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BAA Art Center Meeting

Monday, DECEMBER 5th
Continue planning the Open House
9:30 a.m.
at the Art Center

BAA Board Meeting

No meeting this month

BAA Open House

Saturday, DECEMBER 10th
10 am-2pm
at the Art Center

New Members

Matthew Sheppard
Art Knight
Judy Long and Anke Hodelpejl

Returning:

Rose Lester

WELCOME TO ALL

DECEMBER SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Plein Air Artists

Reception: First Friday - DECEMBER 2nd 6-8 pm



St Circ LaPopie (France) Plein air watercolor by Norma Neil

CHRISTMAS PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

December 10th from 10am-2pm

**Come by the Art Center for refreshments,
silent auction, raffles and fun!
Bring your families, friends and art lovers.
We will be open for business.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your board continues to ensure that the Bakersfield Art Association operates smoothly. Some board members have taken on multiple functions and it would be helpful if we had a volunteer or two to take over a couple of these functions. A committee is developing plans for a BAA Open House on December 10, 2011 to encourage members to drop by the Art Center and become better acquainted with fellow members. Details are included in this newsletter.

While we have lost a couple of chairpersons, we have for the most part found individuals willing to assist in getting the basics accomplished. Ann Sullivan submitted her resignation because she must deal with aging parents. Toni Lott has been elevated to Art Center Manager and we will need to fill the Assistant Art Center Manager position. Duane Anderson relinquished the Workshop Chairperson position. A couple of spring workshops are lined up, but we need a member to complete the actions required to conduct these events. Several members are willing to assist this chairperson, but they do not have sufficient time to fill the position. The Plein Air group needs to select a new leader.

The holiday season is upon us. Hopefully, all members are looking forward to finishing this year on the upbeat. Sales at the Art Center have been weak, but Toni is organizing a "Red Ribbon" sale. Read her input to the newsletter for the details. The Art Center is a great place for you to do your holiday shopping.

The November First Friday crowd was about a third of the number of people that usually visit the Art Center. We have to blame it on the weather as the BAA members did a great job of providing food and entertainment.

David Gordon entertained all attending the BAA November General Membership Meeting. While demonstrating how he begins an oil painting, he kept up a banter that had the attendees chuckling. He was not able to finish the painting, but indicated that he would and that it would be in his 2012 show at the Art Center.

It was brought to my attention that some members felt the BAA Board is too secretive. I want to assure you that all meetings are announced in the BAA newsletter and all members are welcome to attend. A concern about the Treasurer's Report has been addressed by making a copy of that report available to all members. The report is in the back of the Sales Binder which is kept at the Art Center Desk.

As always anyone with concerns or ideas on improving BAA operations is invited to discuss or present these ideas to BAA Board members. This is **your** organization and it can only be as great as BAA members want it to be.

Floyd Dillon, President

Michelle Leggett

Dagney's Coffee Company

Reception on First Friday December 2nd 6-8pm



Michelle Hotten Leggett:

"I am always looking for interesting subject matters to paint, but my **primary vision and focus is the relationship of colors to the subject**. I enjoy exploring color and texture by changing the light and color elements of the natural composition. Sometimes I add texture by layering the colors or bring in added surfaces of materials.

"I find inspiration in the many vistas and landscapes of my travels around the West, Mexico, Europe and my own backyard. The view from my studio allows me to gaze upon the Rockies and I enjoy the changing of light from spring to late summer. Cabo San Lucas fills my eyes with bright colors of the ocean, buildings, and intensely colorful shops. Fall colors are captured in most of my paintings along with the pure joy and excitement of discovering a new setting to paint."

PLEIN AIR TREKKER NEWS

Special Exhibit Plein Air Show

This show is open to all Plein Air Artists. Bring your paintings to the Art Center Monday, November 28, between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Maximum 2 paintings per person.

Entry fee \$10 each.

Opening Reception – First Friday, December 2nd 6-8pm.

We need volunteers to bring refreshments.

PLEASE invite friends and family!

Contact **Beth Carstens, 809-3954** or email
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NEW BAA ARTS IN BUSINESS THE CAPITOL REAL ESTATE GROUP LILA MARTIN

Lila Martin has a one man show at the Capitol Real Estate Group at 1700 Chester Avenue in the old J.P. Jennings space. She hung her show on the 1st of November and will continue to show there until the end of December. Lila plans to have a reception of her paintings the first Friday in December, (the 2nd), from 6 to 8 P.M.



Lila will show several of her Mexican pieces as well as her large painting of the downtown Mexicali restaurant and her fauvist Padre Hotel. She will showcase her bright impressionistic pieces as well as her softer more realistic landscapes.

ART CENTER NEWS

(by Toni Lott)

The Art Center is getting ready for Christmas by decorating for the season. We have many donated and loaned items and we thank the members that graciously gave.

Our Red Ribbon Sale is going to test our ability to get customers in to view our art and hopefully buy. We need to greet all visitors with a good spirit and wish them Happy Holidays. Come by even if you are not working in order to make the Center look busier. You don't have to stay long, just visit and look around for a while. There are a few members that I have not met and I would love to get acquainted.

Plan to stop in on December the 10th. This is a Christmas Party and Open House for all members, families and friends as a thank you for supporting the BAA and the Art Center. We will be open for business. Refreshments, silent auction and raffles will make this a fun time.

During the Art Center committee meeting we discussed a need for more volunteer members. We barely had a quorum and we cannot vote on anything without it. We also need help with some jobs such as hostess for the general meetings, help hanging art and extra cleaning chores such as the sidewalk and carpet. We also need a librarian to keep track of our books. We have an older group of artists and they are unable to do some of the heavier jobs but we encourage you to help with your experience on the committee. Come do your share.

On Saturday we had a work party. Floyd Dillon, Richard Geissel and Don Trainor painted the pillars, stairway and front window ledges. Barbara Loudon and Don had decorating duties and replaced the items in the windows and hung some Christmas décor. I was happy to be there in a supporting role. It looks great.

We welcome new artist upstairs, Art Knight and Matt Sheppard. I think they will be good additions to the Art Center.

I have been working hard to make the management transition seamless and thank all who have helped me make this possible.

Remember to check your envelope at the Art Center for messages and checks.

BOARD'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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Workshops, NEED A VOLUNTEER

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SPECIAL EXHIBIT ART SHOWS

(by Cindy Stiles)

As we go to press with this newsletter, our BAA Plein Air Painters are framing and readying their recent a la prima works for our December group show. Receiving will be November 28th. For more information on this show, contact Norma Eaton.

For future planning, our 2012 group shows will be:

"People I have Known" - Portraits and Figures (April, 2012)-- If you need inspiration for this show, visit the Bakersfield Museum of Art, where you will find portraits from the museum's permanent collection hanging in the Harvey and Lavonne Hall Gallery through March 4. My favorite is "Rich Woman" by Jove Wang. All two-dimensional mediums welcome.

"From Sea to Shining Sea - Portraits of America" -- (July, 2012) -- Let your love for our unique country show in your work this month--recognizable American scenes and other patriotic themed works. All two-dimensional mediums welcome.

"Chairs and Stools" (November, 2012) -- Let yourself be swept away by the fun geometry and whimsy of these everyday, functional objects. Think how a favorite master (Van Gogh? Wayne Thiebaud? Caravaggio?) might paint your favorite chair. Once again, any two-dimensional medium accepted.

If you would like to help with receiving and hanging these shows (it's fun!) and planning future shows, contact me. Thank you.



SATELITE ART SHOWS

(by Charlotte White)

The BAA has a new Satellite Location: Capitol Real Estate Group, 1700 Chester Avenue. Alex Mora is the Broker. Lila Martin is the first artist to have a one artist show at that location.

Dec. 2. First Friday BAA Sidewalk Art Show. Set-up on the sidewalk at 5:00 p.m. Show until 9 p.m. Sign up at the Art Center. 30% BAA Commission. Remember it will be dark, because we have limited light on the sidewalk. It may also be cold.

Dec. 9, 10, and 11. Special Ballet Art Show at the Nutcracker/Symphony. All BAA members are invited to submit ballet/nutcracker theme paintings to be exhibited at this symphony concert. Set up at noon. Sign up at the Art Center. 30% Commission (1/2 to Symphony and 1/2 to BAA). Set-up at 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 9th. You do not have to be present to participate. However you do need to bring an easel or A-frame to display your art. Pick up paintings after intermission on Sunday, Dec. 11th.

We need two volunteers for each performance (total of 8 volunteers) to write up sales tickets at the Symphony Art Shows. You will also be able to go in for the concert free of charge. Sign up in the Art Center.

ARTS IN BUSINESS

Dagney's BAA Art Gallery, 1600 20th Street.

Artist Michelle Leggett Reception on First Friday evening, 6 to 8 p.m. Cindy Stiles, Coordinator. 30% Commission (20% to Dagney's, 10% to BAA).

Epic Jet Center/ BAA Art Gallery, 1105 Douglas. Group show. Iva Fendrick and Charlotte White, Co-Coordinators. 30% Commission (15% to Epic, 15% to BAA).

Guild House/ BAA Art Gallery, 1905 18th St. Group show. Norma Neil, Coordinator, nneil.bak.rr.com. Paintings or Prints only, no photography. 11' X 14' minimum size. (40% commission: 30% to GH & 10% to BAA).

Stars Theatre/BAA Art Gallery, 1931 Chester Ave. Iva Fendrick and Patti Doolittle, Co-Coordinators. Group Show. Call Patti Doolittle to participate. 30% Commission (15% to Stars and 15% to BAA).

University Square/ BAA Art Gallery, 2000 K Street. CLOSED.

High School Student Art Show Located at the Dream Center and Coffee House/ Dagney's II Coffee Company, 1212 18th Street, between L and M (since March 2009) (Please note this is not the Dagney's on 20th and Eye Street.) Coordinator: Charlotte White, December, 2011 Centennial Kara Susan

CLASSES AT THE ART CENTER

(by Carol Bradshaw)

Very Beginning Acrylic Painting with Toni Lott. Contact Toni at 205-3488 or tlframer@gmail.com. We all started somewhere and this is that class. Wannabe artists from 12 to ?. Bring your 11x14 canvas board, brushes and acrylic paints or use mine. Christmas break on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, December 19, 21 & 23 and 26, 28 & 30th from 10am to noon. Cost is \$20 per class or \$100 for 6 classes. You can join Open Studio Wednesdays and paint until 4pm. Come join the fun.

Watercolor Solutions: Painting Snow with Carol Bradshaw. Contact at 760-376-6604 or bradshawartist@earthlink.net. This 2-hour class will cover painting snow, using a wet into very wet technique. Escape the winter doldrums and learn how to put sparkle into snow and how to create a snow storm! Bring your watercolor supplies and paper. You can bring your own winter scene to paint, or use a subject from the instructor. Class will be on Tuesday, January 17th, from 2:30 to 4:30. Cost is \$20 per person.

Beginning Drawing II Continued with Carol Bradshaw. Contact at 760-376-6604 or bradshawartist@earthlink.net. This is a continuation of a structured series of 6 three-hour classes in graphite for the person who has never drawn before or for those who wish to brush up on the basics with drawing. Classes start on Thursday, November 3rd and continue through December 15th from 9-12 am. Cost is \$150 for the 6 week course. Supply list with registration.

The Color of Light-with Phyllis Oliver. Contact Phyllis at 661-348-4717 or pegoliver@ix.netcom.com. There will be no classes in December 2011. Watch for new dates. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 9-12. Cost is \$100 for 4 lessons or \$25.00 per class.

Experimental Watercolor Group with Phyllis Oliver. Contact Phyllis at 661-348-4717 or pegoliver@ix.netcom.com. This studio group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month from 9:30 to 12:30. There will be no class in December. Watch for new dates. Studio cost is \$3 per person. **Class limit is 8. You must pre-register for this studio class.**

Pencil Lover's Group with Carol Bradshaw. Contact Carol at 760-376-6604 or bradshawartist@earthlink.net. Class topic varies according to the whim of the instructor or class request. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Last fall class is December 8th. Winter Schedule: Classes start January 12th and continue through March 23rd. Cost for the 6-week course is \$120 or \$20 per class. **Drop-ins are welcome.**

Watercolor Painter's Group with Carol Bradshaw. Contact Carol at 760-376-6604 or bradshawartist@earthlink.net. This class is for artists who have previous experience in watercolor. There will be a short 30 minute demo and/or instruction at the beginning of each class. Students will be working on their own projects. Bring your watercolors and current project! Classes are held on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Winter schedule is: Classes start November 29, December 6, and 13th, January 10, 17, and 24; and February 14, 21, and 28th. Cost for 9 week course is \$135 (or \$15 per 2 hour class). **Drop-ins are welcome.**

Art classes continued

Beginning Oil Painting with Glen Jelletich. 661-399-3707.

Always wanted to paint in oil and didn't know where to start? This is the class for beginning students in oil. Students learn the three color system as well as secondary colors, including brown and black. Use of different brushes and a variety of brush strokes will also be taught. A new class for beginning oil is now forming. Classes will start when enough students are registered. Classes will be on Mondays from 1-3pm. The cost will be \$15 per class. Classes continue on Fridays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost will be \$15 per class. **Drop-ins welcome.**

Watercolor with Pen and Ink with Iva Fendrick 661 872-2332 or at 661 303-5327. There will be NO classes in November, December or January. Classes will resume in February so watch for dates. Times will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 12:30.

Open Studio on Wednesday Afternoon. This is an opportunity for BAA members and non-members to come and paint in a creative environment. There is no instruction, but you do have a chance to see what other artists are doing and learn from each other as well as keeping that motivation up to keep on painting. Bring your paints and your current project! Open Studio is on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm. Studio cost is \$3 per member, \$5 non-members payable to BAA. **For more information, contact: Art Center at 661-869-9320 or: Toni Lott at 661-205-3488 or tlframer@gmail.com**

If you are interested in teaching a class, contact Carol Bradshaw 760-376-6604 or bradshawartist@earthlink.net

WORKSHOPS

As you can see we have some workshops planned. We need a new chairperson to continue with these plans. Our goal is a workshop 4x per year.

April 21 - Norma Neil will be doing a workshop on Watercolor Reflections.

Sharon Schwenk will be here for an oil workshop either March or May

Chalita Robinson is still interested in doing one sometime after the first of the year

OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

(by Kathy Schilling, Fundraising)

BAA Art Center Open House! There will be refreshments, silent auction, a raffle and lots of fun.

The party will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 10am to 2pm. Come - it is free!!!!!!

**Bakersfield Art Association
(BAA)**

ART CENTER

1817 Eye Street, 93301

**HOURS: Tuesdays thru Thursdays
11 to 4 pm**

Fridays 11 to 6 pm

First Fridays to 9pm

Holiday Hours

November 26th-December 24th

Saturdays 11am-4pm

Sundays & Mondays closed

TELEPHONE: 869-2320

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**A Special Thanks to Member
Donations to the BAA for
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**Michelle Leggett; Stella & Tom Mullins;
Andy & Sasha Honig; Patti Young;
Margaret & Paul Van Metre;
Cindy and David Stiles;
Reza & Diane Bashirtash**

Art Patrons:

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Art Champion:

Ann Sullivan

NON BAA SHOWS

CLAYTON RIPPEY AT CEZANNE GALLERY

Take time to visit the Clayton Rippey exhibit at the Cezanne Gallery, 420 H St. Those who paint watercolor and/or acrylics will be inspired by his works of the West, including Alaska, British Columbia, California and Colorado.

His colors and contrasting values are vivid! Mr. Rippey taught art at Bakersfield College for 30 years before his retirement in 1980, and influenced many of our BAA members. The exhibit will run until Christmas.

BAKERSFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

Membership Information

NEW RENEWAL RETURNING

Please print clearly

Name _____ Date _____

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Newsletter and special info MAIL _____ or EMAIL _____

check space that applies:

\$45 Individual \$40 Seniors (62 plus) \$30 Student (age under 25 full time) \$55 Family (same household)

\$100 Art Lover - Recognition in the BAA Newsletter. \$200 Art Patron - Recognition in the BAA Newsletter and in the AC

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All membership dues are donations and tax deductible