Springs Community Center 1-3PM and the Art Center on Friday 1 to 3 PM. Call 465-9391 for more information and supply list.

Anne Weaver- Beginner class "This is a Brush" at The Art Center on Tuesday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 thru May 2010. For information call Anne at 746-0031 or e mail aweaver21@tampabay.rr.com.
Plein air class April 19 at Hunter Springs and May 17 at Ozello Park.

It is important that we keep all information current. Notify editor with schedule changes.

PAINTING OF THE MONTH

Remember - paintings are to be in place by 12:30 PM so everyone has a chance to select a favorite. Winners are announced during the general meeting. The two paintings chosen will be displayed for the month of January at the Brannen Bank, Inverness. See Ellen Hines for the proper numbering and display.

THE LIBRARY TABLE

Bring in your DVD's, tapes, books and magazines to share. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Park parkhere@bellsouth.net (352) 489-8257 or Carol Tucker ovoc6@bellsouth.net (352) 796-1017.

BAG LADY

Rosalie is accepting calls for bag orders for the January meeting. It makes it so much easier for all concerned. Available sizes are 2x8-½ bookmark, 5-7/16 x 7-¼ card, 5-7/8 x 7¾, 6x9 large card, 8 x10, 9x12, 11x14, 12x16, 14x18 16x20, 18x24, 20x26, 20x28, 22x30, 22x36, 28x36 and **pocket color wheels \$3**. Rosalie Haynes (352) 564-0082 rosietheriveter1@aol.com

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

Betty Beceden has a "new" small French easel for sale, (used 1 time). Call or e mail at eb931@earthlink.net.

Visit the new website www.citruswatercolorclub.com for the latest information. Printed copies of the newsletter are made available at the entrance to the meeting room. Please send any changes via e mail to: Pat Kelly-Sistrand, Editor at sistrand1@tampabay.rr.com or call 465-1308 .

Friendliest "little" watercolor club anywhere!

The Citrus Watercolor Club meets year round 1 P.M. on the second Friday of each month. Except for the May luncheon, meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church of Inverness on Pleasant Grove Rd. Dues are \$35 / year.