



December 2013: Mixed Media Newsletter

Stanly Arts Guild December Meeting and Social *6:45 PM - Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Our December meeting is also a covered dish social for guild members so bring your favorite holiday dish and come enjoy all the famous culinary talents in our guild members.

In addition to our social, we have a special treat for you. Two ladies from Cheap Joe's Arts Stuff in Charlotte will present a demo of some of the products that sell at Cheap Joe's. They tell me that they are bringing new products and their favorite products. They are also going to discuss the different surfaces that you can use for Alcohol Inks and you will have a chance to try out some of these surfaces. We know you will enjoy the demo and especially the "make and take" part.

Lou Ann is trying to find a few volunteers that would come a little early and stay a little late to help our presenters bring things in before the meeting and to take things back to their car after the meeting. They are bringing lots of cool stuff. Contact Lou Ann if you can help.

The format for our December meeting will be: social between 6:45 and 7:30 and presenters between 7:30 and 8:15. It looks like it's going to be an evening full of fun, food, and friends. We hope to see each and everyone of you there.

Workshop Schedule

One Stroke Classes, On-going on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Vicki Galloway, instructor, No prior experience necessary, \$15 each session

December Display at the Agri-Civic



Lee McLaren considers himself a hobby painter - painting for the fun of it and giving most of his paintings to family and friends. Recently he decided to sell some of his paintings and prints, and has been pleased with the response of others. Though his primary medium is watercolor, he also enjoys oil, pastel and drawing. He is a member of the Golden Pallet Society, the Matthews Artists Guild, the Guild of Charlotte Artists, and the Charlotte Artists Society.

The Agri-Civic Center hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays and during events.

From the President

The gallery is loaded with wonderful handmade fine crafts and decorations in addition to our normal exciting displays. I hope you have had time to stop in and shop. And the gallery visitor count has gone up so stop by soon before all of the good stuff is gone. It is fascinating to me to see the diversity in art and fine crafts that we attract at the gallery. The From Our Hands show will continue through December 24.

I want to thank Theresa Maudlin for serving as the newsletter editor for the last year. She has dropped that role to spend more time on the workshops. So we are looking for a newsletter editor. I'm doing the newsletter this month and that's why it's a bit late. I do apologize. It's a bit much for me with the duties of president to try to create the newsletter as well. All it takes is a little time and a computer. The event organizers provide the content. All you have to do is put the newsletter together. There are designated board members that will help to proof-read and send it out. Please let me know if you can help. We have over 50 members in our guild. So surely one of you can help with this.

Susan Lackey

Stanly Arts Guild Greeting Cards

If you haven't noticed lately, some of the guild artists have donated images of their art so that we could create a series of greeting cards. The artist is given credit on the back of the card. Sales of the cards go to help fund the guild educational programs. Cards are available in sets or individually. Our cards can be found at the checkout counter in the gallery and also in the guild informational booth which is part of the From Our Hands show.

Gallery News

1. Vicki Galloway is staffing for December and Toni Gaalaas has it in January
2. We are hosting an event for Friends of the Library on Saturday, January 18th from 2-4pm
3. In the first 2 weeks of January we will be re-arranging the floor displays
4. Nancy will be having a gallery member meeting in January
5. Art of the Vine will be January 16 hosted by Karen Lowder

"Let's Un-Decorate the Tree"

Sandy Stoker, Reda Icenhour, and Jackie Layman have the animal tree up and decorated with beautifully crafted "pet" ornaments. Sandy and Reda have done a great job making these ornaments and they encourage members to also add their own creations as well.

We are now ready to accept food for the Stanly County Humane Society. When you bring in a donation of food or cash, you can take an ornament of your choice. Pass the word; we are accepting donations until Dec. 23.

Pictures from the Stanly Arts Guild 50th Anniversary Celebration

Turn up your sound, sit back and enjoy these pictures taken by Jackie Smith. Press Ctrl-Click on the link below:

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Member News

Teresa Higgins presented at the NCAEA conference (North Carolina Art Education Association) with a fellow art teacher entitled "Printmaking: Imagine the Possibilities."

Artist Opportunities

Listed here are links to area artist groups. Maybe something just for you!

cabarrusartscouncil.org/the-galleries/gallery-tours-and-events/

Cabarrus Art Walk

Jan 31, 2014

April 4, 2014

June 20, 2014

www.minthillarts.org/events.html

Annual Ann and Bill Litaker Exhibit

Dec 6&7 take in

www.tagart.org/index.php

TAG Galleries

www.sundaeartgallery.com/

Sundae Art Gallery

Union Street Concord

Dec 5 painting class

www.randolphartsguild.com/events.html

NC Potter's Conference March 2014

Art on Sunset May 2014

www.festivalnet.com

NC Arts & Crafts Shows

www.ansonartleague.com/

Anson County Art League

www.mooreart.org/programs/visual/exhibit-your-art/

Moore County Art's Council

Bourbon Brownies

Many of the folks that attended the Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours event co-hosted by the Falling Rivers Gallery and Starnes Jewelry this week wanted Judith's recipe for bourbon brownies. Enjoy, they are truly awesome!

1 package family sized brownie mix
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup bourbon
1 stick butter (or margarine)
1 ½ teaspoons almond extract
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
12 oz. package chocolate chips
1 tablespoon shortening

- Mix brownie mix according to directions and bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or according to directions
- Remove from oven and spread nuts and pour bourbon on top while still warm. Refrigerate
- Cream butter, extract and sugar. Spread on top and re-refrigerate
- Melt chocolate chips and shortening in microwave. Spread over top. Let sit to set up. Cut into bars. Makes 6 dozen.

Note: if you omit the bourbon, increase the almond extract to 2 tablespoons.