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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a true honor to have been elected President of Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society. This is a position I take very seriously and am prepared to treat as a priority in both my professional and personal life. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

We begin this new season with a new Board of Directors. Some of our members remained on the Board and some new members have joined us. Sadly, we must say good-bye to a long time member of our Board. Sharon Curtis has resigned her position as Treasurer after many years of faithful service. Sharon, you were flawless in your position as Treasurer and you will be sorely missed by all of us. Dee Pastorius has left her position as 1st Vice President but remains on the Board as Hospitality Committee. Thanks for taking that very active committee for us, Dee. And we must say good-bye and thanks to Anne Abgott for her service as our President this past year. Anne, FSWS is better because of you. Thanks. With those changes, our new officers are listed in the banner to the left. New to our Board this term are Nancy Law, Mary Stealey, Tama Traberman, Linda Alvord and Sherren Baughman. Carole Dougherty and Mary Louise Ringers continue their service. A very special thanks from me to Carole and Mary Lou for your friendship and support in the past and as we face the future together. Our Board proudly serves our membership and now takes you into this season of exciting changes and growth:

New Look - You've already noticed the new look. We decided we needed a more artful appearance for FSWS. Our new logo was developed by Mary Lou Ringers. Thanks, ML!

25th Anniversary of FSWS - It's true! FSWS is 25 years old this year! As organizations come and go, we should all be proud we are part of an organization that has endured and continues strong. We are planning to celebrate this special event in a very big way! You'll get the details soon.

Exhibition Schedule - This year we have included additional shows at some new locations, as well as our own Art Center Manatee. Check the schedule in this newsletter and mark your calendars now so you don't miss any of them.

Framing Criteria - Our membership spoke at our Annual Membership Meeting in April. In answer to that vote, we have removed the framing restrictions for our shows. Please read the details in this newsletter. Note that if a gallery is restricted in space, we must restrict size; be sure to check the exhibition prospectus for each show.

Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society has an excellent reputation in the art community and we should all be proud to be associated with it. Please make this the year you dedicate yourself to our organization by participation in our shows and our events. We'll keep you informed via the newsletter of our activities. You may also contact any member of our Board for updates and information. And be sure to tell your art friends about us! We love new members! Thank you for your membership. Now let's go boldly together into this new season and make FSWS shine as brightly as its new logo!

In dedicated service,

Nancy Colby, President

2008 - 09 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

JURIED SIGNATURE SHOW (2 entries allowed; size limitation due to gallery space 36" x 28")

LOCATION: SUNTAN ARTS CENTER in St. Pete Beach
SHOW DATES: OCTOBER 7 - NOVEMBER 1, 2008
RECEIVING: Monday, October 6 - 10 am - noon
RECEPTION: Saturday, October 11 - 4 - 7 pm
REMOVAL: Saturday, November 1 - 10 am-noon

This is a juried show for FSWS Signature Members only. A Signature Member is a member who has been accepted into two juried exhibitions and is current in dues. The hanging space in this gallery is limited, so please observe size limitation shown above.

JURIED OPENAQUEOUS AND JURIED SIGNATURE SHOW (2 SEPARATE SHOWS)

(2 entries allowed in OpenAqueous and 2 entries allowed in Signature; no size limitation)

LOCATION: THE STUDIO AT GULF AND PINE on Anna Maria Island
SHOW DATES: JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 14, 2009
RECEIVING: Tuesday, January 6 - 10 am - noon
RECEPTION: Sunday, January 11 - 3 - 5 pm
REMOVAL: Saturday, February 14 - 10 am - noon

This exhibition includes two separate shows. The Aqueous show is open to both members and non-members. Aqueous is defined as a painting executed with any water soluble medium, on paper or Yupo, including acrylic, ink, egg tempera, or watercolor collages, under Plexiglas. The Signature show is for Signature Members only. Prizes will be awarded in each of the two shows. A People's Choice Award will be given in the Signature Show.

JURIED OPEN TRANSPARENT SHOW (2 entries allowed; no size limitation)

LOCATION: ART CENTER MANATEE in Bradenton
SHOW DATES: APRIL 6 - MAY 23, 2009
RECEIVING: Saturday, April 4, 2009 - 10 am - noon
RECEPTION: Thursday, April 9, 2009 - 5 - 7 pm
REMOVAL: Saturday, May 23, 2009 - 10 am - noon

This show is for Transparent Watercolor only, defined as a painting executed with a water resolvable transparent medium, on paper, unvarnished, under Plexiglas. The show is open to both members and non-members.

JURIED SHOW AWARDS:

1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$400, 3rd Place \$300, Merit Awards (1-4) \$100 each, Honorable Mention certificates. Awards for the Juried Signature Show in January-February will be based on entries received.

ENTRY FEE:

Members \$20 for each painting; Non-members \$30 for each painting. Dues must be paid before entering shows. Non-members may join at receiving (annual membership is \$35).

NOTE: Changes have been made to FSWS framing guidelines and requirements. Please check the FSWS Newsletter for framing guidelines and requirements and for individual show requirements and/or any changes.

NEW FRAMING GUIDELINES

At the April 19, 2008 Annual Meeting, after much discussion, a motion was made and seconded and approved by the membership present to change the general prospectus and remove all frame restrictions. Consequently, the paragraph under "Framing" on Page 6 of your current directory should read:

Framing - All artwork must be securely framed and wired for hanging. Paintings must be under a separate sheet of rigid acrylic plastic (e.g. Plexiglas) - NO GLASS ALLOWED. White and Off-White mats are the only ones permitted. Thin colored liners may be used if they add positively to the painting. Fillets are not allowed.

Please note that we now have an official mailing address
at

FSWS c/o Art Center Manatee
209 9th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34205

In the broad seven county areas that we cover, it is sometimes difficult to deliver your paintings to a show for entry and pick up. The good news is that there are angels among us.... and they drive! To make shows more convenient, the following people have offered to deliver your paintings for entry or to retrieve them after a show. You will need to contact them and make arrangements for an opportune time to transfer your art work and fill out the entry forms:

BRADENTON area:

Jackie Clark - (941) 748-8900 102 14th Street East
Dee Pastorius (941) 761-4119 4311 Royal Palm Drive
Jan and Linda Van Tassel (941) 708-9660 15101stAvenueW
Joan Stephens (941) 792-5610 610 Estuary Drive

PUNTA GORDA area:

Mary Byrd (941) 575-0085 3800 Bal Harbor Blvd.
Nancy Colby (941-426-0580) 5007 Kingsman Avenue

SARASOTA area:

Rosalie Silver (941) 925-0806 5616 Merrimac Drive

BOCA GRANDE area:

Cecilia Jonsson-Bisset (941) 964-2590 333 Bailey Street

NEW PORT RICHEY area:

Sharon Curtis (941) 863-8103 10611 Marianne Lane

NORTH PORT/VENICE area:

Nancy Colby (941-426-0580) 5007 Kingsman Avenue

PALMETTO area:

Carole Dougherty (941-722-2314) 1205 3rd Street Circle East

ROTUNDA WEST area:

Marcy Lombard (941-697-1236) 32 Bunker Way

LONGBOAT KEY area:

June Morse (941-383-9412) 622 Ranger Lane

MEET YOUR NEW 2008-09 OFFICERS



From left to right: Linda Alvord - Member at Large, Mary Stealey - Second Vice President, Nancy Law - First Vice President, Nancy Colby - President, Carole Dougherty - Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Ringers - Corresponding Secretary, Tama Traberman - Treasurer. Missing from photo: Anne Abgott - Counselor, Sherren Baughman - Member at Large.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Our Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon was held on April 19, 2008 at the Bradenton Country Club. More than 30 members enjoyed meeting old friends and new members. At the Business Meeting, outgoing President Anne Abgott reviewed the past year, summarized next year's exhibition schedule and congratulated the new Board. Anne especially thanked Sharon Curtis for all of her years of dedicated service as the Society's Treasurer. Discussion was open to our membership. The main topic of discussion was framing guidelines and, after much discussion, it was decided to remove all framing restrictions



2008-2009 WORKSHOPS PLANNED

Mark your calendar and save the dates for our upcoming workshops to be held at Art Center Manatee, 209 9th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205 (10 AM to Noon, 1 PM to 3 PM) on the following Saturdays:

Workshop Date	Instructor	Workshop Program
November 8, 2008	Carole Dougherty	Mixed Media with Liquid Acrylic on Yupo
January 10, 2009	Paula Schoenwether	Digital Photography
February 7, 2009	Linda Alvord	Nurturing Creative Urges!
March 7, 2009	Terry Denson	Watercolor and Critiques

Thanks to these instructors who are volunteering their time and artistic talent to foster the educational growth of artists and to help support FSWS financially.

Look for more information on these exciting programs and registration details in our next newsletter.

Mary Stealey, 2nd Vice President

AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Colby has been invited to display her purr-fect cat paintings at Feline Flair on June 28th at Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. This event is held for the adoption and benefit of cats from 12 participating shelters.

Kathy Durdin will present her new series, *Childhood: Motion, Emotion and Discovery* in conjunction with the Stageworks presentation of *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. The paintings, along with others showing children and the beach, will hang at the Shimberg Playhouse from May 15 through June 1, 2008.

In creating this series, Kathy has endeavored to capture the joy and exuberance of childhood. She has used color and brushwork to show the constant motion of children. The colors in these paintings are bright and clear. They reflect the bright, happy and upbeat emotions shown in these paintings.

Kathy Durdin is an award winner watercolor artist. She has exhibited at the Florida Watercolor Society and is a signature member of Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society. She is also president of Tampa Realistic Artists, and her work can be seen at Artist Emporium. Kathy's work can be seen on her website, www.kdurdin.com.

Douglas Teller is Chair of the Art Center Sarasota Education and Program Committee for '08-'09...**Sherren Baughman** is also on the committee.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT DEAL

Increase your own web presence and that of Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society. For a mere \$15 per year, you can have your own page on the FSWS website which will include up to six images plus your artist's bio and contact information and a link to your own website. Simply contact Mary Lou Ringers at 941-322-6374 or mlringers@tampabay.rr.com for details.



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