



McLean Art Society

January 2012 Newsletter

www.mcleanartsociety.org

Calendar of Events

MAS meetings follow Fairfax County School closings.

January 17 Change at Spring Hill 10AM
Norma Anderson 703-893-8086
Carol Higgs 703-476-6676

January 19 Paint-in 10-1:30 at Dolley Madison Library. Bring lunch.
Pat Roushakes 703-938-4670

January 27 General meeting 10 AM
McLean Community Center

February 3 Board meeting 10 AM
Followed by a critique at 11 AM.
McLean Community Center

February 4 Deadline for news items for February newsletter to Bill Dunn or Betty Dunn bbkldunnat@verizon.net

February 24 General meeting 10 AM
McLean Community Center

February 28 Change at Spring Hill 10AM
Norma Anderson 703-893-8086
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Catherine Hillis to Speak at January 27 Meeting

Catherine Hillis has painted all her life, winning awards and honors at competitive shows regionally and nationally, earning *Signature Membership* status in the Southern Watercolor Society, Virginia Watercolor Society, Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Baltimore Watercolor Society and the Potomac Valley Watercolor Society. During the summer of 2010, the Department of the Interior awarded her a position as Artist in Residence in Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. One of her paintings was published in "Splash 12," a collection of 100 American watercolor paintings, in June, 2011; she won the May, 2011, "*Creativity Challenge*" in Watercolor Artist Magazine (online version) and during July of 2007, she received a grant by "Les Amis de la Grande Vignes" to serve as artist in residence in Dinan, France. She competes nationally in watercolor exhibitions and plein aire competitions, most recently participating in the Plein Aire Brandywine competition in Pennsylvania and Delaware during September of 2011.

Mrs. Hillis primarily paints in watermedia, including busy street scenes, coastal landscapes, and her favorite, the historic sites near her home on the Blue Ridge in Virginia. The hallmarks of her work are rich color and a touch of humor.

The artist offers classes and workshops across the country and abroad. See her website at www.catherinehillis.com for workshop and class information. You can also view the artist teaching a series of brief watercolor lessons at www.monkeysee.com (type in *watercolors* onto the subject line).

Hillis' work has been featured in "Best of American Watercolorists, 2007;" she garnered second place in watercolors for the state of Virginia in 2005, her work being published in the book, "Best of Virginia Artists and Artisans, 2005;" her biography is included in "Who's Who Among American Women, 2006,'07, '08,'09, '10 and 2011." Four of her paintings were selected as the cover art for the national journal of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and her article "Ten Tools for Better Watercolors" was published in American Artist Magazine

(www.myamericanartist.com) in September of 2006.

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Batik Workshop

MAS member and Spring Hill cochair Carol Higgs is planning a batik workshop. If interested, call Shirley Mulligan 703-237-7256 or sign up at the January meeting.

Call for entries

MAS is having a miniature and small works art show and sale at the newly remodelled Dolly Madison Library (glass-case).

There is limited space, so first come (or registered) first served.

Call Liliana at 703.819-1690 or 703-448-9185 to participate and save a space.

Rules: Painted surface not to exceed 5x7.

Piece including frame no larger than 8x10.

Bring your small, stable easel to stand the painting on the shelf (it can be purchased at Michael's, dollar stores, etc). Space in-between shelves about 17 inches so easel should not be a tall one.

Any medium accepted. Subject matter must be suitable for a community library.

Commission 5% for our Society. No price can be placed on art piece. But a sign will have a contact phone # and the information desk will have a list with prices.

Hanging date; March 1st, 2012 (show to last one month) Hanging hours to be determined.

GET INSPIRED, START PAINTING!

Liliana Dossola

MCLEAN ART SOCIETY OFFICERS 2011-2012

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NY Trip: Hawk Stern

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HAWK STERN ANNOUNCES NEW YORK TRIP PLANS

Hawk Stern is making plans for the New York trip scheduled for April 12-14. He will be at the January general meeting to give everyone an update and to answer questions.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY CRITIQUE

We held the first of our monthly critiques last Friday, January 6 at 11 AM following the board meeting. Eight people attended; three of those brought paintings to discuss.

Everyone agreed that the discussion was very helpful. We are looking forward to the next critique on February 3. All MAS members are welcome.

APRIL SHOW AT SPRING HILL

The title of the April show at Spring Hill will be *Childhood Memories*, which is a statewide theme. The change date will be April 10.

Start painting now so you will have something for the show.



First Place
Betty Ganley



Second Place
Pam Palco



Honorable Mention
Vicky Doyle



Honorable Mention
Concetta Scott



People's Choice
Vicky Wilken



Honorable Mention
Hanna Emrich

**A Gallery of
Ramp Show
Winners**



Honorable Mention
Kathy Glazer

Do you need to look for show information or deadlines? Go to the McLean Art Society website. You can find old newsletters and other information there as well as a gallery of paintings. Many of our members participate in other art clubs as well. To save your editors the time and trouble of copying large segments of other newsletters, we include several websites here.

<http://www.mcleanartsociety.org> <http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org>

<http://www.manassasartguild.com> <http://www.viennaartsociety.org>

<http://fallschurcharts.org/> <http://www.springfieldartguild.com/>

You can also use a Google search to find out about other clubs. Of course, Google images remain a wonderful resource.

Dear Artist,

>It's a New Year! If you've been thinking about making this the time to take the next step in your career, there are many reasons to consider joining Gallery West in Old Town Alexandria.

>Here are some:

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>€ Established Alexandria gallery, in operation for over 32 years

>€ Exposure to a new clientele in an art-loving community

>€ King Street Boutique and Restaurant district location

>€ Monthly shows with space for each artist to have a group of paintings.

>€ Camaraderie and support from other members, sharing of business and technical information, and tips on other opportunities

>€ Monthly dues are less than other area co-op galleries

>€ Resume builder, A step in your professional career

>€ A solo show every 18-24 months with a mailing list of 1300 patrons

>€ Once-a-month gallery sitting affords the opportunity to connect with the art-buying public

>€ New members small group show in first year of membership

>€ Make new contacts in the art business world of Greater Washington DC

>€ Learn the art/gallery business and how to interact with customers

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>Interested? Check out the new member prospectus (in the column on the left side) at our web site.

>www.gallery-west/info

>The prospectus supplies information about the application process and the gallery

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Address correction requested