



SPRINGFIELD ART MUSEUM

May - June 2010

N E W S L E T T E R

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Hours:

Tuesday- Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Thursday: 9:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.; Friday - Saturday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 1:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. Closed Monday, City of Springfield and national holidays. The Museum is conveniently located just west of the intersection of National Avenue and Bennett Street in the south-central part of the city.



Springfield Art Museum

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On the Web at <http://www.springfieldmogov.org/egov/art/>

Mission Statement

The Springfield Art Museum is dedicated to enhancing the education and documenting the diverse cultural heritage of the people of southwest Missouri, through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects.

School and group tours are encouraged and may be arranged by calling the Museum two weeks in advance of a planned visit.

On the cover: *When Dawn Stands Still, mezzotint*, 2001, by Robert Kipniss. Gift of James F. White. _____

From the Director Jerry A. Berger

The Robert Kipniss exhibition of prints and paintings that were given to the Museum's permanent collections by James F. White will continue on view through 6 June. These fine works are most welcome gifts from the donor and we are very pleased to present them to our visitors. The Friends of the Springfield Art Museum hosted the opening reception for the exhibit on 23 April and the donor traveled to Springfield for this special event. We are most appreciative of Mr. White's generosity and for the Friends' hospitality. Don't miss this opportunity to see Kipniss' work.

We will soon have a glorious exhibition of American watercolors when *Watercolor*

U.S.A.2010 opens on Friday, 11 June, from 5:30-7:00 P.M., with a reception hosted by the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates. The paintings are by artists from across the country and were selected by this year's judge Richard Martin Ash III, Professor Emeritus of Art at Midwestern State University and Director of the Wichita Falls Museum of Art in Wichita Falls, Texas. He selected 117 works by 114 artists from thirty-five states and the District of Columbia for inclusion in the exhibition. There were 722 paintings entered by 401 artists from forty-three states and the District of Columbia.

The Museum will hold its annual Patron Preview of *Watercolor U.S.A. 2010* on 17 May. This event allows those interested to view the paintings and select their purchases in advance of the opening of the exhibition on 12 June. For details, please



Reverend HD and Margaret Dennis, *MS,#2*, archival inkjet print, 2002, by Bruce West. Gift of J. Armin Rust. _____

The 2010 Congressional Art Competition

The annual Congressional Art Competition was held on 9 April with Congressman Roy Blunt in attendance to announce the winning works and to present the recognition ribbons. The works by high school students from the 7th Congressional District were submitted for consideration by a jury of art professionals from colleges and universities in the District. Hailey Crabtree's and Krish Turk's works will be displayed for a year in the Congressman's offices in Joplin and Springfield. Juliana Mills' work will be displayed for a year in Washington, D. C.



Congressman Blunt presents a ribbon to Hailey Crabtree of Strafford High School for her acrylic painting, "The Sound of Love".



Mark Schmidt, art instructor at Clever High School, and Congressman Blunt, Juliana Mills and family with the winning entry, "Silhouette", a digital art work, that will be displayed in the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



Congressman Blunt presents a ribbon to Krish Turk of Glendale High School for her acrylic painting, "Refraction".

contact the Director at 417-837-5700.

Cheri Varnum has given the Museum a painting by Pat Mahoney which had been included in *Watercolor U.S.A. 1987*. We are pleased to have this work, *Salamanca Shells*, which joins another painting by Mahoney that was purchased from *Watercolor U.S.A. 1992* for the Museum's collection by the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum. We are most appreciative of the

donor's generosity in providing this fine work for our collection of aqueous media paintings by contemporary American artists.

Another splendid gift is from J. Armin Rust. He has contributed Bruce West's archival inkjet print *Reverend HD and Margaret Dennis, MS, #2*. This large and imposing work was recently on view in West's exhibition at the Museum. It was the introductory work at the entrance of the gallery where the works were displayed and is a wonderful complement to the three works from this series in our collections. It is an especially meaningful gift and we are delighted to receive it.

A sculptor of importance to us was Ralph Lanning who recently died. He was

nationally recognized as a folk artist and two of his works are in our collections. He lived in Republic, Missouri and was well-known to many of our visitors. Ralph was a charming and kindly man who created fantastic and imaginative works that delighted viewers. He will be missed.

Members of the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates' Art Groups have always been generous to the Museum and help us with many things. The Eclectics Art Group has provided funding that will be used to purchase a new American flag for the pole at our front entrance. Our appreciation goes to the members of the Eclectics Art group for their continued generosity.

Appreciation is due to Congressman Roy Blunt for

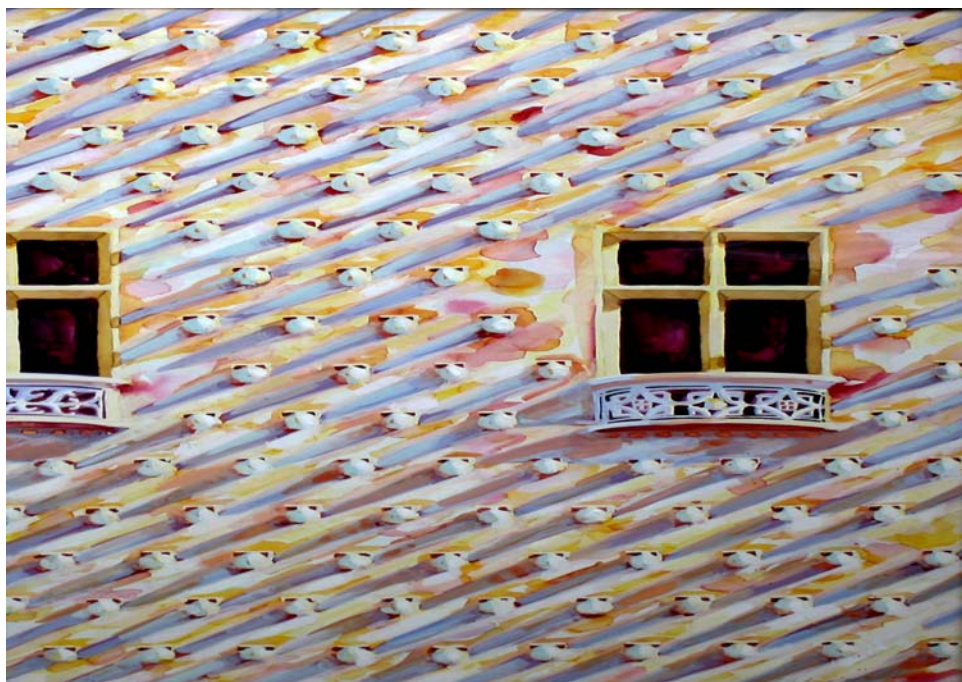
his sponsorship of the *Congressional Art Competition* for the last fourteen years. This event provided the opportunity for high school students from the 7th Congressional District to have their work selected to be on exhibition in the Nation's Capitol and at the Congressman's Springfield and Joplin offices. We were privileged to host this program at the Museum and thank Congressman Blunt for his support for this important project.

When visitors come to the Springfield Art Museum in the coming months, they will be treated to beautiful flowers planted by two outstanding

groups of gardeners. In the flower bed around the flag pole at the front entrance and in the one nearby, the Evergreen Garden Club has created a gorgeous array of plants to delight the eye. The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Chapter 30294, gardeners have concentrated their gardening skills on the fountain courtyard. We are, indeed, fortunate to have the talent and support of these two groups to bring beautiful flowers to the Museum for the pleasure of all. We hope that everyone enjoys the gifts of art and flowers that are available to them when they visit us.

A number of recent acquisitions are on view through May. Works by May Stevens, Michael Mazur, and Yvonne Jacquette that greatly enhance the Museum's holdings of works by those artists are on view for the first time.

With the many exciting works on display in the special exhibitions scheduled during the coming months, it is a perfect time to visit your Museum. We hope you will come soon.



Salamanca Shells (from the Window series), watercolor, 1985, by Pat Mahony. Gift of Cheri Varnum. —————

Meet the teacher



LaMonte Northington teaches adult classes at the Museum. —————

LaMonte was born and raised in San Diego, California. She received her education in art in college in San Diego. She taught and sold her art there. Prior to moving to Springfield fifteen years ago, she had a wedding coordinating business.

All of LaMonte family is involved in art. Her husband, John, works in pastels. Her son, John III, is graduating in June from Delaware University with his Masters Degree in Art. He has sold his sculptures in Mexico City, Kansas City, and California. He has had an international show in Bulgaria. LaMonte's daughter marblizes walls.

LaMonte Northington has taught watercolors, pastels, and acrylic for the past four years in the Studio Art Program at the Springfield Art Museum.



A portion of the works in the elementary division of the 2010 All School Exhibition held at the Springfield Art Museum. —————

Education

The 2010 All School Exhibition was a success thanks to the instructors and the students. Each year the works contributed seem to get better and more sophisticated. The installation of the works requires a lot of talent. We were fortunate to have the talents of the following persons who installed the works: Suzanne Thomas, Jessica Farris, Erin Hughes, Sherry Iott, Paige Iott, Crystal Williams, Kevin Kloppenburg, Susan Brown, Gary Strunk, Brian Declure and Jeannie McCormick.

Classes

The Spring classes have just begun but it is time to think about the summer classes. Registration will be from 25 May through 25 June 2010. Classes will be for five weeks from 6 July through 6 August. Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays or Wednesdays and Fridays. The night classes will be workshops and will meet five sessions.

Docents

Docent training sessions have gotten under way with eight enthusiastic candidates. Jordana Kern, Johnita Sprowson, Susan Appleby, Susan Lance, Carolyn Crawford, Patti Provance, Cassandra Baker, and Kathy Luginsky will bring their varied experiences to the corps.

The new candidates are learning how to present the exhibit materials to various age groups, historical information about artists, and museum procedures.

After thirty hours of training, they will be ready for the annual fifth grade busing program sponsored by Southwest Missouri Museum Associates. They will be profiled in future newsletters so that you can become familiar with them.



A portion of the works in the high school division of the 2010 All School Exhibition held at the Art Museum. —

SMMA NEWS

President's Letter Gloria Eskew

It is always a blessing to see the crocus and jonquils bloom. After what seems like a long, cold winter, the colors signify that spring is right around the corner.

The annual Extension Group Luncheon which was held at the Tower Club on 24 March was enjoyed by all. It is always a pleasure to have this special event to honor our extension groups and visit and listen to their annual reports. Our thanks to Janet Allen and Margaret Hindman for organizing this function. We thank Rosemary Bane for providing the background music.

The Pancake Breakfast at Appleby's was a successful fund raising event. Our thanks to Mary Lee Marsh and the Ways and Means Committee for organizing this event and to all the members who greeted, served and sold tickets. We had a great time working together.

Many thanks to Linda Peacock for chairing the successful annual geranium sale.

Please be sure to attend the Annual Business Meeting on 12 May in the Art Museum Auditorium. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2010 - 2011 Committee Assignments will be made in May. Please let Margaret or Gloria know your interest for which committee on which you wish to serve.

On 11 June 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., SMMA will host the reception for *Watercolor USA 2010*. This is always a large, outstanding exhibit to view. Our sincere thanks to Norene Rinker and Suzanne Rohman and other members for the excellent receptions they have organized this past year.

SMMA looks forward to the continued support they are able to provide for the Springfield Art Museum in the coming year.

Memorials

Les Arts de Mardi
in memory of
Barbara Oberlander

Home Design
in memory of
Don Tisdall
and Doris Quinn

Cameo
in memory of
Charles H'Doubler

Living Art
in memory of
Dotty Trau

Sharon Nahon
in memory of
Dotty Trau

Jacquelyn Dushko
in memory of
Irene Rains, Sarasue
Potter, and Dotty Trau

In Honor

Cindy L. Lilleoien
in honor of her sister
JoEllen Wills' birthday

Speakers Gifts

Home Design
in recognition of
Tammy Easton

Pecan Fund Raiser

The pecans have been marked down to \$5.00 per bag. Come by the Museum Gift Shop and take advantage of this great offer of Schermer Pecans. Still available are large shelled halves and milk chocolate cover halves.

Geranium Sale

Thank you to all who purchased these beautiful flowers in red, white, hot pink, and salmon. This was a banner year in sales for SMMA. Enjoy these wonderful plants through the summer months and remember to order them again next year. Thanks to Linda Peacock for chairing this annual event.

Pancake Fundraiser

The pancake fundraiser held on 27 March at Applebee's was a big success, thanks to all who purchased tickets and enjoyed the wonderful pancakes. Many thanks to the SMMA volunteers who help serve bright and early Saturday morning. Mary Lee Marsh did a wonderful job organizing this fundraiser.

Museum Shop

Call Carolyn Fay and schedule a time you and/or your art group can volunteer in the shop over the summer months.

June will be a busy month for the Museum Gift Shop due to the *Watercolor U.S. A. 2010 Exhibit* from 12 June - 8 August 2010.



Left to right:: Beverly Steelman, Treasurer; Mary Lee Marsh, Ways and Means Chairman; Joan Menchetti, Acquisitions and Projects Chairman; Gloria Eskew, President of SMMA. On Saturday, 27 March, SMMA held a pancake fundraiser at Applebys to benefit the Springfield Art Museum. —

Extension Luncheon

The luncheon was attended by over fifty extension and resident members of SMMA. While enjoying the great food at the Tower Club the Extension Art Groups reported on their activities for 2009/2010. These groups are very busy and have been associated with SMMA for many years.

The Marshfield Art Group was organized in 1944 Cabool Art Group was organized in 1945., Monett/Collective Arts was organized in 1946, Ava Art Group was organized in 1953.

We did get some sad news that the Monett Art Group is disbanding due to health and age issues. This

art group has been very involved with SMMA through the years and will be missed.

SMMA would like to thank Jerry Berger for attending and speaking to the groups during the luncheon. This luncheon is not only to recognize the Extension Art Groups but for members of SMMA to get to know more about the members of Ava, Cabool, and Marshfield groups.

Also a special recognition to Rosemary Bane; Rosemary has always been willing to grace us with her wonderful talent as a pianist while everyone takes the opportunity to visit and get to know our Extension Art

Groups. Rosemary is a true volunteer and boy can she play the piano. Thank you, Rosemary.

Extension Chairmen Janet Allen and committee out did themselves with a wonderful menu, beautiful table arrangements, and special favors. Also included were gift certificates randomly given out to the Extension Art Group members for the Gift Shop.



The annual geranium sale. Left to right: Beverly Steelman, Linda Peacock, Margaret Hindman, Janet Allen and Norene Rinker are helping distribute the flowers to those who purchased them. _____

Reception

Anyone wanting to help with the reception for *Watercolor U.S.A. 2010* on Friday, 11 June, please call the SMMA office.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting will be held in the auditorium on 12 May. All members of SMMA are invited to attend. Coffee at 9:30 and meeting at 10:00.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees will be ratified along with approval of the budget for 2010/2011.

Remember to have your art group's yearly report along with your officers for the coming year turned in as soon as possible. New yearbooks will be printed over the summer and the SMMA office needs this updated information.



Twentieth Century Art Group formed on 22 September 1949. They are celebrating their sixty years together. These ladies meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesday. Congratulation 20th Century! _____

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Museum Calendar

May

- 12: Annual Business Meeting of SMMA, 9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting. SMMA does not meet in June and July.
- 13: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 17: **“Watercolor U.S.A. 2010”** patron preview. For details, contact the Museum.
- 20: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 25: Registration of Summer Studio Classes.

June

- 6: **“Robert Kipniss: Works on Paper and Canvas, Gifts from the James F. White Collection”** closes.
- 10: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 11: Preview reception for **“Watercolor U.S.A. 2010”** hosted by SMMA 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
- 12: **“Watercolor U.S.A. 2010”** opens.
- 17: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.