



TIAG Newsletter March 2016

Spring is Here!

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2015/16 Calendar	Exchange Date	Meeting & Show
March	3/3	3/12
April	3/31	4/9
May	5/5	5/14

March Judge & Demonstrator Leslie Jefferies

"I received a degree in Art Education & Constructive Design from Florida State University. I briefly taught Junior High School art and then had a nice career as a Realtor heading my own firm Waterfront Realty. Now I paint full time and lately evolved into abstract painting. I am a Signature Member in the International Society of Acrylic Painters (ISAP). I split my time between Highlands, NC and Largo, FL, painting in both locations. Sailboats to Bears, Trawlers to Cabins, Waterfalls to Sunsets - these were my inspiration for a long while. Over time my work became looser, more expressionistic and I now consider myself an Abstract Painter. My paintings feature texture, light or heavy; marks of all kinds; deep colors; patterned backgrounds; drips and various mediums. They convey energy, lyrical or frenetic. They convey mood, serious or

lighthearted. I find the painting process exhilarating. I feel successful when I believe the last one is my best one. While a few are difficult to plan and execute & others come easily, I usually think "What fun that was!" when I finish. "

Painting Exchange, March is Major Award Month

Thursday, March 3rd between 9:00 and 1:00. Cash awards and ribbons are given. First Place, \$150; 2nd Place, \$100; 3rd Place \$50; 4 Honorable Mentions at \$25 each are awarded as well. Entry fee is \$10.00 per piece with up to three allowed. we hope you will participate. The show is for members only.

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays are Anything Goes

at the TI Community Center

9:30 - 12:00 Pat McEntire Facilitates
727-239-5227

This workshop is designed as more of an open studio, thus the name. Do whatever you prefer. Bring your own supplies, any drawing or painting medium is welcome \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for guests. The social aspect is free.

Thursdays with Bruce

TI City Hall, 9:30 to 12:00

Thursday Morning fun art classes with Bruce Kotchey instructing. You may have a completed painting by the time you leave. Any medium is ok, though Bruce demonstrates with acrylic on canvas.

Bring a friend, spouse or newbie. Enjoy a relaxed and fun morning creating art. Bring your own supplies. Members \$3.00, guests \$4.00.

Portrait Workshop on Fridays

TI City Hall 9:15 to 12:00

Facilitator is Don Eaton, 727-347-3061.

Live model. Members \$4.00, non-members \$6.00.

Its Time for March Madness again!

The March 12th meeting will include our March Madness Flea Market. Please bring your no longer important to you art supplies, frames, books etc to donate. Also, any knick knacks etc. Anything but clothing will be gleefully accepted. I will be at City Hall from around 10:30 am to set up. Please drop your donations off early if you would like. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to donate, you may drop off items at my house: 7321 6th Ave North. there is a picnic table in the carport. If I am not at home, please place your donations there. They will be safely stored until sale day. This is our last fundraiser this season for the Scholarship Fund. Please bring skull bills to the meeting for your purchases. Please help to make this sale a success.

Elaine Wenstrom, Ways and Means Chair

Important!

**Upcoming Election of Officers
Saturday April 9, 2016 at 1PM at
TI City Hall**

Installation of Officers

Saturday May 14, 2016 at the May Luncheon and Scholarship Award Ceremony

As Nominating Committee Chairman, I proudly present to the Membership our Slate of Officers for the upcoming two years:

Co-Presidents

Pat Van Leuvan and Jerry Palmer

Pat Van Leuvan is a watercolor artist, retired from a variety of commercial endeavors. She is not new to serving on Boards and taking charge. Pat has been a Board member for a number of organizations, most recently TIAG Treasurer. Her previous Board work includes:

- Treasurer and Co-President of Ozona Elementary PTA for all the years her children were at Ozona. (Ozona, Florida)
- President of the Reedsport Arts Council, (Reedsport, Oregon), and
- Member and Chairperson of Lower Umpqua Hospital Board (elected position).

Pat says "I would enjoy being a part of TIAG future happenings." Pat is currently our Publicity Chairwoman and Parliamentarian.

Jerry Palmer is a Retired Registered Nurse. She is a 'Sota Girl', spending her childhood in Sarasota living next door to the Flying Wallenda's then moving to Minnesota where she worked and raised her family. Jerry "did some art eons ago" and resumed it about 10 years ago. She has enjoyed various local pastel and

painting classes. Her enthusiasm for art is contagious and she has gotten me interested in many classes. Jerry enjoys a good art retreat, as well, attending workshops in Santa Fe and St. Simon's and even studying with Kim English in Mississippi. Jerry and her husband George are avid travelers both in the States and abroad.

Quoting Jerry: "I consider myself very lucky at this age to have art, arty friends, and TIAG in my life." Jerry served as our Hospitality Chairwoman last season.

Co-Vice Presidents

Elaine Wenstrom and Pat Grandmason

Elaine is an Associate Member as she is not an artist but enjoys art, the demos at meetings and the camaraderie of the members of TIAG. Her past endeavors include 10 years of owning toy stores in TI, SPB and Pasadena.

Quoting Elaine, "My husband and I were very fortunate to be able to travel about our wonderful country in our motorhome for 15 years. That was a childhood dream come true for me."

Elaine currently serves as Ways & Means Chairwoman for the Scholarship Program and will continue that position into Vice Presidency.

Pat Grandmason

I have been involved in social organizations most of my adult life as it is a great way to meet new friends with the same interests. I have joined Historical Societies, Newcomer Clubs, Garden Clubs and have always tried to do my share to help out. Since moving to Florida I have been the Recording

Secretary of the Garden Club of Saint Petersburg as well as the President and Treasurer of the Flower Arranging Circle of the garden club. I also served as Treasurer of TIAG for several years. I look forward to working on the board as Co Vice President of Treasure Island Art Guild.

Secretary Helen Mullins

Ready to continue serving as TIAG Secretary, Helen writes: "Oil and acrylic endeavors are delightful pursuits in retirement. Teaching special needs students followed mothering activities, and graduate school.

Luckily, I found time to study art in Charlotte, and Charleston along the way. TIAG provides the perfect mix of collegial and instructional opportunities. It is my honor to serve as Secretary." Helen serves as our Art Acceptance Chairwoman for our Monthly Shows, as well.

Treasurer Colleen Ward

My husband Colin and I retired in 1999 and spent 9 years cruising the waters of the Bahamas, Turks & Caicos, Dominican Republic and the glorious East Coast of the US. After returning to "land-life," Colin took a pastel painting of mine to an Open Show at TIAG, thus beginning a lovely friendship with the Guild. I have served as Scholarship Chairwoman, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, President and Treasurer for the Guild. I thoroughly enjoy my current role as Treasurer and Membership Chairwoman and look forward to

serving the Art Guild for more years to come.

Non-Elected Volunteers

Arlene Kichin, Program Chairwoman and Exhibition Chairwoman for our Monthly Shows. Arlene was our Scholarship Chairwoman for several years and recruited me to take over that position, thus getting me started as a Board Member. Arlene served as "Den Mother" to the Wednesday Anything Goes Workshop for many years and has recently turned that position over to Patricia McEntire who has gallantly taken charge.

Assisting Arlene with presenting awards is **George Avery**. George served as Installation Chairman for many years. He was in charge of organizing the arrangement of the artwork entered into a Show. Our wonderful Stanley, a TI City employee, always hangs the paintings once arranged.

Luba Robinson is our Outside Exhibition Chairwoman and is in charge of the Shows at the Community Center. Luba does a wonderfully eloquent write-up of the Shows which appear not only in our Newsletter, but local papers such as The Gabber, The Island Reporter and The Beach Beacon.

Verna McClain volunteered to be our Newsletter Editor last season and continues on with this enormous task. She is the "Heart" of the organization, collecting details on all the Art Guild's activities and disseminating it to the Membership. Verna took the Guild into

the 21st Century by switching to e-mail. She is assisted by the Membership Chairman, myself, Colleen Ward, who mails out newsletters via the Post Office for those not making the electronic switch.

Bruce Kotchey dutifully stepped in as Installation Chairman when George Avery had to give up the position. Not only does Bruce arrange the Show, but he must inspect the framing for suitability to hang. Bruce graciously brings his tools to help fix framing problems, but I would like to emphasize that it is the Artist's responsibility to ensure their framing is acceptable.

Bruce Kotchey is our Thursday Workshop Instructor, as well. As many of you know, he leads the artists through a complete painting every week. How awesome is that! Bruce's skills as an artist and teacher combined with his love of people make him invaluable to our organization.

Don Eaton runs our Friday Portrait Workshop. Don runs a similar set-up at The Morean and brings lots of experience. Don and Libit Jones from Suntan took over running the Friday Workshop from Peter Garino who steered this ship for many, many years. Don arranges to have a model for every Friday year-round. During the summer, when the Art Guild closes so the City of Treasure Island can hold their Children's Programs, the Portrait Workshop moves to Suntan. We are very thankful to Suntan for allowing

this historic endeavor to continue through the summer.

Patricia McEntire is our new Den Mother for Wednesday Anything Goes. Patricia is a Past-President for the Art Guild, as well, and steps in to help many ways. Patricia and Arlene Kitchen spearheaded the Painted Sand Dollars endeavor at our Christmas Fundraiser held in memory of Rita Merrell who had collected all the sand dollars. Rita was our Art Acceptance Chairwoman and Parliamentarian for many, many years until passing away last year..

Becky Raney, Hospitality Chairwoman and good friend of Patricia McEntire who recruited her, organizes the food and drinks at all of our Monthly Shows and Receptions. Tip your glass to Becky for the fine job she does next time you see her.

Nancy DiNapoli, current Scholarship Chairman, likes to attend the Wednesday Workshops and was recruited by former Den Mother Arlene Kitchin. Nancy is from Alaska and brings new ideas and energy to the Art Guild. She has contacted many schools and organizations advertising our scholarship. All scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 10th so Nancy should be seeing the fruits of all her labors very shortly. Nancy will award the scholarship at our May Luncheon.

Joe Martin, Official TIAG Photographer. Thank you for documenting all of our wonderful times

at the Art Guild events! You are a Master!

Colleen Ward, Nominating Committee Chair

Please send Newsletter information to
Verna McClain
marshhen501@yahoo.com

Congratulations to February Award Winners



First Place, George Avery



Second Place, Beth Lowe



Third Place, Bruce Kotchey

Honorable Mentions



Gerald Di Stephano



Verna McClain



Bruce Fallender



George Goodenough

