

May, 2008

Oak Leaf Artist Guild



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P.O. Box 416
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**A Message
from Alice**

Greetings!!

There's nothing like waking up to the melodious sounds of the birds singing, the smell of fresh cut grass and seeing all the beautiful flowers beginning to bloom. Nature awakens. Hopefully, this brings added inspiration to all our members to get those create ideas flowing!

If you couldn't tell, I was very excited during last

month's meeting! We had a tremendous turnout thanks to our wonderful guest, Don Thebeau. Don's presentation of the "Basics of Drawing" covered many topics, from the various point perspectives to the variety of pencils and papers used. Fellow members were equally amazed and intrigued. Look for the article on the following page.

I'd like to remind everyone that if you haven't mailed your updated form, please complete and send as soon as possible. We have only received about a 25 percent response, and I have to

admit that I'm a little disappointed. I realize we're all busy but I ask that you just take a moment to complete the form and mail it back in the self addressed stamped envelope. Thank you to those who have already returned the form.

I'm hoping to see you all again at our next meeting. It was so good to meet everyone and to put names to faces. To be in one room with so much talent is overwhelming to a novice like me. I truly admire every one of you.

See you soon!

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The **Oak Leaf Artist Guild** will host the 2008 Spring Art Show at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center from June 13 through July 14. All members are expected to participate. Four galleries will showcase up to three pieces of each members artwork.

Receiving: Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10
from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Hanging: Wednesday, June 11 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Reception: Friday, June 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Cost: \$20.00 for members
\$45.00 for non-members, which includes one year membership with the Oak Leaf Artist Guild.



Three year time limit of artwork is suspended. Work from any date is accepted for this show. All media accepted (watercolor, oil, acrylic, drawing, collage, sculpture and photography).

Volunteers needed! Please contact Ola Patty at 636-798-3032

REMINDER!!

Please send any correspondence (i.e., checks, updated forms) to the PO Box dedicated to Oak Leaf Artist Guild to guarantee receipt.

Don Thebeau Draws...a Crowd!



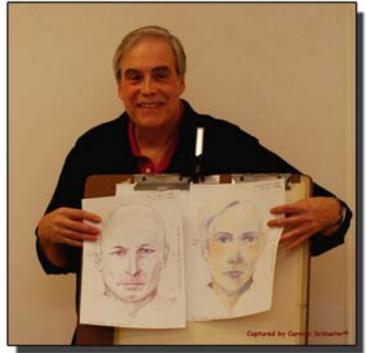
Don has captivated the members!

Our very own Don Thebeau presented the “Basics of Drawing” during last month’s meeting, and more than 30 members enjoyed learning about the variety of techniques he uses.

Don expressed the need to understand the vital basic foundations of drawing. He provided examples and tools about each of his focused

perspective and how to create shadows. He also pointed out that there are many available tools all around us that are overlooked simply because we don’t think about how we can utilize them to create pieces of art. These were great money-saving tips!

Thank you, Carolyn Schlueter, for sharing these wonderful photos!



Don shows how he uses his basic stencil of a head to produce any look.



When measuring, always extend the arm for consistency.



A mirror image! Don uses makeup he bought at a garage sale to bring about natural color.



Experimenting with ink!



Member News

Natalie Fleming has been included in the 8th annual Missouri Watercolor Society National Show at the Winston Churchill Memorial in Fulton, Missouri. This event runs until May 18. Congratulations, Natalie!

It’s not too late! Sign up now for the Watercolor Floral Workshop with Shirley Nachtrieb. Watercolors will be created using live flowers. This two-day workshop on May 9 and 10 is open to all levels of watercolor experience. The cost is only \$110.00. For more information, call Shirley at 636-947-1936 or email snachtrieb@charter.net.

Our thoughts are with Jeane Whittenburg as she recovers from last month’s surgery. Jeane is very active in the community, participating in the fields of art, writing and therapeutic horsemanship. We hope she’s “back in the saddle” again real soon!

Interesting Links

1. <http://the-artists.org/>
2. <http://www.artdaily.com/index.asp>
3. <http://www.artchicago.com/>
4. <http://www.nelson-atkins.org/>
5. <http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Exhibit/5437/>

Enjoy!!



What's Happening in the Community?

Gateway Gallery

Thom Buttner is the guest artist featured at the Gateway Gallery in Clayton. Buttner is primarily a plein air artist with clouds being his favorite subject. "Clouds embody the passion I strive to express through my paintings," states Buttner. To see more, visit the Gateway Gallery where Buttner's art will be on display through May 23.

Coming Exhibition: Figurative Works
At the Foundry Art Centre from May 16 through June 27. This exhibition is open to work in all media exploring and interpreting the theme of figure drawing. For more information, visit <http://www.foundryartcentre.org/index.html>.

The Gateway East Artists Guild from Illinois will feature "The Other Side of Two Rivers" at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center from May

9 through June 9. This exhibition is open to all artists. Get the details at <http://geag.net/show.htm>.

Call for entries—St. Louis Artists' Guild Exhibition Series: Marked Surfaces
June 22 through September 6, 2008
All sculpture and crafts must have some type of design carved, imprinted or layered on to the surface.

Attend the St. Charles Fine Art Show on Saturday, May 24 from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, May 25 from 10:00am to 5:00pm located at First Avenue between Rt. 64 and Illinois Avenue. Admission is free.

The Soulard Art Market and Contemporary Gallery is calling for submissions to "The Beauty Within", a juried exhibition of local artists from June 12, 2008 to July 6, 2008. Each artist may submit up to two pieces of work. Submissions must be received no later than May 31, 2008. Send an email and jpeg to jury@soulardartmarket.com.

The city of Florissant is providing a venue for artists to sell their work while they demonstrate their talent around the beautiful lake at St. Ferdinand park in Florissant. "Art in the Park" will be held on most Saturdays in May, June, September and October. There is a \$10.00 fee for residents and \$15.00 fee for non residents. For more information, call Jeannie or Carol at 314-609-7649.

Gallery St. Louis currently has openings available for local art photographers who would like to display their work. Send an email to [Thomas DeClue at gallerystlouis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ThomasDeClue@gallerystlouis@sbcglobal.net).



Linda Wilmes to Present During our May Meeting!

If you're thinking about exhibiting your artwork in any outdoor exhibits or art fairs, you'll want to come listen to Linda speak. Art shows held outside seem to be in abundance this time of year. There are certain considerations that artists must keep in mind given the variables that come with displaying your art outdoors. Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, May 8, from 7:00pm until 9:00 pm.

There has recently been some concerns expressed with regards to the issues about "orphan works", which is a term to describe a situation where the owner of a copyrighted piece of work cannot be identified or located. I urge our members to go directly to:

<http://www.copyright.gov/orphan/>

which is the United States Copyright office in order to obtain the latest efforts involving this study that began in 2005. Please direct your attention to the left side of the screen, where you can view the testimony to the House Subcommittee from March and the Orphan Works Act of 2008 posted on April 24, 2008.

"Watercolor Techniques" Workshop with Shirley Nachtrieb

Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2008

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Member price: \$122.00

Non-Member Price: \$148.00

Lunch included!

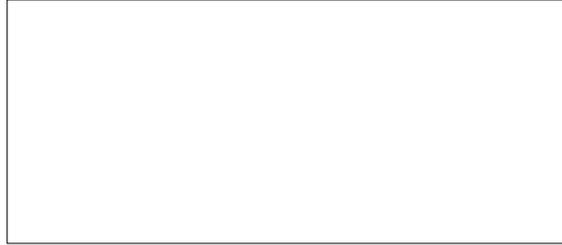


This two-day workshop will introduce the watercolor student to a variety of watercolor painting techniques, color theory and values. A color wheel will be painted and several small paintings completed. Seven colors are needed to create 36 beautiful ones.

For more information, call Shirley at 636-947-1936

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Send all submissions for the June newsletter by **May 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!

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7:00 pm at the St.
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"Creativity takes courage."
Henri Matisse, French Artist
1869-1954

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