



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2 (Tuesday) Board Meeting, 7 PM
- March 3 (Wednesday) Salon de Amis, 3-9 PM
- March 3 & 4 (Wednesday & Thursday) Pick up work from February show and bring in work for Members' Show, "Best Friends," 1-4 PM (Gallery 2 location)
- March 5 (Friday) Poets Meeting - Open Mike, 7 PM
- March 7 (Sunday) Opening reception for solo artist Bill Bunting and NJ Art Educators' Show and for Members' Show "Best Friends" in Gallery 2
- March 12 (Friday) Photography Club Meeting, 7 PM
- March 16-20 (Tuesday - Saturday) Bring in new items for Gift Shop, 1-4 PM
- March 19 (Friday) Song Circle Benefit Concert, 6-10 PM
- March 21 (Sunday) Art Open House, 1-4 PM
- March 24 (Wednesday) Antique Quilts Demonstration by Nell Thorston, 7 PM
- March 25 & 26 (Thursday & Friday) Watercolor Workshop by Beverly Golembeski, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- March 31 (Wednesday) "A Savory Affair" at the Downtown Restaurant by Greg Manning, 6 PM
- March 31 - April 1 (Wednesday & Thursday) Pick up work from "Best Friends" show. 1-4 PM
No members' show in April
- April 4- 27 Teen Arts Festival of Ocean County.
Reception April 20, 7 - 9 PM

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ARTISTS' GUILD

Friday, March 19, 8:00 pm
 (instead of the usual 3rd Friday Song Circle)
 The beautiful vocal harmonies of "Ladies Night Out" Trio with Gail Gilrane, Denise Miller, and Mary Lutton, singing country, folk, and classic pop songs with guitar, autoharp, harmonica, and mandolin.
 This will be a totally acoustic concert (no amplification), taking advantage of the Guild's reverberant high-ceiling studio space. The singers are members of the Ocean County-based Acoustic Musicians' Guild.
 \$5 donation

President's Letter

Dear Members,

The snow is snowing, the blizzard is blowing, and I can't go out in the storm! What a good day to get some things done, including my letter to you.

I'm happy to report that our general membership meeting before January's artist's demo was well attended. I hope you will come to the next meeting also. Elsa Herrmann and Nancy Avergun work hard to present us with wonderful programs every month, and we want you to take advantage of them.

People have been sending in checks for the cooking demonstration at the "Downtown at Irons" restaurant on March 31. If you want to go, please send your money in promptly. See you there, I hope!

The Guild wishes to acknowledge all the generous donations given by friends and family of our member, Diane Wilhelm, who passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy go out to the family.

In an effort to raise money, we are having a plant bulb sale for the Spring. Please refer to information in the Newsletter.

I am putting out an urgent call to any member who has some financial expertise and is able to use accounting practices on the computer. We need someone who is willing to be Treasurer. That person would, of course, be assisted by Diane Yesunas, our bookkeeper and gallery assistant. It is an extremely important position to our Guild. Anne Hruza has worked hard for two years, and would like to 'retire'.

Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already. See you at the next event!

Sincerely,

*Ellen Scharfenberg
 President*

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NEW MEMBERS



- Clara Sue Beym
- Linda Fleming
- Nicole Kotlowski
- Carol Stauffer

FANTASTIC NEW FUNDRAISER!

The Guild launched a new fundraiser on April 2, featuring the sale of summer flowering bulbs and plants from Flower Power Fundraising. Most of the items are perennials to this area, and will continue to give you enjoyment years after your purchase. Non-gardeners will immediately recognize most of the plants, as they are a mix of easy growing and colorful plants seen throughout NJ gardens. Flower Power Fundraising guarantees your 100% satisfaction and ships your order right to your house. That means you don't have to come to the Guild to pick your order up, and opens the fundraiser to people who don't live near the Guild. Please consider telling your friends and family about the fundraiser. It is easy and convenient, and the Guild earns 50% of each sale! Either choice will take you to a screen that asks you to identify an organization. Type in Ocean County Artists Guild (without the apostrophe). You will see the Guild's name and it will ask you if this is the organization you were looking for. Click on the Guild name and you will see a screen letting you access the catalog and place an order. Included in the upper right hand corner is a 1-800 number for customer service. Catalogs will be available for viewing and ordering at the next Wednesday Night Demonstration and General Members' Meeting, on Wednesday the 24th. The fundraiser ends April 23. If you have any questions contact Tracy Danielak at 732-674-6463 or tracydanielak@comcast.net.

GIFT SHOP

Spring is about to "sprung" and the grass is about to "riz," so I ask you all where all the pretty pictures "is?" All kidding aside, the gift shop is going to sparkle with color and excitement this year *if* new work is forthcoming. As the new Gift Shop overseer, I hope, with everyone's help, to stimulate interest in the Guild's showcase of our work: Art, ready for visitors to take home and make their own. Let's face it, the only way to make a sale is to put your art out there for everyone to see. So, remember the dates, Tuesday through Saturday, March 16th through the 20th, bring in your fun, colorful, whimsical or serious work and let's get going on a new Spring, a new year. Thank you all. For more information, contact Honey Stapleton.

MONTHLY FREE DEMO

Nell Thorston, co-owner of the Ludlow Thorston Gallery in Island Heights, will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00. Her topic will be Antique Quilts. She is an avid collector of quilts, and has been a quilter herself for the past 20 years. She is a painter as well, but now devotes more time to quilting, and gives classes in her Gallery.

Her first quilt, which dates back to 1878, was given to her by her mother. The many quilts she owns range from the primitive to the traditional, and include many "Quilt Tops", quilts which are merely stitched on top, with no quilting underneath. She will have with her 20 examples, from the 1840's through the 1940's. They are from Kentucky, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, and one from the Toms River Presbyterian Church.

Nell's presentation will be relaxed and informal, and she encourages questions and information from the audience, feeling that there is much to be learned from each other. The Quilts will be displayed throughout the Studio, with the unique story of each told as she and her listeners wander among them.

Nell's main thrust is hand-pieced, and hand-quilted. "Nothing has to be perfect," is her mantra. "Come and bring your friends and your questions. Maybe you, too, will want to become a Quilter!"

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMS

The OCAG appreciates your considering us in your estate, financial, and philanthropic plans. With a bequest or other planned gift, you can ensure the Guild continues as a visual arts center and build the bridge from this generation of art lovers to the next. For more information, contact the office at 732-270-3111.

Attention Artists

March Members Show Theme

"Best Friends"

You may have many "best" friends. Choose one or a group—human or animal—or maybe a favorite book or other object. Bring it to life for others to see the value to you.

IN THE GALLERY THIS MONTH

WILLIAM BUNTING

One warm spring day in 1970, Hazel Bunting took her eight-year-old nephew, William, to her basement art studio in Tonawanda, New York. There she taught him the fundamentals of drawing, and inspired William's lifelong love of art. In 1982, William Graduated from Bryant and Stratton Business Institute with an associate degree in graphic art, but was soon disenchanted with the advertising business. He returned to his original inspiration and enrolled in the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, and in 1996, earned a B.F.A. in painting, and also won the Rhodes Family Award for Outstanding Students. It was at an outdoor art show in 1990 that William exhibited his first automobile painting, which depicted a broken down wreck for sale. The public responded with enthusiasm, and he knew he had found his subject. Today William Bunting has won more than sixty awards for his work, including a people's choice award in 2007. He lives in Iselin, New Jersey, with his wife Donna, daughter Tammy, and son, Dennis.

The New Jersey Art Educators Show

The Art Educators of New Jersey are proud to announce the Ocean County Youth Art Month Exhibition, featuring the original artworks created by more than one hundred student artists throughout Ocean County, will be opening in March at the Ocean County Artists Guild. Reception Date-March 7, 2010 1pm to 4pm.

Youth Art Month is a national, annual observance held each March to emphasize the value of K-12 art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

This exhibition will feature the work, created in a diverse array of media, of over one hundred students from the schools in Ocean County. Youth Art Month exhibitions are a wonderful opportunity for the community to enjoy the artistic talents of our students.

This exhibition is held in conjunction with the Art Educators of New Jersey. AENJ was conceived in 1939 by art educators interested in the promotion of visual arts education in the state. It is our purpose to promote and maintain the highest possible degree of quality instruction in visual arts programs throughout New Jersey.

NEW WORKSHOPS—SIGN UP

Beverly Golembeski
Watercolor
March 25th & 26th
Thursday & Friday, 9:30am to 3:00pm
\$80 members/ \$100 non-members

Roberta Carter Clark
Watercolor Portraits
April 13th, 14th, 15th, & 16th
Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 3:00pm
\$225 members/\$260 non-members

Mel Stabin
Watercolor
May 17th, 18th, 19th, & 20th
Monday to Thursday, 9:30am to 3:30pm
\$450 members/ \$480 non-members

Bill Lindsey
Photoshop Collage
May 22nd & 23rd
Saturday & Sunday 9:00am to 2:00pm
\$60 members/\$75 non-members

Call For Entries

The Ocean County Artists' Guild announces its 2010, 22nd State Juried Show. Open to all artists 18 years and older who are Guild members or non-members. Original work only, no copies, giclees or class pieces. Judging is by slides or CDs. Limit of 2 entries per person, only 1 will be accepted. Entry fees: Guild members: \$20 for 1 entry and \$30 for 2 entries. Non-members: \$30 for 1 entry and \$50 for 2 entries. Fees are non-refundable. Call the Guild at 732-270-3111 or visit the website at ocartistsguild.org for complete rules and a prospectus.

Barnegat Lighthouse fine art sale at Barnegat Light State Park, Long Beach Island, NJ. Saturday, 7/31 from 10-4. Raindate, Sunday, 8/1. Fine art only, no crafts. Questions, contact Janie at 609-290-6430 or at ferema44@verizon.net.

16th Annual Long Beach Island Festival of the Arts, Loveladies, NJ. Saturday 7/24 and Sunday 7/25. Slides or photos for jurying of work. Deadline April 21st. Contact Marcy Boroff at 215-843-4462 for other questions.



Yes! Sign Me Up! Please fill out the entire form and put the instructor's name on your check. Thank you.

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Amount Enclosed _____
 Instructor _____ Class _____
 Start Date _____

Make checks payable to: Ocean County Artists' Guild,
P.O. Box 1156, Island Heights, NJ 08732.
Questions? Call Leona at 732-914-9941, email Busby67@comcast.net



Member News

Judi Gilden's painting, "October Gold" was selected to receive the "Miriam Schorr Memorial Award for Watercolor" at the National Association of Women Artists' 120th Annual Exhibition, The Salmagundi Art Club, NY, NY.

Patti Shouldice will be featured for the Month of March at the Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library. The Opening Reception for her mix media show is March 6th from 2—4 PM.

Susanna Anastasia was the recipient of a merchandise award from the New Jersey Watercolor Society Members Exhibit 2009 at the Clifton Arts Center, Clifton, NJ.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
A SAVORY AFFAIR
 Cooking Demonstration and Tasting by Chef Greg Manning
 Wednesday, March 31st at 6 PM
 At the Downtown at Irons Dinner Club
 \$45 includes demo, dinner, recipes & gratuities
 Reserve early as seating is limited
 Call 732-270-3111 for details

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Artists' Guild
NEWSLETTER



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NEW JERSEY
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Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of the State through grant funds administered by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, corporate donors and patrons.



Open Studio Workshops

For MEMBERS and GUESTS

Do Your Own Thing

Thursdays, 10:00—3:00 pm.

Come paint or sketch.

In the Studio

Life Drawing Studio

Saturdays, 10:00—12:30 pm

Model Fee \$10

In the Studio

Clothed Model Studio

Sundays, 2:30—4:30 pm

Portraits and figure

Model Fee \$7

In the Studio

NOTE NEW TIME AND MODEL FEE

Highlights of the February Executive Board Meeting.

- The first of our Abbreviated Board Meetings to acquaint the membership with the workings of the Guild was held preceding the last Wednesday demo. It was well-received.
- The entry fee for the Ceramics Invitational in September was set at \$35 per person/table.
- The Toms River Library will host a Flower-themed OCAG members' Show in October.
- Save Sunday, March 21st from 1-4 for a Teachers' Open House. Materials, tools, and techniques in various media will be demonstrated. Invite all your friends to become artists!
- Be sure to check our website (ocartistsguild.org), since the prospectus for all open and juried shows as well as other functions can be found there.

Free demos each month; check the Calendar of Events on page one. Bring your friends!

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