

**APRIL MEETING - APRIL 19**

**MAY MEETING AND JURY NIGHT - MAY 17**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Thursday, April 19**

**"Critique Night"**

The April membership meeting will give our members an opportunity to have one of their paintings critiqued. Audrey DiMarco, one of VAAL's art instructors, has agreed to spend an evening with VAAL artists in evaluation of their works of art. Audrey is an accomplished artist who has won many awards for her paintings and ceramics. Each artist may bring one painting. Mark your calendar and don't miss this fun evening. 7:00 in the VAAL classroom. Refreshments will be served.

**WEBSITE OPPORTUNITY**

Fred Keebler, our webmaster, has done a wonderful job of updating our website, and he is now offering members the opportunity to have their own website.

First step: become a member of the "Gallery" in the VAAL website. (An annual fee of \$10.) Then Fred will create a one of a kind website: your choice of template, colors and fonts. Each website will have 4 pages and will include the

artist's picture, an "about" bibliography, gallery and contact information. The fee for the personal website is \$30.00, with \$10 going to VAAL and \$20 to Fred for his time and effort.

*Accolades to Fred for undertaking this awesome project!*

**JUNE ART EXHIBIT**

VAAL's Spring Art Exhibit will be held from June 3-28, 2012 in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Civic Center Library. Jury night will be May 17. Bring paintings to the Coifer Salon, next door to the VAAL classroom. While the art is being juried, there will be a program in the VAAL classroom.

All of the details and the entry slip are attached to this Newsletter. So – get your pictures framed and ready for the next exhibition! Our new exhibit chairs Barbara Gage Rex and Ken Blevin are working hard to make this another success.

**About the Juror**

Judy Wolfe is an accomplished artist and educator at Eastern

Michigan in Ypsilanti. She is also the Art Gallery Director at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

Each year she teaches a workshop on "The Visual Journal" which she developed and teaches at Northwestern Michigan College and Wayne State. She paints in oil and has exhibited widely.

*Spring Art Classes*

To many, spring is the best time to take classes. Whatever your opinion as to the best season, there are openings in the following spring classes.

- Creative Painting – All Media, 5/1/2012 Marj Chellstorp, Wed. 1 – 4 pm.
- Amazing Acrylics, Kim Ensich, 4/30/2012, Mon. 6 – 9 p m.
- Portraits With Lin, 5/1/2012, Lin Baum, Tues. 1 – 4 pm.
- Year of the Dragon and Other Fantasies, 4/19/2012, Janis Madias, Thurs. 9 am – 12 pm.
- Workshop: Painting Abstract Watercolors, Marj Chellstorp,

5/18/2012, Fri., Sat. 10  
am – 3:30 pm.

### **MUSEUM TOUR**

On Thursday, May 10, VAAL will offer a guided tour of the University of Michigan Museum in Ann Arbor. Meet at the VAAL classroom at 9:30 am. There is no admittance fee, but the Museum suggests a \$5.00 donation. Transportation will be by car pooling. Lunch afterward for anyone interested. A sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting.

### **GRANT RECEIVED**

On March 29, 2012 Virginia Bosak, President, gratefully accepted a \$500 grant to VAAL from the Livonia Community Foundation at a ceremony and reception held at the Civic Center Library.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT**

Coifer Salon will be featuring four VAAL members in their salon. On April 17, the following artists will display their art: Sandra Spiteri, Helene Lewicki, Jerry Valentine, and Ann Cleary. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the April meeting for those wanting an opportunity to display their work here in future months.

### **CALL FOR NAUTICAL ARTWORK**

The American Mattress Gallery in Novi is planning a book signing and exhibit of nautical artwork in celebration of the

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. A date has not been confirmed, but it is tentatively scheduled for some time in May. A signup sheet will be circulated at the April meeting.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

VAAL wishes to thank all those who have contributed books to the VAAL Library. We have a wonderful collection of art books thanks to our friends and members.

### **VAAL Artists in Exhibitions**

Barbara Gage Rex and Betty Lewis had their photographs accepted into the Lawrence Street Gallery exhibit "Exposure: Photography – 12" Woodward Ave. in Ferndale

Helena Lewicki had four pastel paintings accepted into the Farmington Juried Show at the Costick Center in Farmington

Sue Mallick will display her art work in the Farmington Downtown Library from April 1 – 30.

Laura Callow, Diana Jamrog, Judith Waterman and Barbara Eko Murphy were accepted into the Plymouth Community Arts Council Exhibition, "About Face" April 4 – 26, Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth.

Joan Boerger was accepted into the Michigan Water Color Society exhibition at the

Lansing Art Gallery and Education Center.

May 4 thru June 29

"Face Ahead – 9 Metro Artists" members Daria Fileta, Barbara Murphy and Kathleen O'Connell will have art work at the Picasso Café in Novi and at The Wooden Spoon in Brighton. April 4 – 30.

Don't forget to submit your news to Dorothy Amberger. We love posting this information, but rely on you to let us know.

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**See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!  
Bring a painting and a  
friend too!**