

Vestavia Hills Art Association

Newsletter



Enhancing the Artist and Developing Appreciation for Art in the Community

March 2009

From the President

If you missed the March meeting of VHAA, you missed a really informative presentation by Sharon Gates. She discussed color, which is something I take for granted. You know, I open the tube and just paint. But there are really color wheels and families of colors that, when used together, create a harmonious painting in the end. I used some of Sharon's theory when I was working on a painting of fruit just the other day. And the good news is, it worked! The painting was one that I was planning to give away to a charity. Now, I like it so much, I may just keep it for a real show! Sharon's presentation was great. I secretly judge how good a presentation is by noticing how many members get up and depart, and not one soul left during her presentation.

Philip Forstall is the man responsible for getting Sharon Gates and for all our programs at VHAA. He's our 1st Vice President. When you go to Forstall Art Supply, be sure and tell him that he is appreciated.

Be sure to join us for our next meeting on April 6 at 6:30 pm. We'll have another great program, and you need to come and enjoy it!

Marie Taylor

Officer Addition To the Vestavia Hills Art Association Line-up

We are very pleased to announce our Show Chairmen for the VHAA October Show. Charles Lively and Marie Taylor will be Co-chairmen. So now you can fill in that blank spot in your new yearbook! Hooray! The VHAA Show will be October 10-11 at Vestavia Hills Civic Center. If you have any suggestions about our upcoming show, please talk with Charles or Marie or one of the officers of VHAA. We will welcome your suggestions and input.

Check out our new website for upcoming workshops and classes.

*You want to know the date and time for our next meeting?
Check out our website*

www.vestaviahillsart.com

Shirley Pody

Featured Artist

Shirley Pody Paints the Work Of Her Heart

Shirley is a relatively new member of our group, and we are please to highlight her this month.

Shirley Pody is a native of Sylacauga, Alabama. She graduated from Jacksonville University with a master's degree in education. After retiring from teaching and rearing two daughters, she now resides in Sylacauga, where she paints full time.

Glenn Looney was her instructor for four years when her chiaroscuro style of painting was encouraged and refined. Pody's work has been displayed in numerous art shows, private and public collections, and at the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum and Arts Center in Sylacauga. She is actively involved in Art in Public Places, a program in which businesses, hospitals, and museums display the work of local artists. Membership in the Vestavia Hills Art Association helps keep her in touch with the art world and other artists.

Her participation in VSA Art Partners is the work of her heart. She paints with the special needs group at the local ARC, where an artist and a client work together to produce a painting. Each year an auction of these paintings is held to cover expenses and perpetuate the program.

If you are a new member to Vestavia Hills Art Association, tell us about yourself—and we'll publish it! Send to Marie Taylor at johnftaylor@charter.net.

Our web site is up and running. I am still working on the site and I need your help. Let me know of workshops and art shows. I want to put all of our members on the site, I need information from you. What is your website, bio on you, and any other information you want on the site. I want this to be a site to promote us all. www.vestaviahillsart.com

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Yearbooks Are Ready

Yearbooks for 2009 were handed out at the March meeting. If you missed that meeting, be sure to get yours at one of our next meetings. If you would like a yearbook to be mailed to you, please send a self-addressed stamped (42 cents) envelope to Julia Pope, 2720 Carriage Place, Birmingham 35223. Julia will have an addendum of members who paid after the yearbook deadline to add to your yearbook at the April meeting.

Art Stuff For Sale

Heatel Broom was a long time VHAA member, and she is downsizing and has things to sell, such as frames and many other things. She will not be ready to sell until after March 15, so please wait until then to call her. Her number is 991-3210.

Janet Tillery is selling a lot of things also, such as frames and wet paint carriers. She may be called now--853-3452.

Nell Howell