

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello, fellow MCCA members. I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather we are starting to have this year. It's feeling like "painting outside" weather. Happy days! Fall is here!

I would like to introduce you all to our new Vice President Mallerie A. Lambert. She joined our group not too long ago and threw her hat into the VP ring. Welcome aboard Mallerie. I would also like to introduce our two new board-at-large members, Frankie Martin and Ernst Kallenbach. They will be a great asset to the board as well.

Mark your calendars for April 19, 2008. MCCA is bringing back the Members Spring Art Show. We need a coordinator for the show. If you would like to take that on, please give me a call or email me.

A reminder to all MCCA members. Membership dues are due in January at the full membership amount. Any questions please contact our membership chair, Janet Waters. You will be receiving a reminder in the mail soon.

Gallery under the Oaks was on a TV program called "Gallery" this month. The first airing was October 11 on WUFT (PBS) station. I couldn't have been prouder of MCCA than I was that night seeing our little gallery on TV. I want to thank Nancy Leitner for the great job she did. She was kept at the gallery for four hours of shooting for a nine- minute segment of TV air time. But I say it was well worth it for WUFT did a wonderful job of showing all the artwork in the gallery. WUFT will give us a copy of the show and I will put it on the MCCA web site. I will let you know when it is up. There is one more airing this month on Saturday, October 27, at 8:30 a.m. on Channel 5 (WUFT).

Lois Garcia, you are our hero. Lois was able to snag some displays for the gallery from a shop she works for in Crystal Spring. The shop there is going through remodeling and didn't need them any more so Lois brought them to us. Thank you, Lois, they will come in handy.

November 3-4: Micanopy Fall Harvest Festival, Downtown Micanopy. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

November 3: Down Home Days Arts and Crafts Festival, 23rd Annual, Trenton.

November 10-11: 26th Annual Downtown Festival and Art Show, Gainesville.

November 17: 2nd annual Cross Creek Festival, County Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 17-18: Deland Festival of the Arts, Historic downtown Deland.

December 1-2: 15th annual Craft Festival, O'Connell Center, University of Florida., Gainesville.

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JUNIOR Artist News

MCCA has been in contact with the Micanopy school about an after-school art class for the kids in the school. The school does not have a regular art class. The art teacher at MACS and a member of MCCA, Mrs. Palm, has volunteered to teach art after school at the Middle school on Mondays. The program needs MCCA help. They need art supplies. Anything and everything is welcome, new or used. They need paper, brushes, paint, art magazines, etc. If you would like to donate any items, please call Karrie at (352) 213-6453 or via email.

A message from our Junior Board for all budding junior artists:

“Are you a young artist who enjoys making art? We are looking for junior artists who would like to display their art in our gallery. This could be a profitable hobby. If interested, please call Sabelle at Jr@MicanopyArts.org or call Gallery under the Oaks and leave a message (352) 466-9229.”

FEATURED Artist for the Month of Nov. at the Gallery Under the Oaks

The Artist of the month at the gallery is 14-year-old Greta Pallack who will be honored at a reception on Sunday, November 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Greta, a Gainesville High School freshman, says she has loved art since she was in kindergarten. She says her mom, a nurse, has been particularly supportive. Greta's work at the gallery includes flower fairies, earrings and beaded book marks. She is now working on a mosaic piece which she hopes to display in November. Greta is now studying ceramics at GHS and says she plans to continue taking art classes all through high school.

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boundlessgallery.com: Place online to sell artwork.
artistsregistry.com: Resource for all artists.
yourartlinks.com: Artist resources.
deviantart.com: Community online gallery.
abstractexposutre.com: Online juried exhibitions for abstract art.
EmergingArtists.com: new artist website.
www.artshow.com: art for sale, contests and competitions, tips, etc.
Valerie D'Ortona: www.isabelsworld.com.
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MEMBERS

on the move

ROZ MILLER, watercolorist and acrylic non-objective painter, had a booth in the recent 23rd annual Arts Festival at Thornbrook. At the October meeting of the Gainesville Fine Arts Association, Roz placed second for her acrylic non-objective painting in the group's monthly mini show.

VALERIE M. D'ORTONA, creator of Isabel's World, will have work at Satchel's Pizza on 800 NE 23rd Ave in Gainesville November 6 through December 1. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., but closed Sundays and Mondays. She also participated in the Art Festival at Thornbrook and the ButterflyFest in Gainesville.

CHRISTY NICHOLAS, aka Green Dragon, will be at the Mount Dora Craft Festival October 27-28, at the Micanopy Fall Festival November 3 and 4, the Deland Fall Craft Festival November 17-18, and O'Connell Center Holiday Craft Festival December 1-2.

Also seen at the Art Festival at Thornbrook were Dominick Martino, Christy Nicholas, Ernst Kallenbach and Scot Dunlap. It was a wet, hot, challenging weekend for all the artists.

Call to artists

Florida State Fair Art Showcase entry forms are now online for the 2008 Florida State Fair in Tampa February 7-18, 2008. See <http://floridastatefair.com/content/view/19/47>.

Orlando Downtown Art and Living Expo is February 23 and 24, 2008. Application deadline is January 12, 2008. Contact Jim Barton (407) 210-3970 or Expo@DowntownOrlandoProperties.com.

Top of the Lake Art Fest, Flagler Park, Okeechobee, Feb 23 and 24. Deadline December 15. Contact Karen at (863) 357-6246 or email Bridgette-mainstreet@earthlink.net.

Go to: <http://www.artshow.com/juriedshows/> for a ton of call for artists or online judging and shows.

Past photos and videos of Meet the Artist are online at MicanopyArts.org. Click on Gallery Under the Oaks.

FALL FESTIVAL SPACE FOR MCCA ARTISTS

Gallery Under the Oaks will have a tent next to the gallery this year during the festival on November 3 and 4. This will be set up as a MCCA booth. We can offer display panels and tables. If you would like to place artwork in the tent, we ask that you donate at least two hours to sit in the tent. This is a chance to bring any big items to the gallery that you haven't been able to show before. Karrie must know if you are going to place items in the tent no later than November 1 and your items must be at the gallery no later than November 2. They will be stored in the back of the gallery. Tent artists will pay a 25 percent commission on sales. On November 2, Karrie will be at the gallery from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. She will set up the tent each day and break it down at the end of the day. Tent sitters are needed. Call Karrie to sign up. This is a great opportunity for MCCA artists to show work and Gallery artists to bring extra work. There is no booth charge – just the commission for Gallery under the Oaks.

MORE GALLERY NEWS + IMPORTANT MEETING

An important meeting has been scheduled for March 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. We urge all gallery artist come to this meeting. There will be food and drinks catered by our MCCA secretary and personal chef Jennifer Bento. At this meeting we will have our annual board election and open forum to discuss policy and contract changes for the gallery. If you have artwork in the gallery, we ask you to attend and have your voice heard on the issues. So please, mark your calendars now. This is a meeting you must attend if you would like to see changes in the gallery.

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Frankie Martin, Board Member-at-large

Ernst Kallenbach, Board Member-at-large

E-Newsletter available

The gallery has an E-Newsletter that goes out once a month. If you would like to sign up for the E-Newsletter, please contact Karrie with your e-mail address or sign up for the newsletter on MicanopyArts.org and click on Gallery Under the Oaks. We don't want to overload your email inbox, but to inform you of new artists and monthly featured artists in the gallery.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH in DECEMBER at the Gallery Under the Oaks

If you've been in the gallery, you can't help but notice the display of cows and cats

and colorful creatures shown under the banner of Isabel's World created by Valerie M. D'Ortona, artist of the month at Gallery Under the Oaks in December. Her reception is Sunday, December 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. It's hard not to encounter Isabel's World somewhere as Valerie shows her work at many festivals in the area and is represented by numerous arts organizations in Florida and even south Georgia.

Her work consists of original animal paintings and abstract art done in acrylics and water media. Isabel is a cow, the muse-mother of all Valerie's paintings. Isabel's best friend is Lisabel but Isabel's world consists of cats, clowns, fish, frogs and ducks who spend their days frolicking through lush fields, dressing up in Sunday "go-to-meeting" hats and the latest fashions, falling in love, and doing just about anything humans do.

Isabel's creator is Valerie M. D'Ortona, a retired college English professor. She holds a PhD from the University of Florida. In 2003 she signed up for watercolor and acrylic classes at Sante Fe Community College's continuing ed program. She was drawn to bright colors and soon, to hear her tell it, cows started coming out of the paint tubes. Isabel was born.

Valerie belongs to: Art League of North Florida; Gainesville Fine Arts Association; Live Oak Artists Guild; Micanopy Council for the Arts; Marion Cultural Alliance; Palatka Art League; Southern Artists League in Valdosta, Ga.