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The Newsletter of the Beaufort Art Association
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

An Exhibit of Paintings by POLLY SWENSON

Beaufort Art Association is excited to announce a new exhibit of works by acclaimed watermedia artist Polly Swenson which will open at their downtown Gallery, 913 Bay Street, on May 12 and run through June 21. Polly has been a member of BAA for many years and has exhibited widely throughout the southeast. This new exhibit will have a local flavor and carry the title “Highlights of the Lowcountry”. Her art is representational of the subject, giving each a slightly romanticized look at the scene, whether it is capturing the vanishing marsh landscape, a shrimp boat sailing home or birds in their natural habitat. Polly has gained a national following for her finely detailed wildlife paintings.

Polly Masters Swenson was born in Quantico, Virginia into a Marine family. Gifted with a talent for drawing, Polly moved to New York and received her degree in Fashion Merchandising. Soon she met and married a Marine Lieutenant serving in her father's command in Hawaii. On their anniversary in 1968, her husband presented her with every conceivable piece of equipment an oil painter might need to set up a studio...then he left for Vietnam. Polly found an excellent Paris trained teacher and began to study painting in earnest. She sold her first painting a year later and has been selling commercially ever since.

For years Polly was affiliated with the Undertaking Gallery in Occoquan, Virginia until she and her husband, Carter, moved to Beaufort in 1989. Since then she has been represented by Indigo Gallery in Beaufort. Her work can be found in private collections from across the United States as well as corporate officers in Chicago and Washington DC. Polly has won many prizes and awards but her most treasured are the People's Choice awards with which she has been honored over a dozen times.

Both original art, and signed and numbered prints will be available for purchase during her exhibit. An opening reception will be held on Friday evening May 16 from 5:30 - 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend for light refreshments and to meet the artist.

For more information, please check www.BeaufortArtAssociation.com

Ongoing at the gallery......WRAPSODY

"WRAPSODY" is our current exhibit that features the varied art of Linda Patalive and Mary Ann Putzier. These beautiful pieces will be on exhibit until May 10.
As my role of president comes to a close, I’d be remiss in not thanking all the members and volunteers who make BAA possible.

Volunteers are priceless. All who give their time and effort to make the Beaufort Art Association a vital part of the art community must especially be thanked. My job has been made easier because of the dedication of these members. Because of them, we have a first-class gallery that any Art Association would envy. A space that does justice to the talent that exists within BAA. We have a state-of-the-art website that announces our presence to the art world, an active website that promotes BAA, not just to Beaufort, but beyond. We have established a program in conjunction with the Thumbs-Up organization that will highlight our existence among schools; it will help BAA attain a stated objective in its mission statement.

The Spring Show is over, and was a financial and artistic success. Seeing our member’s best work was an eye-opener for many people who hadn’t visited our gallery. Best of all, the artwork spoke for itself, and announced BAA has first-class artists. Again, the volunteers who gave their time and efforts into making this a premier Beaufort event have to be thanked. Those who were there opening night (and I hope you were there), can attest to it being a first-class evening.

All this and more, couldn’t happen without individuals working together. Individuals who give up their time and have belief in the importance of BAA. It’s a strong combination, and if you haven’t tried to offer your services, I urge you to consider the benefits not only to the artist, but to yourself.

I have the utmost admiration for the people who keep BAA a respected organization. I look forward to a continuation of the growth of BAA in the following years, and the continued growth of the excellence of our artists and programs. May we all be part of this success and appreciate the people who make it happen.

Moving on, I wish the best for the new board members, the volunteers, and the Association. May it be our best year ever!

Sincerely,
Robert Ryzner

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### 2014 BAA Featured Artists & Changeover Schedule

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BAA THUMBS UP ART PROJECT IN FULL SWING

BAA's Thumbs Up Art Project 2014 is fully underway with three first Friday lessons now completed by BAA artists. In February, Anne Jennings focused on lettering and 3D coloring. In March, Charlotte Kaye targeted landscape painting and taught key visual art concepts/vocabulary including horizon, color wheel, primary colors, mixing colors, perspective. The core of Lynne Morgan’s April lesson was value—which she taught using a flashlight to help students understand light and shadow. Sue Jarrett will take on photography in May.

Thumbs Up Art is an after school program for children in grades 4-7 (about 10-12 students. The BAA project has three goals which guide lesson planning: Students will…

1) become more motivated to learn as a result of visual art experiences.
2) experience gains in communication (e.g. reading/writing and speaking/listening) and increase their attention and participation—as demonstrated by habits such as increased focus and concentration
3) acquire specific visual art knowledge and skills (e.g., concepts, vocabulary, creative process, use of media and techniques).

Art presentations last for about an hour, usually from 4-5 pm and take place at the Thumbs Up location: 914 Hamar Street. Preparation for each lesson involves planning with the Thumbs Up director, Rosalyn Browne. A lesson protocol is available, as is feedback from previous teaching artists.

While the 2014 schedule is currently full, there is an artist waiting list. BAA artists who are willing to teach a lesson are asked to email Claudia Cornett for more information. In addition, many members of BAA have contributed art materials for the project.

SATELLITE GALLERY NEWS

Place your artwork at Satellite galleries for 6 months!!

Next Changeovers:

County Government Building Lower Level
Friday May 16 9:30 to 11:00

County Government Building Upper Level
Friday June 13 9:30 to 11:00

Three wonderful places to showcase your art for six months!
Pay only $10 for one, $5 for each additional piece and 10% commission if sold.

Contact
Lynne Morgan for more information. 843-525-6229
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER NEWS

DONATIONS TO WIN ORIGINAL ART CAMPAIGN

The BAA Gallery started a new Fundraiser Program at the BAA Gallery. BAA artists are donating a piece of art that will be given to the person whose name is drawn. Chances cost $2 and each work of art will be displayed by the check-out desk.

Artist Patricia Walsh donated the first piece and it went on display at the first changeover of 2014. Her painting raised $146 and the winner was a local Beaufort Art Lover. Artist Larry Kay donated a photograph for the 2nd changeover and his work raised $55. That drawing was March 30, 2014 and the winner was Mary Von Steenbergh.

We will offer a new piece of Art at every changeover. The present piece on display is a photograph by Anne M. Jennings. The drawing for the winner of this piece will be at our next changeover, May 11, 2014.

We are asking our membership to participate in the following ways.

1. Buy a chance for yourself and friends and family.

2. When you are working your shift at the gallery - PLEASE POINT OUT TO CUSTOMERS THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS CAMPAIGN!!!!!! Two dollars a great price to pay for an original piece of art.

3. DONATE A PIECE OF ART for the Donation Campaign. Call Anne M. Jennings at 843-368-3818 for instructions on how to donate.

FAT PATTY FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014, we had a BAA Fundraiser at Fat Patty's Restaurant which is located on the Parris Island Parkway. We received 10% of the sales in the dining room for the evening. BAA members and their guests accounted for 27 of the customers. We raised $143. We will repeat this fundraiser again next year.
The BAA encourages, supports and provides opportunities for the growth of all members and contributes to the community with aesthetic and educational experiences in the visual arts.

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