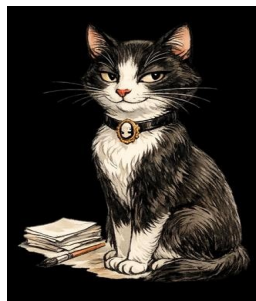




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NEWSLETTER

Nuala's Nuances



The Importance of Showing Up

Dear Members and Friends,

I have come to believe that one of the finest things we can do for MGAA, for one another, and even for ourselves is simply to show up.

It may mean coming to a meeting, entering an exhibition, taking a class, volunteering at an event, welcoming somebody new, or offering a kind word to an artist who is quietly wondering whether anybody likes what they brought in.

Sometimes showing up means moving chairs, carrying tables, bringing an appetizer/wine, cleaning up after your class, or trying to solve a problem that somehow waited until ten minutes before the doors opened to announce itself.

An art association cannot live on good intentions alone, though Lord knows we usually have plenty of those. It takes people who are willing to walk through the door, bring in their artwork, attend a program, lend a hand, and take an interest in what everybody else is doing.

Showing up does not mean we always feel cheerful, confident, energetic, or ready to visit with everybody in the gallery. Some days we may be tired. Some days we may be worried. Some days we may pull into the parking lot and sit there for a minute, wondering whether we ought to turn around and go back home.

But when we come on inside, our presence still matters.

There may be a new member standing off to the side, hoping somebody will speak to them. A visitor may need a warm welcome. Another artist may need a little encouragement. A volunteer may be doing the work of three people and would be mighty glad to see a familiar face coming through the door.

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You never know what your presence may mean to somebody else.

That is one of the beautiful things about community. We may think we are only stopping by for a few minutes, but we bring our attention, our kindness, our humor, our experience, and our willingness to help. A room feels different when people come into it ready to care.

Showing up is a form of generosity.

It says, "Your work was worth coming to see."

It says, "I noticed the effort you made."

It says, "This place matters to me, and so do the people in it."

We do not have to make grand gestures. Most organizations are not held together by grand gestures anyway. They are held together by people who keep coming back. People who bring the cookies, straighten the frames, greet the guests, ask how somebody is doing, and stay long enough to help clean up afterward.

That may not sound heroic, but it is how things endure.

Our association belongs to all of us, and its character is shaped by the way we take part in and support it. Every exhibition, class, reception, meeting, and event becomes something more because people choose to be there.

So, as we move forward together, I hope we will remember that involvement does not have to be perfect, impressive, or grand.

Come when you can. Help where you are able. Encourage somebody. Share your work. Speak to the person standing alone. Stay a few minutes longer. And if you happen to bring a pound cake, you will be loved!

Yours in the arts,

Nuala

May Exhibit

The Space Between Walls

Welcome
New Members

David Aragon
Bill Snow
Shakelia Gray
Thomas Colbert
Ethan Lott
Josie "JJ" Jedte

Calendar
of Events*
August Exhibit
Annual Photography

No Theme
Aug 21 - Sept 12
Deadline to enter
Tuesday, Aug 18
5:00pm

September Exhibit
Painters Only

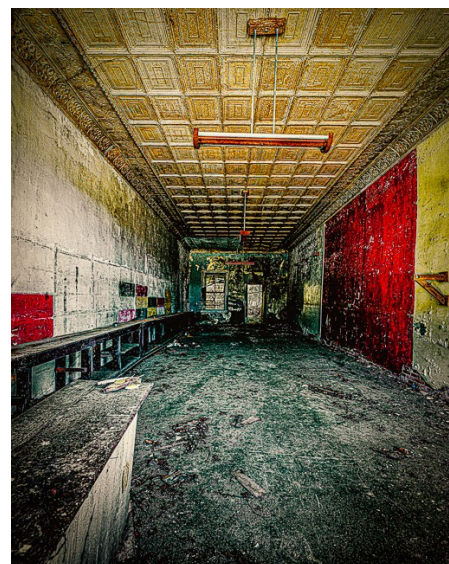
No Theme
Sept 18 - Oct 10
Deadline to enter
Tuesday, Sept 15
5:00pm

October Exhibit
Fur, Fins, & Feathers

Oct 16 - Nov 14
Deadline to enter
Tuesday, Oct 13
5:00pm



1st Place, 2D
Portugal Street I
Scott Serafy



1st Place, Photography
Danville Store
Skip Fields



2nd Place, 2D
In the Chicken House
Peggy Maine



2nd Place, Photography
Sweet Dreams
Evelyn Shimek

Middle Georgia Art Association

John Myers, President
Evelyn Shimek, Treasurer
Lee Masters, Secretary

Members at Large
T.F. Skip Fields, Theresa Trail,
Gallery Manager: Theresa Trail

The Space Between Walls continued



3rd Place, 2D
La Cava
Terri Bennett



Honorable Mention, 2D
At Home
Martha Clayton Lee



3rd Place, Photography
Watson Mill Bridge
Steve Arnold



Honorable Mention, Photography
The Royal Yacht Britannia
David Veal

June Exhibit, Flower Power



1st Place, 2D
Poppy Dreams
Terri Bennett



1st Place, Photography
Form is Infinite
Jaey Fawkes



2nd Place, 2D
Irises
Warren Griffin



2nd Place, Photography
Astrantia
Evelyn Shimek

Our gallery hours are Tues. thru Friday, 12-5,
and Saturday 12-3. Masks are optional at this time.



Flower Power, Cont'd



3rd Place
Morning Storm
Lee Masters



3rd Place, Photography
General Lee Lily
Skip Fields



Honorable Mention, 2D
Mother's Day
Shakelia Gray



Honorable Mention, Photography
Coreopsis and Bee
Theresa Trail

July Exhibit, Throwing Shade



1st Place, 2D

After Dinner/After Image Captions

Martha Clayton Lee



1st Place, Photography

Tidal Wind

Jaey Fawkes



2nd Place, 2D

Barn Shadows

Martha H. Tisdale



2nd Place, Photography

Candlelight

Evelyn Shimek

Throwing Shade, continued



3rd Place, 2D
Summer Shadows
Phyllis Thiessen



3rd Place, Photography
Solace
David Veal



Honorable Mention, 2D
Old Lima Street
Scott Serafy



Honorable Mention, Photography
Confederate Cemetery
T.F. Fields

Some Photos from recent Paint & Sip Classes

