

September 2017 Meeting
Review of Artists' League Accomplishments
From the Last Year

(√ indicates this project/priority was accomplished during the 16-17 season; project was either established for the 16-17 season or carried over from previous years)

1. Continued multiple exhibitions:

- *Art & Antiques Fair* (Mary Liz Moody acted as co-liaison to A&A with Viki Thompson Wylder)
- *31 st Summer Annual*: juried by Dr. Nasheed Madyun, Director of the Black Archives at FAMU, former Director of the Hampton University Museum in Virginia. Exhibition card and poster design by Bill Humphries. First, Second, Honorable Mention, Emerging Artist, as well as Jurors Commendations in all media categories. Extra award given - Emerging Artist Purchase Award. Also dollar amount of awards increased: 1st - \$600; 2nd - \$400, Hon Mention - \$50 and Emerging Artist - \$300; Emerging Artist Purchase Award - \$200. Highest participation ever - 80 artists (as opposed to the highest participation last year at 67 artists).
- Increased monetary awards for Summer Annual: League Member, David Knopf, became the patron for the awards (thank you David!).

2. Upcoming Summer Annual for 2018: the 32nd Summer Annual!; theme.

√3. New exhibition in the planning stages: Top of the Capitol Exhibition, Sept - Nov 2018 (Chair: Terrie Corbett); in lieu of traveling the *Summer Annual* to another venue which was discussed last September.

4. Continuation of a viable Artists' League Account - used for special events, supplies when needed, to send cards to members when appropriate (original artist cards for needed occasions/reasons), to offer awards at the Summer Annual, etc. (Co-Chairs: Jaye Houle and Mary Liz Moody).

5. Continuation of a number of mini-organizations or mini-guilds within the membership, based on shared interest among the members of mini-guilds. Three guilds continue: Neo-Abstract Expressionists Guild,

Paper Guild, Sketch Crawlers Guild. New guild developed: Blacklight Guild, held guild exhibition during *Summer Annual* – titled *The Real Thing* – organized by Perdita Ross. The League maintains special connections with the Southern Art Glass Alliance.

6. Full year of monthly programs given on the following (Co-Chairs Mark Fletcher and Mariann Kearsley):

- The sixteenth in the series on the artist's life (*Can You See It?* Discussion about the content and message of artworks.)
- Film: *Alice Neel*
- Programs on Judy Chicago's *Birth Project*, Art Nouveau, the Tallahassee International, and two Ted Talks
- Presentation by/about work of two Professional Development Award winners, Maria Balingit and Mary Liz Moody.
- The 12th in the BYOA series - a gallery "Walk and Talk" during the *Summer Annual* exhibition.
- Grand Finale Potluck at the home of Susan Campbell.

7. "Member's Spotlight" continued. Invitation was given by the Speaker's Committee to member, Sara Caruso, to give a 10 minute talk on aspects of her work at the beginning of a selected monthly program. A 5 minute question and answer segment followed (Chair: Kent Griffin)

8. The number of members is now between 195 to 200 (only 90 members in 2002) and maintaining number of active members; averaging between 15 and 30+ members per meeting.

9. Visibility through publicity continued (Chair: Sara Chang)

- Publicity sent to local media for all League events including meetings
- Photographing of events for newsletter, website, etc.
- COCA advertised *Summer Annual*

10. New Members Packets dispersed (Chair: Mariann Kearsley)

11. League website maintained on the FSU MoFA website.

12. Directory maintained on the website.

13. E-mail notification system maintained by Mary Liz Moody

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14. League renewed membership with the Council on Culture and Arts as an institutional member
15. 2017 Professional Development Award given: Michael Jernigan (Chair: Leslie Puckett)
16. Digital slide registry continued and is streaming to website (Chair: Linda Horton Dodson)
17. Solicitation of ideas for programs and projects continue to be formalized and integrated into the agenda of monthly meetings
- √18. "Cell Phone Photography as Art Workshop" offered by photographer, Todd Bertolaet, and his daughter, Nora Bertolaet. Eleven members participated.
19. Recently developed League Award given: Laurie Jones Award of Excellence given to Mariann Kearsley during the Summer Annual. Award will be given occasionally during the Summer Annual Reception.
20. Membership Committee continues its work. League increased membership to its highest level during the last year - 225 members. Want to try to reach at least 200 members or more each year after summer purge of non-renewals. The League now has a member from California - the "farthest away" member in League history. (Committee Chair rotates: Linda Horton Dodson, Mariann Kearsley, Perdita Ross, and Viki Thompson Wylder).
- √21. Donated \$50 to a public school teacher in need of funds for art supplies. Donation given to art teacher at Ruediger Elementary.