

The Oak Leaf Artist Guild



A Message from Alice

Greetings!

August is upon us, and it's time to get back into the swing of art!

I'd like to begin by sharing some news about Crystal Goldkamp, who has stepped down from her position as vice president. Most of you know that Crystal is a devoted mother of three beautiful children. She was under the assumption that life would become easier as her children grew older, allowing her more time to spend towards her own activities. Anyone who has raised teenagers understand that what changes are the responsibilities. The same amount of time is used with one major change. The routine is not the same day to day as it was when they were younger. They begin to scatter in their own direction while you remarkably guide each one! So, after much

thought, Crystal feels it would only be fair to have someone else, who can devote more time to the guild, assume the role of vice president. We won't be saying goodbye to Crystal as a member of OLAG! She remains a member of the guild. Thank you, Crystal, for the support you've provided over the many years!

Several weeks ago, I received a telephone call from a longstanding member expressing some concern about the winners of the 2008 Spring Art Show, specifically those who were not able to attend the reception to receive their awards. There was a failure in communicating to the artists that they had placed in the show. I take responsibility for not following up and failing to make the proper notifications. As a result, the board members are creating a process document for all art shows so that each board member understands their responsibilities before,

during and after each show. Thank you to those who have expressed their concerns.

I am sad to see that we only have a handful of members who have created an account in our new website. If you would like to have an account but you aren't sure how to create one, or if you do not have a computer but would like to create an account, please let Mollie know. She has done a tremendous job with our website, and this would be a wonderful venue to network with other artists. Please remember that you now have the ability to display your works of art on your very own page. The board members are considering several options on how we can help you make this happen.

I encourage all of you to continue to express your concerns and suggestions to me or to any board member. Your input is invaluable.

I hope to see you at our next meeting!!

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Showcase Artist Marsha Ralston

Marsha Ralston is our showcase artist and first place winner in our 2008 Spring Art Show in the acrylic category for her creation of "Oranges". She also placed third in the same category for her work titled, "Wine and Fruit".

Art was introduced to Marsha when she visited the art museum in Detroit at the young age of eight or nine. In awe, she felt as if she had been transported to places from long ago.

Today, when Marsha paints still life, she paints things she loves. When she paints landscapes, she paints places she longs to be. And when she paints portraits, she paints like the Old Masters, who were able to capture people with gentle spirits and innocence.

The love for art exudes from Marsha's every pore with great humbleness. This is not a contradiction of words. For anyone who talks to her, you can see and feel her enthusiasm. "Art for me means the feeling of peace, tranquility and possibility. Art means all is well."



The **Oak Leaf Artist Guild** announced the winners of the 2008 Spring Art Show during the Reception held on Friday, June 13, at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center. Congratulations to our winners!!

Category: Watercolor and Pastel

1. First—Shirley Nachtrieb
2. Second—Don Thebeau
3. Third—Anita Hockett
4. Honorable Mention—Shirley Nachtrieb
5. Honorable Mention—Nancy Young

**Best of Show—Diana Safa Bono

Category: Acrylic

1. First—Marsha Ralston
2. Second—Angelika Jones
3. Third—Marsha Ralston
4. Honorable Mention—Gene Stiens
5. Honorable Mention—Gene Stiens

Judged by—Marilyn Bradley

Category: Miscellaneous

1. First—Norma Vance
2. Second—Ola Patty
3. Third—Mollie Chounard
4. Honorable Mention—Don Thebeau
5. Honorable Mention—Valeria Rovira

A special “thank you” to the members who dedicated their time preparing for the show.

Receiving

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| Mollie Chounard | Mary McDevitt |
| Lilah Contine | Annette McGarrahan |
| Lavon Gilliland | Adela Meyer |
| Anita Hockett | Marsha Ralston |
| Peggy Howell | Jerri Svoboda |

Hanging

- Angelika Jones
Gene Stiens

Chair

- Ola Patty



Artist Steve Wilson to Present!

OLAG is pleased to announce the appearance of our next guest, Steve Wilson, scheduled for our next monthly meeting this Thursday, 7:00 pm at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center. Steve, an artist since he was a child, studied at Washington University School of Art and began showing his art at the Gateway Gallery in Clayton. His chosen medium is acrylic or oil on canvas utilizing both brush and knife for effect. He is currently working on portraits of fallen soldiers. Please come and welcome Steve at our next meeting!

Welcome New Members!

Say “hi” to our newest members of the Oak Leaf Artist Guild!!

1. Dave Coleman
2. Brian Hassler
3. Fran Smith

Pick up your new membership card at the monthly meeting!! This card can be used to receive discounts at participating art supply stores.

A Tribute to Crystal Goldkamp



Crystal Goldkamp served as vice president of the Oak Leaf Artist Guild for many years. She was also the editor of the monthly newsletter for three years and, thanks to Crystal, exposed us to many venues and education of art through the presenters she acquired during our meetings.

Crystal continues to share her love for art through the Oak Leaf Artist Guild as a member, as well as through community art events. The works she entered in the art shows inspired many of our members to do water colors, too.

Thank you, Crystal!

By Ola Patty



Photo by Carolyn Schlueter

What's Happening in and around the Community?



The St. Charles Riverfront Arts will be hosting the 2008 St. Charles Plein Air Art Competition.

Artists will have 11 days to complete their works of art, which will take place from October 1—11, 2008 with a Show and Sale on October 12 at the Foundry Art Centre. To take advantage of the \$25 discount rate, all entry forms must be postmarked by September 15. For more information, visit: <http://www.stcharlespleinair.com/home.html>.

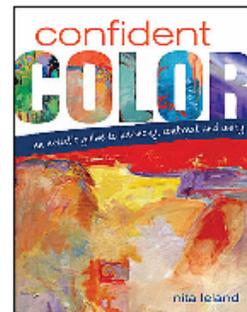
The St. Peters Community and Arts Center will host "Senior Moments" art show and competition sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council from September 26 through November 3. Show is open to amateur and professional artists age

55 and up, high school and college seniors. For more information, contact the St. Peters Community and Arts Center.

Call for Entries: Art St. Louis is accepting applications for Art St. Louis XXIV, the Exhibition, which will run from November 3 through December 30, 2008. Submissions must be postmarked by September 10, 2008. For more information, call 314-241-4810 or email robin@artstlouis.org.



The 15th annual St. Louis Art Fair will take place in Clayton from September 5—7, 2008. This fair is ranked fifth in the nation. There will be a variety of art displays from all over the U.S. This is a free event.



Shirley Nachtrieb's artwork is represented in "Confident Color: An Artist's Guide to Harmony, Contrast and Unity" by Nita Leland published by North Light Books. This hard-cover book will be available in bookstores in late August; however, you can visit the following site for a pre-publication order with no shipping charge!

http://www.nitaleland.com/form_prepub_coon_color.htm

News from Recent Board Meeting

1. By-Laws are in the process of being updated.
2. Process document for upcoming art shows and exhibits being created.
3. Members need to express their interest in having OLAG promote their works of art in the community. In order for the board to move forward, a portfolio containing works of art must be created and contracts signed.
4. Members need to express an interest in having their works of art displayed on the website.
5. Ola Patty will step in as vice president until year end. Nominations for this position will be accepted and voted upon in January.



A group in Spain are asking artists to send in painted beverage cans to be published in a book and exhibited in Madrid. Here's a sample of their work.

Website of the Month

World Wide Arts Resources is a small,  privately held company based out of Ohio. Since its birth in 1995, they've become the largest art site on the web. In 1999, they launched absolutearts.com, which today includes the internet's most comprehensive contemporary art online Portfolio programs.

It's Time to Register for Fall Workshops with Shirley Nachtrieb



September 19 & 20, 9am – 4pm, Watercolor Autumn Garden, \$110

September 26 & 27, 9am – 4pm, Collage Workshop, Making Collagraphs, \$110

October 10 & 11, 9am – 4pm, Watercolor Portraits, \$110

October 17 & 18, 9am – 4pm, Collage on Canvas \$110

November 14 & 15, 9am – 4pm, Watercolor Animals, \$110

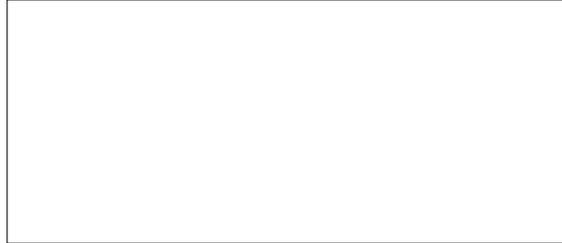
November 21 & 22, 9am – 4pm, Collage Workshop, \$110

Workshops are held at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center
1035 St. Peters Howell Road, St. Peters, MO 63376

Please share this information with any artist friends who you feel may be interested in any of these workshops. Private lessons are also available. For more information, contact snachtrieb@charter.net or 636-947-1936

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Next Meeting Thursday, August 14,
St. Peters Community and Arts Center



Send all submissions for the September newsletter by **August 23, 2008** to kopfensteiner@charter.net.

Renewal Membership Free!

Refer two new members to Oak Leaf Artist Guild, and, if they join, you'll receive your next one-year renewal membership for free!

**Next meeting:
Thursday, August
14 at 7:00 pm at the
St. Peters
Community and
Arts Center**

"I try to apply colors like words that shape poems, like notes that shape music."

Joan Miro, Spanish Painter and Sculpture

1893-1983

A place to take root and grow - branching out to others...

