

GREAT LAKES NEWSLETTER

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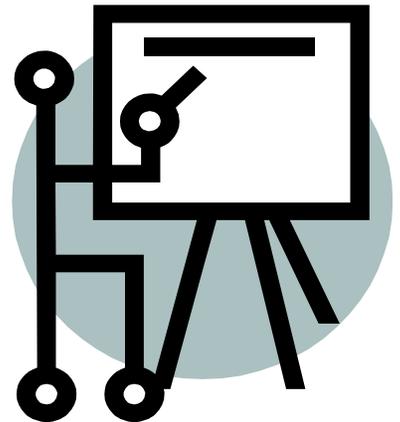
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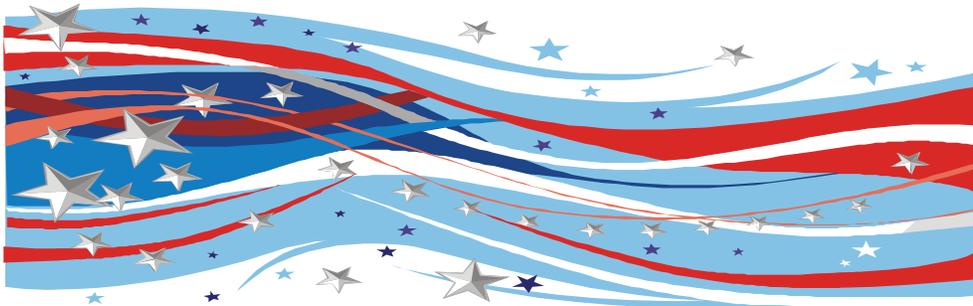
It's July already! Someone said the other day that we are half way to Christmas (Didn't need to hear that). Times are very difficult presently for so many people. I have been watching more and more of the shops where I have been teaching close one after another.

The Michael's store here is no longer offering classes. My senior centers are people who are on fixed incomes and rising prices in gas, food and taxes are keeping them from taking classes. We are being forced to make some major decisions to keep promoting

our art and sharing our talents with others. If you have creative suggestions to share with our fellow TEAM members on successful ways to keep our businesses growing please email me and we will promote your ideas in next newsletter.



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SPRING MEETING 2008

Sorry more of you couldn't join us. What a great time getting together with old friends from Great Lakes Region. Of course it is always enjoyable painting with Mark Polomchak. A very special thank you is extended to Judy Leeson for hosting our regional

meeting. The facility at Newcomerstown is exceptional. You wouldn't expect to find such a spacious facility in a small town. Our visit to the Winery was "spirited". Barbara Hill did an excellent job of coordinating our banquet at the Winery. The food was

quite delicious. Barb even arranged for us to use a private area for meeting. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

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MINUTES FROM SPRING MEETING

Spring Great Lakes Regional Meeting. May 16 8:16pm. Thank you to Debbie Nees for taking minutes in the absence of our Secretary, Carol Hoffman.

President Mandy Steele following the wine tasting and dinner, called the 2008 Spring Great Lakes Regional meeting to order. A quorum was present that included 10 members. The previous minutes, which had been distributed via mail, were accepted as posted by a motion from Debbie Nees and second by Sulayne Brooks. Motioned carried.

The treasurer's report from Sulayne Brook indicated financial activity since last meeting.

There are currently 39 members in the region, 7 of which are new. Additionally, there are 7 honorary members from TEAM nationally. One member has paid dues for 2009.

As voted upon previously, 15 members took advantage of the GL Region's decision to pay for one day of painting with Mark Polomchak (at this meeting and at Kitty Gorrell's Studio) leaving a positive balance in the treasury. Balance available upon

request to Treasurer and/or President. Doreen Tedrick motioned to accept this report and Debbie Nees seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

a report was given on Wayne Glenn's progress. Doreen Tedrick states his spirits are good while he continues his classes, tolerates his current treatment and looks forward to stem cell treatment in the near future.

Floyd Hook attended several classes this week with Mark Polomchak and all at the meeting are pleased with his recovery.

New Business: There is need to elect Secretary at the fall 2008 meeting to be held at Homecoming Hues. Carol Hoffman will be one nominee placed on the ballot at the fall 2008 meeting at HCH. The nominations were opened and Debbie Nees was nominated by Sulayne Brooks and seconded by Aileen Grattan. Other nominations will be accepted via the upcoming newsletter and election will take place at the fall meeting at North Bend State Park in September.

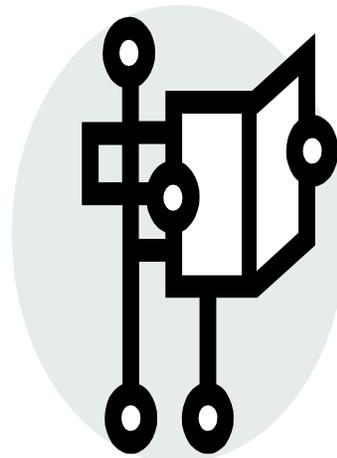
A form was passed among members for the website which has been in existence since 2002 and is available for paid members of the regions. Smokey Beare and Harold Champagne are the web administrators for folks to update. The website address is

www.artteachers.org.

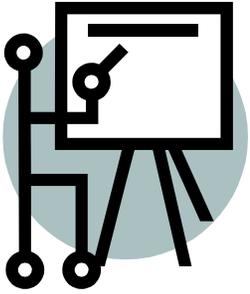
Kitty Gorrell announced that her "**new book**" has been published and is available. All congratulated on a great job well done

TEAM news. 2009 conference is slate to "piggy-back" a Las Vegas event and upcoming news will be available on the TEAM www.artteachers.org web page

Mandy Steele and members present thanked Barb Hill for coordinating such a lovely banquet. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Kay Nees, Acting Secretary



News Letter from all the Regions are now posted on the website. Click the "Newspaper" on each regional site for their Hot off the Press



Sharing benefits us all. What do you have to share?

TEACHERS SHARING WITH TEACHERS

Speaking of sharing, I received a nice letter from Tony and Tina Carchia in Inverness, Florida. He is sharing information about frames that will save you money and let you increase your profit

margin. The supplier of American Made Frames sell at wholesale pricing and ship directly from the manufacturer.

There is a \$50.00 minimum order. Be sure to mention “Tony Carchia

from Florida told me about you”. There number is 877-488-8465. Their website is www.WholesaleFrames4U.com.

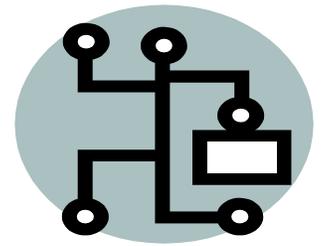
Thank you Tony for the information.

HOMECOMING HUES

I can't wait. This is probably one of the most memorable events that I attend each year. I have attended every HCH since its inception. It has been a privilege to watch it grow in popularity. Each year we are treated to wonderful teachers, lots of fun and fellowship. It is fun

reuniting with many old friends that we only get to see there each year. This year will even be more of a special treat in that we will have the choice of four exceptional teachers. Mark Polomchak, Dorothy Dent, Carol Hoffman and Kitty Gorrell. When I last spoke to Kitty, the lodge was full

and there are only a few classes available. I think most people signed up last year before we even left, I know I did. Mark has agreed to offer an additional watercolor class on Sunday since his classes filled up so fast and he has quite a wait list.



QUICK

You can contact
Kitty at
kittygorrellstudio@msn.com.



Mark Polomchak



Dorothy Dent



Carol Hoffman



Kitty Gorrell

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ARTISTS UNITED-GAP

Mary Stephenson sent me a nice email concerning the 2009 Great Artist Paint In held in April each year. Check out their website www.AUartists.org.

You can see the information concerning costs and pictures from the 2008 GAP. Several local folks who attended had a wonderful time. Who could not have fun when you are right on

the beach in beautiful weather, great teachers, and wonderful friends get together to share our love of painting. Check it out – it’s worth a visit.



UPCOMING CLASSES

Georgia Dangel has quite a few of interesting classes coming up.

The first weekend in October you will have a watercolor class with Mark Polomchak.

Dorothy Dent will be teaching Thurs, Fri and Sat. April 16-17-18, 2009.

Mary Kingsland Gibilisco will be teaching Genesis Thursday, Friday and Saturday August 6-7-8, 2009.

Sounds like a great line up of talent.

You might want to mark your calendars early.

You can call Georgia at (740) 483-1811. She doesn’t have email.

BRENDA HARRIS SEMINAR

Judy Leeson is hosting a seminar with Brenda Harris. Brenda has long been affiliated with TEAM. She has had her own show on TV

YVONNE REUSSER CLASSES

New member Yvonne Reusser is the owner of Yvonne’s Art and Framing in Woodsfield, OH.

You can contact Yvonne at yvonne-sart@gmn4u.com

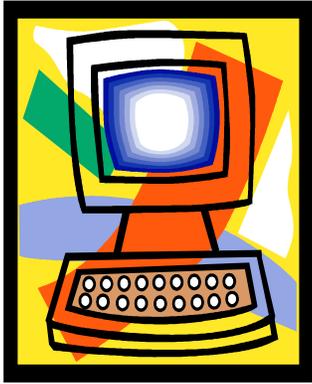
for many years, published many books and traveled throughout the world teaching in acrylics. The class will be offered August 28, 29 and 30.

You can email Judy at redlee@bright.net. She

can email you the picture of the paintings. They are all really pretty. The classes will again be held at the River of Life Building in Newcomerstown, OH. Cost is \$60.00 per day or \$55.00 if attending all three days.



TEAM WEBSITE



You really have to see the new website for TEAM. It is unbelievable what Smokey Beare and Harold Champagne have done to offer TEAM members such an outstanding site to showcase the regions and the many talented artists throughout the country.

The Color Harmony link is an excellent lesson. If you haven't visited the site lately, please explore – www.artteachers.org. You can find membership lists for all the regions and the current newsletters for each. You can also have your own web page. For

teachers this is an excellent vehicle for promoting yourself. Smokey and Harold are wonderful to work with in developing this site. Go to the website and you can find the information that Smokey and Harold need to help develop your site.

DO YOU TEACH

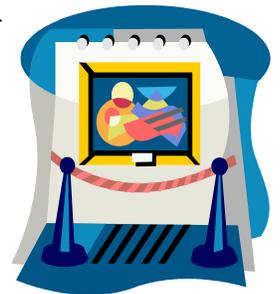
I will be sending Smokey a new membership list August 1. She has requested that I list all those who teach so we can put it on the web site. Please let me know if there is any change in your address information and if you teach. A copy of the membership list as we have it is attached. Please email, phone or mail any corrections you have to the newsletter. My email address is: mandysartworks@earthlink.net.

SHARING AN EXPERIENCE

I know we are all sensitive to our artwork and entering an exhibit or juried show leaves one very vulnerable. I particularly haven't entered many shows for that very reason. I paint what I like and generally like what I paint. For those who remember that painting I entered at HCH last year of the dark trees set against the bright vivid sunset. I am very proud of that painting but it has had a rough road to travel this year. What I want to share is don't take some of the judges too seriously as I have done in the past. First let me say that I have entered this picture

in 7 shows since HCH mostly at the urging of my mother (she is prejudice). The history of this painting is now one first place, two second place, one not juried in because the judge felt it was not executed well, 1 third place plus people's choice at the same show, another people's choice award and one judge was so critical that I wanted to take the painting home and burn it. I am glad that I didn't because I just sold this wonderful or awful painting for \$500.00. The moral of this story is beauty is in the

eye of the beholder, some judges are as fair as possible, some judges are just too full of themselves, some judges are very partial to their own medium and style (oil, acrylic, vs abstract or realism) and people who appreciate art and want to purchase it know best. So sing your own praises, listen to those who love you, keep on painting as you grow and share in your knowledge of this truly wonderful gift.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will go out after the Fall Meeting at Homecoming Hues.

PLEASE send me any information you have concerning classes, art shows, members health, etc.

“Inquiring Minds Want To Know”!

CONGRATULATIONS KITTY

Kitty Gorrell, past president of Great Lakes Region, has published a Landscape Book through North Light Book Club. It's a really nice book and Kitty discusses so much information. It is pretty special to be asked to create a book exclusively for NLBC.

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BALLOT FOR SECRETARY

Please mail your ballot to 1st Vice President, Georgia Dangel, 49675 Dangel Lane, Sardis, OH 43946. We must have your ballot before August 25, 2008. Nominations will be also be accepted from the floor at the Fall meeting. The elected officer will be announced at the fall meeting to be held at Homecoming Hues in September.

Nominees for Secretary are: (Vote for one)

Carol Hoffman _____

Debbie Nees _____

I wish to nominate _____ . I have obtained permission from this person prior to submitting his/her name. _____