

# The Oak Leaf Artist Guild



Hello Members,

I had the pleasure of attending the reception of Margo Gleason's beautiful art exhibition at the Framin' Place and Gallery in Chesterfield on August 29. The intimate setting truly showcased her wonderful paintings. Congrats, Margo!

Get ready for the upcoming Fall art show, which is scheduled from November 8 through December 8. I'm always in awe as I look at the artwork you present during these shows, and I can't wait to see what you'll

be submitting for this show!

For those of you who are not aware, I had an eventful month of September, which is the reason why last month's newsletter did not get published, and I was unable to attend the meeting. I will briefly share with you the events that took place.

Most of you know that I have two sons serving in the Army. Josh, my second son, is currently on his second tour in Iraq. He is a flight medic on the Blackhawk helicopters providing attention to those who are wounded during battle. Philip, my youngest son, is a Forward Observer and also a member of the Quick Response Force who was

serving in Afghanistan.

On September 4, the humvee Philip and four other soldiers were occupying ran over a landmine and IED (improvised explosive device) meant to destroy a tank. Four out of five survived. You might remember seeing the news on television several weeks ago about Vincent Winston, from St. Louis, who was killed. He was the soldier they lost. Philip suffered burns to his face, neck, shoulder, back and both of his hands. The men were eventually transported to the Brooke Army Medical Center Burn Unit in San Antonio, Texas. Philip underwent surgery for

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## 2008 Fall Art Show



The St. Peters Community and Arts Center will host the **Oak Leaf Artist Guild 2008 Fall Art Show** from November 8 through December 8. All members are expected to participate. Each member may showcase up to three pieces of artwork.

Receiving: Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4 from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Hanging: Wednesday, November 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Reception: To Be Announced

Cost: \$20.00 for members

\$45.00 for non-members, which includes one year membership

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 for Receiving and Hanging! Please contact Ola Patty at 636-798-3032**

...Cont. Message from Alice

skin grafts, which were a success.

Philip will remain at the medical center as an outpatient in the guest house for the remaining part of this year. Total heal time for the burn sites is approximately 18 months. Heal time for his donor site on his thigh where they harvested the skin will be from six to eight months. He is undergoing plenty of therapy. Although he has his ups and downs, Philip is in good spirits.

We are truly blessed to have such courageous and honorable men who choose to serve our country. This is, however, not without fear and not without scars, whether internal or external. My thoughts and prayers are extended to all of our soldiers and especially to the Winston family.

Philip Kopfensteiner, Robert Diebold, Kevin Jensen and Lt. Brown were awarded the Purple Heart.



Receiving the Purple Heart before leaving Afghanistan

From left: General Milley, Philip Kopfensteiner, Kevin Jensen, Robert Diebold, Colonel Spezer. Not pictured: Lt. Brown (in ICU).

## “Not in it Alone”

Yesterday, I received a package from Tanya Brown, mother of Lt. Brown who was injured in Afghanistan. Among the gifts was a print by artist George Lamson. The print is titled, “Not in it Alone” and shows a medic helping a wounded soldier. The background is of the Brooke Army Medical Center complex in San Antonio, Texas. The hospital is located on the right where the flag is.



The round building in the center is called “The Center for the Intrepid”. I found this fascinating because the picture you see here on the right is one I took while I was there with Philip.

For more on George Lamson, visit:

[www.georgelamson.com](http://www.georgelamson.com)



## Bring Your Art to Our Next Meeting!



During our next meeting on Thursday, October 9, you will have the opportunity to have three of your art pieces photographed to include in the Oak Leaf Artist Guild website. Don't forget that each artist will have their very own page. Margo Gleason has volunteered to take these digital photos for us! If you are a photographer and would be willing to help take photos, please come! We welcome any assistance!



Daylight Savings Time requires us to change our clocks back one hour on November 2, 2008.

## What's Happening in and around the Community?



The Foundry Art Centre will host Bandstandin' with Butchwax & The Hollywoods on October 18 with cocktails starting at 6:30 pm and dinner following at 7:15 pm. Dancing begins at 8:00 pm. There will be raffles, games and prizes. Tickets are \$75 each or plan a table of 10 for \$750.

Call for Entry: "Of the Earth"

This juried exhibition at the Foundry Art Centre will present work created from media that is close to or directly from its original, natural source and utilized in progressive, interesting ways. Dates are from March 6 to April 17. Deadline to enter is January 9, 2009.

These wonderful holiday cards with matching envelopes are now ready for purchase. Call 314-289-4182 for more information.



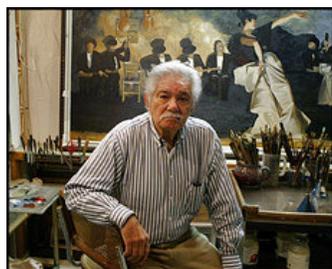
The St. Peters Community and Arts Center will host "Feast Your Eyes" art show and competition. This is open to all artists. The receiving date is Tuesday, November 4 from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm with the Reception on Saturday, November 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, contact the St. Peters Community and Arts Center at 636-397-6903.

The St. Peters Community and Arts Center will host "Home for the Holidays" art show and competition from December 14 to January 12 and is open to all artists. Receiving will be on December 9 from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm with the Reception on Sunday, December 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Downtown Kirkwood Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 11. Not only will you find items for your home and garden, there will be a local art show at 200 S. Kirkwood Road and live music. Visit the pumpkin patch and farmer's market!



### Retired Lawyer Turned Artist Found Guilty!



Robert Mardirosian, 72, a retired Massachusetts attorney now working as an artist, secretly held seven stolen paintings worth millions in his attic for 28 years in an attempt to collect a ten percent finders fee. The paintings ended up with

Mardirosian when one of his clients stole the paintings in 1978 and put them in a plastic bag in Mardirosian's attic. When the attorney discovered them a year later, his client had been shot to death.

Mardirosian admits to knowing who owned the paintings but failed to return them when he learned they were

uninsured. Instead, he hid them in a Swiss bank and set up a fictitious company to facilitate a trade or sale with the owner in exchange for a ten percent commission.

Mardirosian attempted to move the stolen paintings to London for sale; however, the Art Loss Register, the stolen art database, identified the theft. With the assistance of the FBI, all seven paintings were recovered. One of the pieces include a painting by Cezanne.

A federal jury in Boston found Mardirosian guilty last August, and he will be sentenced in November.



#### Website of the Month

TheArtList.com is the leading online resource for visual artists and photographers looking for income and exhibition opportunities to enter. This site is constantly updated with contests, which might interest you!



<http://www.theartlist.com/index.php>



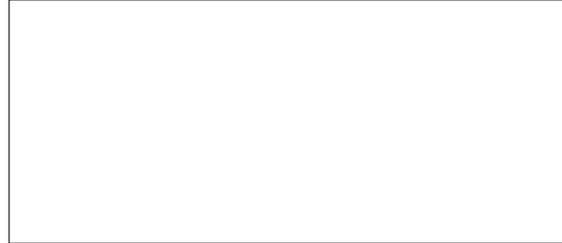
Several boxes of new standard metal frames in assorted sizes all for the low price of \$100.

New studio wood frames 10x12—price negotiable.

Please call Shirley Nachtrieb at 636-946-1936.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2008  
St. Peters Community and Arts Center



Send all submissions for the September newsletter by **October 24, 2008** to [kopfensteiner@charter.net](mailto: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, October 9  
at 7:00 pm at the  
St. Peters  
Community and  
Arts Center.  
Meeting will be to  
photograph art.**

*"Painting from nature is not copying the object; it is realizing one's sensations."*

*Paul Cezanne, French Painter  
1839—1906*

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

