



LEESBURG ART ASSOCIATION

April 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SHARON YUTZY

Hello,

First, I would like to thank all of you for your kind words, hugs, emails and cards expressing sympathy and support. I am beginning a new chapter in my life and it feels rather strange but it helps to know that you are there for me. Thank you so much for your tender mercies.

Many thanks to all who helped make our show and its reception a success. I have received many compliments from the Leesburg community. Everyone involved can be proud of a job beautifully done.

Those of us who took the bus trip to the Winter Park Art Festival had a great time. Shawn, we appreciate your efforts in making it happen.

You will be glad to know that, as LAA is approaching the end of the season, your board is busily planning for next season. We will be implementing a number of your ideas and presenting new educational opportunities. It is our goal to involve more of our members in teaching as well as learning.

Please remember that our next meeting is not until May 24th.

See you then,
Sharon

NO APRIL MEETING
See you May 24



LAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

NO APRIL MEETING			NO APRIL MEETING
May 6	10am	Center for the Arts	Board Meeting
May 24	1pm	Center for the Arts	Membership Meeting - Demo: Kate Carney - Oil

CHECK OUT ALL THE COMMUNITY **ART OPPORTUNITIES** STILL AVAILABLE

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Display your art on the LAA web site

Image Submission Requirements

1. Membership dues must be up to date for the year
2. In order to email/ forward the images, resize them to 72 dpi and no larger than 700 pixels on either length or width side of the image.
3. Take a photo that is in focus, has good lighting and includes only the image of your artwork without any extraneous items such as frame or easel.
4. Your original artwork created within the last 3 years
5. Artwork must be suitable for family viewing
5. A limit of 5 submitted paintings total per LAA member per year
6. Include the title, medium, size and personal information (a short bio, email address and link to your web-site) if you are interested in people contacting you regarding sales
7. Images should be emailed to bluewater50@juno.com

The web site is new and improved! Check it out at www.leesburgart.org



The LAA Spring Show 2014 was absolutely beautiful, and the venue itself at the Leesburg Center for the Arts gets better and better with each show. Remember, LAA members can help to improve the conditions by also becoming dues-paying members of the art center. There are also opportunities for volunteering.

The success of the 2014 Spring Show is due not only to the high quality of the art in all our show, but also by the generous contributions of our LAA members in giving their time and talents every step of the way: from planning and organizing, dealing with all the paperwork and communiqués, the receiving and pick-up, installing, judging, tear-down, and to the all-important reception with food & wine and partying fellowship! Phew!

To YOU who helped in any manner, my humble gratitude, for YOU are the reason we have an art show! YOU are the reason we have a club! Thank YOU!

I give my hearty thank-you for *the* most outstanding Co-Chair anyone could ever have, and whom I feel is indispensable: **Shirley Sojourner!**

My thanks also to our awesome President **Sharon Yutzy** and her husband **Dale**, both of whom take on more responsibilities than should be required of them -- all for the good of the club.

I am grateful to the **LAA Board** for their continued guidance and assistance. Their camaraderie displays the best in both leadership abilities and sincerity of character in carrying out their duties. And each of them contributes well beyond any job description.

Kudos to **Sherese Mesko** who has always taken the lead in making the necessary changes of dates and providing updated and ongoing information in our newsletters and emails for each new show. Because she thinks ahead, she never has to be told what to do.

If anyone wants to step on board for future shows, or to take on club leadership positions, or to help with any other tasks, please let us know your talents and interests.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ruth Ann Maury
Show Co-Chair



MEMBER NEWS

A new addition to member **Carrie Knupp's** web site Encausticguru.com Encaustikos spotlights the work of two artists, Carrie Knupp and her daughter Kristi Knupp. Please enjoy their work.

Member **Lisa Woodward** has a one person show through April 30 at the Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th Street, Ocala.

Send member news submissions to Sherese Mesko at LAAnewsletter@aol.com

LAA MEETINGS

All members are welcome at the Board meetings. They are held at 10:00 AM on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Leesburg Center for the Arts. You are invited to submit issues for discussion to Sharon Yutzy sharonyutzy@comcast.net or 728-3054 at least three days prior to the meetings.

The membership meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 1:00 PM, on the 4th Saturday of the month, Sept. through May, excluding Dec. and April. If you have an item for the agenda, please submit the written announcement with basic information to Sharon Yutzy prior to the meeting date. **ONLY** Sharon and committee chairs will be making the brief announcements.

Plan to arrive at by 12:30 to get a seat, visit the library, and socialize., ready for a 1:00 start.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Send any newsletter submissions and member news to Sherese Mesko via e-mail at LAAnewsletter@aol.com or regular mail at 108 Dogwood Trail, Leesburg, FL 34748.

Since we are email only now, it is easier to include flyers, announcements, etc. for pertinent info.

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Also notify us of any changes in member information or errors in the yearbook.

A current member list is available at each meeting.



LIBRARY

LAA members in good standing may borrow a total of 2 items from the library. Cards will be filed under your last name initial. It is your responsibility to replace the cards in the items and put them away in the proper place. The shelves are labeled to make this easier. Remember, check-outs are only for one month, although we do allow a checkout of two items at the May meeting, to be returned in September. If you can't come to the meeting, send the items with a friend, or contact someone on the library committee.

We accept donations of appropriate art books and DVDs that are in good condition. We will inscribe the donors' name in the books or on the DVD. If you wish LAA to purchase a certain book or DVD, please write the title, author, publisher and price. Participation in the 50-50 drawing will help with library acquisitions.

Thank you,
The library committee
We no longer have or will accept VHS video tapes.



**PLEASE VISIT THE LIBRARY BEFORE OR AFTER THE MEETING
* IT IS NOT OPEN DURING THE MEETING ***



1 West Orange (Ferran Park)
Eustis, FL

LIFE DRAWING at LEMA

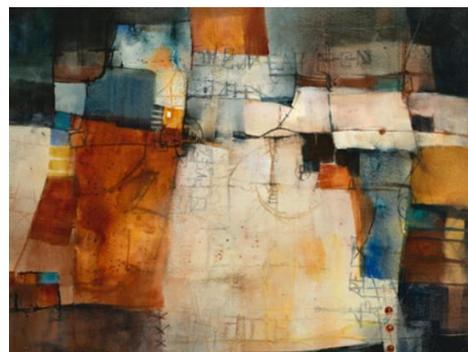
Every Tuesday from 3 pm to 6 pm with
moderator Lew Clayton

Members \$10 Non-members \$12

WEEKLY CLASSES with CAROL FRYE

Multi-media artist, Carol Frye offers weekly classes from 11:00 to 4:00 every Wednesday in Auburndale, FL (about 1 1/2 hours from Leesburg) Cost is \$25. Carol had a very successful workshop for LAA in 2012.

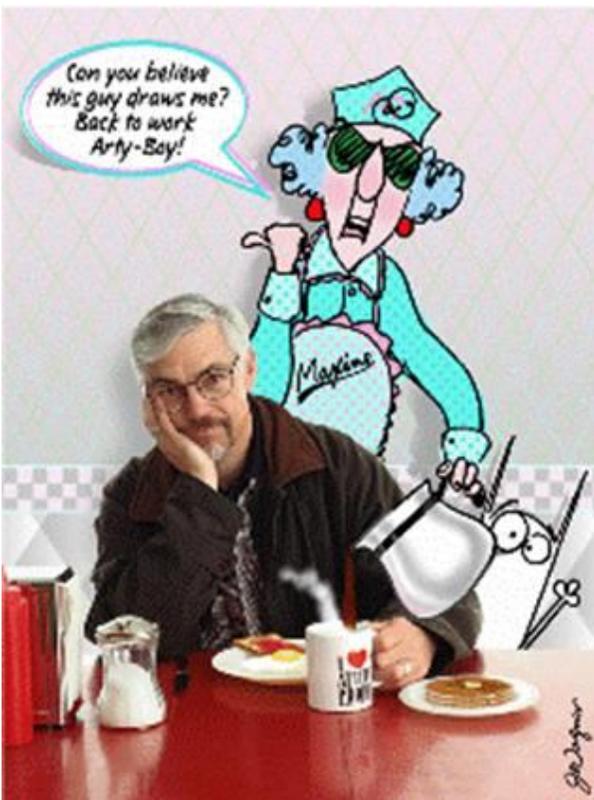
For further info visit www.carolfrye.com or call 863-668-7323.



Ever wonder where certain creative things come from? Such as that character MAXINE. She says all the things we'd really like to! Here's her story...submitted by Wilt Nelson.

Creator Of Maxine

John Wagner, Hallmark artist since 1970, says Maxine was inspired by his mother, his maiden aunts and his grandmother, the woman who bought him art lessons when 'fill in the pumpkins' was about the extent of his art classes at St. John's Catholic School in Leonia, NJ. John remembers doodling as a preschooler and says both his grandmother and his mother encouraged his artistic interests. He eventually attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston and landed at Hallmark as part of a new artists group. But it was the birth of the humorous Shoebox Greetings (a tiny little division of Hallmark) in 1986 that added a new dimension to John's professional life. The Shoebox way of seeing the world unleashed his talents and he created Maxine. Why the name 'Maxine'? 'People at Shoebox started referring to the character as 'John Wagner's old lady,' and I knew that would get me into trouble with my wife,' John says. The Shoebox team had a contest among themselves to name the character and three of the approximately 30 entries suggested 'Maxine'. John says the name is perfect. John, who says he's humbled by such acceptance of Maxine, admits he's proud of her. Now you know the story of how Maxine came to be.





Invites you to
Meet the LRMC
Ladies in Philanthropy

Social Artworking Event

Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm

\$30 per person

Sip a little, paint a little...and get ready to enjoy the relaxing experience of canvas painting! Even if you have never held a paintbrush before, you will walk away with a piece of art you will be proud of. You'll also meet the Ladies in Philanthropy who are committed to making an impact on the health and well-being of our community.



"Antique Roses"

Reserve your seat by registering online or by calling 352-365-0232.



Amy Painter

leesburgcenter4arts@earthlink.net
352-365-0232

Held at the Leesburg Center for the Arts
429 W. Magnolia
Leesburg, FL

6:30-8:30 pm

ART COMMUNITY			EVENTS	
April 8-10	Watercolor Capturing the Light	Lynn Ferris	\$204 resident 209 non-resident	The Villages / Contact bbaugh97@aol.com 352-753-1383
April 10-11	Pastel Workshop Sign-up: jmdhld@aol.com Supply list: www.gloriabetlam.com	Gloria Betlam	\$120 member 150 non-member	Ocala Art Group Held at Appleton 10-5
April 14-15	Watercolor Using wax paper, oriental paper & gauze	Sharon Wilson	\$128 resident 133 non-resident	The Villages / Contact bbaugh97@aol.com 352-753-1383
April 19	Fused Glass All materials, tools and kiln firing included	Beth Cox	\$45 Pre register	Gallery East 11761 SE Hwy 441 Belleview 352-245-2781 Questions: 906-241-0879 or bcglass@up.net

ONGOING ART OPPORTUNITIES				
Mondays	Silk Studio Workshops		Yvonne Feavearyear / yfeavearyear@comcast.net 352-787-2505	
Wednesdays	11-4	Multi-media painting classes	Carol Frye \$25	Auburndale, FL www.carolfrye.com 863-668-7323
2nd Fridays	5-7pm	Open House	Gallery East	352-245-2781
2nd Fridays	6-8pm	Gallery Walk	Downtown Mt Dora	
Classes and Workshops / Gallery East 11761 SE US Hwy 441 Belleview			www.galleryeastfl.org	352-245-2781
Classes and Workshops / South Lake Art League			www.southlakeartleague.com	Clermont
Classes / Lifelong Learning College 275 Buffalo Trail The Villages			www.TheVillagesLifelongCollege.com	Catalog online or call & request one 352-753-3035
Workshops / Lifelong Learning College (Villages)			www.thevillagesartworkshops.com bbaugh97@aol.com	352-753-1383
Life Drawing	Leesburg Center for the Arts Moderator: Gary Hopcraft		Mondays 7-9pm \$10	Call for schedule 365-0232
Life Drawing	Lake Eustis Museum of Art Moderator: Lew Clayton		Tuesdays 3-6pm \$10 member 12 non-member	483-2900
Classes / Lake Eustis Museum of Art 1 W. Orange Ave (Ferran Park)			www.lakeeustismuseum.org	352-483-2900

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