

Small Talk

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Welcome New Members!

- Brenda Michaels, Lutz FL
- Carol Gorin, Sarasota FL
- Donna "Adina" Goldberg, Ormond Beach FL
- Larry Bowman, St. Petersburg FL
- Lonetta Avelar, Lynnwood WA

Judging the 2018 Show



People often wonder how judging is done.

The first group of art pieces the judge sees are by media. So for

example, all the oil paintings are placed on the A frames. The judge looks at all and selects winners. The winners are placed on the back wall of the studio.



Melissa Miller Nece poses to show the set up for judging the show.

After all media has been judged, categories are then considered. Artists always receive the highest award possible. If they were on the board to receive a third place in media but a first in Landscape their piece would move to first in Landscape and the first honorable mention in that category would move up to third place.

In other words the judge sees each piece of art twice; once in

media and again in category. Truly it is a very demanding, time consuming job for the judge.

For the past many years Bob Fritz, a MASF Past President, creates a thank you card for the judge. ♦



Card front



Inside



Back of card. On the side of the "chop" it says **Another Original by. Below that Expensive In U.S. Way Cool In Can. Around the bar code O O 2 Much! 10 26 2017.**



Bob Fritz enjoys Melissa Miller Nece's response to the thank you card he created for her. Show Chair Lynnette Vaughan looks on.

Awards Brunch-Florida at its Best Great People, Great Art, Great Food



Join us for a wonderful brunch, meet artists, collectors and members you've heard about but not seen in person. View the winning art projected on the screen; enlarged . . . no magnifying glasses needed. This is the premier event during the opening weekend.

MENU

First Course

Scrambled Eggs
Belgian Waffle with Strawberry Sauce
Three Cheese & Scallion Quiche
Old Bay Hash Browns with Red & Green Peppers & Onions
Bacon
Assorted Mini Muffins

Second Course

Chocolate Mousse Shooters

Beverage Station

Coffee Station with Whipped Cream, Lemon & Orange Zest and
Chocolate Morsels
Orange Juice

It will be held at the Bon Appetit Restaurant in Dunedin on Sunday January 14th from 8:45 AM to Noon. For those who haven't been here before Bon Appetit has free valet parking.

Prepaid reservations are required at a cost of \$ 27.00 per person or \$ 32.00 per person after the cut off date of January 7, 2018. Contact Social Chair—
Chieko Bromley, PO Box 535, Oldsmar FL, 34677, 813-424-9074, chieko.mp@gmail.com

You may reserve and pay for your brunch ticket by clicking on this link to our website <http://miniature-art.com/brunch/> .

Motel List 2018 Show

Listed below are several places to stay in Dunedin. All are near the downtown area and an easy commute to the Dunedin Fine Art Center.

- **Yacht Harbor Inn– Best Western** 150 Marina Place, Dunedin FL 34698 Ph. 727 733-4121, Toll Free 800 447-4728 www.advantuscorp.com 1-2 persons call for current rates, AAA, AARP Discounts, Pool, at Dunedin Marina directly on St Joseph Sound. Next door to Bon Appetit Restaurant, (**site of Awards Banquet**)
- **Holiday Inn Express** 975 Broadway (Alt. 19), Dunedin FL 34698 727 450-1200, Toll Free 800 465-4329 www.hiexpress.com/dunedin 1-2 persons call for current rates, 2 blocks north of downtown Dunedin
- **Amberlee Motel** 1035 Broadway (Alt. 19), Dunedin, FL 34698 Ph. 727 733-3228 Call for traditional reasonable rates. Small nice non-chain motel.
- **Palm Court** 2090 Bayshore Blvd, Dunedin FL 727 736-0441 Call for reasonable rates for small family run “old Florida” motel.

You could also check www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g34187-Dunedin_Florida-Hotels.html

2016 Scholarship Winner Dawn Lewis 2nd Place winner in Artists Magazine's Student Competition

Here is an article I found in the December issue of Artists Magazine about one of the MASF Scholarship winners. Her winning piece is not a mini but it sure is a winner. Editor Kathy Pollak

Second Place

Dawn Lewis

Holiday, Florida

I am currently a student at St. Petersburg College, in Florida, working toward an associate degree in fine art. Until starting college, I've been drawing on and off my entire life and began dabbling in painting 15 years ago.

I loved the reflection on the water

and wanted to see if I could replicate it. I was surprised at how quickly the water came together; I'd never attempted anything that intricate before. I struggled with it until I figured out how to isolate the portions I was working on strips of paper.

Take every opportunity that comes along, even if you don't think you're ready; you never know what doors can open.



Pelican Brief (Acrylic on Canvas 30 x 24)

Clayton James Will Be Missed

Clay James passed away on October 11, 2017.

He suffered from lung cancer that migrated to his brain. Clay fought vigorously for 7 months and he passed away peacefully at home.

That was his wish 'to be at home'. The family was able to take care of him at home together with nursing and a personal support

worker.

Clay loved the outdoors and nature, and was able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine during his last weeks.

He so enjoyed doing scrimshaw and tried his hand at it for as long as he possibly could.



Clayton James' art from the 2017 Show

Dates You Don't Want to Miss for the 2018 Show

- **The Collectors Preview** Takes place on Saturday, January 13th at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Doors open at 10:00 AM.
- **Artist Reception** at the Dunedin Fine Art Center Saturday, January 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.
- **Awards Brunch** from 8:45 AM to Noon at Bon Appetit Restaurant, Dunedin Marina, on Sunday January 14th.
- **2018 Show Opening Reception** Sunday January 14th, 1:00 PM at the Dunedin Fine Art Center.

Congratulations Mimi Hegler



River Bend - 2/30
4" x 3 1/4"

Ocean View - 1/30
4" x 3 1/4"



Excellence In All Entries
Mimi Hegler

The Golden Hour - 2/30
4" x 2 3/4"



Afar - 1/30
4" x 3 1/4"

Generous Land - 1/30
4" x 3 1/4"



"Seal Cove" acquired for the MASF Permanent Collection in 1984

Another Sad Good Bye; John Angelini

John Angelini, MAA, AWS, age 96, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

John started entering the MASF shows in 1982 and continued through 2004. He won many awards and was a Judge for the 1995 MASF show. John was a graduate of Newark school of Fine Art and Industrial Arts. He was an art director and designer consultant for 30

years. He has published one book and contributed to many other publications, including articles in the St. Pete Times newspaper. John has been featured in many art magazines and periodicals.

John has had 22 solos shows in New York and has received over one hundred and fifty awards. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Art", "Who's Who in the South and South-west", "Who's Who in the East" and "Men of Achievement". John was a Signature Member of MAA and had entries in the MAA Traveling Exhibit for years. He also entered many World Federation of Miniaturists exhibitions around the world.

John had a wicked sense of humor, which made you automatically love him. He was extremely talented in the field of art, including miniature art, and the world has lost an amazing artist and friend.



A Wonderful Christmas Get Together



A big thank you to our new Social Chair Chieko Bromley for organizing our delightful International Christmas Party.

Each person was asked to contribute a dish that represented their ethnic heritage.



We were offered a wide variety of goodies; Cowboy Caviar, Shrimp Fried Rice, French Canadian Meat Pie, Rolled Maki Sushi, Japanese Ebi (Shrimp) Ball, Jamaican Jerk Pork, Ukrainian Holubkis (Cabbage rolls filled with beef and rice and cooked between layers of Sauerkraut,) Potato Latkes, Chicken Sausage in Pastry, Pennsylvania Sweet Potato Souffle, Thai Fried Bananas, Italian Struffoli (traditional Neapolitan Christmas Sweet), and Danish Ebelskiver (a round pastry-like crepe filled with jelly).

Thomas Merton.

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.”



It was a afternoon filled with conversation, getting to know one another and lots of laughter.

Maybe next year more members will be able to join us.



Bits and Pieces

Sulphur Springs Valley 21st International Miniature & Small works Show will take place from February 1–28, 2018 In Wilcox , Arizona. Shipped Art due Jan 12–26, 2018. for a prospectus contact WWW.willcoxartleague.com .

Note Mini is 20 sq inches max , small works 20 to 35 sq inches.

If you have something to share, either an article or good news send it to Kathy Pollak, Small Talk Editor at Kathy@kathypollakbooks.com





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