

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Looking at Conceptual Art: What Makes it Art?

It is often said that the meaning of art is unchanging and timeless, but is that so? Patricia Briggs will review the changing definition of art focusing on the contemporary moment, a time when conceptual artists seek to understand the forces that shape the world rather than presenting beautiful forms or personal expressions of feeling.

Patricia Briggs is director and curator of the art galleries at University of Wisconsin-Parkside. She has been a contributor to Artforum since 1996. Her writing appears in *History of Photography*, *Women's Art Journal*, *Senses and Society*, *Art on Paper*, and other print and online journals. She has curated exhibitions for the Weisman Art Museum, Phipps Center for the Arts, Plains Art Museum, and the Tweed Museum of Art. She writes the blog *Scene Unseen: Viewing Notes*, which covers art in Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee. She received her PhD in art history for the University of Minnesota.

The program will be Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm at Racine Art Museum. Seating is limited to forty-five. Call 262-818-8228 for reservations.

Art² Winners



The 2011 Art Squared event was wrapped up on First Friday in September at Avenue Gallery, where winners of the Peoples' Choice Awards were announced. First prize went to DeeDee Dumont for "The Pokey Little Puppy;" second to Bonita Carbojal for her painting of the Main Street Bridge,

DeeDee Dumont's acrylic "The Pokey Little Puppy" was the winner of the Art Squared People's Choice Award.

and third to Tanja Martinez for her mixed media mosaic, "Where the Water Meets Your Toes." A representative of HALO will be invited to our December 8 meeting to accept the money that this year's project raised. Thanks to all who participated. If you're interested in being on the 2012 Art Squared committee, contact Pam Kazarian, waltzing_matilda43@yahoo.com, or Nancy Neider at nneider@meetings-incentives.com. If you're interested in buying the \$20.00 poster of the entire mosaic, contact Pam or Nancy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance	\$14,950.73
plus Deposits Made	\$4,420.00
CD Interest	\$0
less Checks Written	\$1,754.91
Ending Balance	\$17,615.82
plus CDs	\$15,000.00
Total Funds	\$32,615.82

JUNE CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance	\$17,615.82
plus Deposits Made	\$238.00
CD Interest	\$0
less Checks Written	\$3,580.45
Ending Balance	\$14,273.37
plus CDs	\$15,000.00
Total Funds	\$29,273.37

JULY CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance	\$14,273.37
plus Deposits Made	\$0
CD Interest	\$0
less Checks Written	\$46.83
Ending Balance	\$14,226.54
plus CDs	\$15,000.00
Total Funds	\$29,226.54

AUGUST CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance	\$14,226.54
plus Deposits Made	\$3,281.00
CD Interest	\$0
less Checks Written	\$1,564.10
Ending Balance	\$15,943.44
plus CDs	\$15,075.00
Total Funds	\$31,018.44

Board Positions

Several board positions are opening up for 2012, including Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs Chairperson. Please consider volunteering. Board meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Members' Exhibitions

Lemon Street Gallery

Mary Mollerskov is one of three featured artists at the Lemon Street Gallery in Kenosha from September 28 to October 30. The opening reception will take place on October 8 from 6 to 9pm during Second Saturdays.

Anderson Art Center: "Homage to Ordinary People"

Russell Bohn's papier maché and paint sculptures can be viewed in the 3-D Gallery through October 23.

Hometown Heritage: RAM's Community Art Exhibition at Wustum Museum



The following members' work was accepted into the show:

Ellen R. Cardwell, Larry D. Cardwell, John Falk, David Gaura, Patricia Guttenburg, Janet Hoffman, Maggie Peg Lukow, Mary Spengler, Suzanne Schackleman, Jean Thielen and Rebecca Venn.

Jean Thielen's watercolor '*Dad and Me — Summer of 1938*'

MEMBERSHIP

Members are encouraged to pay their 2012 RAG dues before the end of the year. Any new members who join between now and the first of January will have their dues forwarded to 2012. Dues are \$25 for a single and \$35 for two members at the same address. Or if you'd rather, you can pay for a two-year membership at a slightly reduced rate--\$45 for a single and \$65 for a double. A membership form follows:

RACINE ART GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone# _____

Medium/Media _____

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Board Position _____

Newsletter creation _____

Mailings _____

Telephone Tree _____

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

Anderson Arts Center is "Calling all Artists" to enter its annual Winter Juried Exhibition. Drop off dates are October 22 & 23 from 1-4 pm, and exhibit dates are November 13-January 8. You can call (262) 653-0481 for more information (they are closed Mondays) or click www.andersonartscenter for a prospectus.

RAM's Watercolor Wisconsin 2011 at Wustum will be on exhibit from December 11-April 12. Drop off dates are October 14 & 15 from 10 am-4 pm and October 16 from noon-4pm. You can pick up a prospectus at RAM or Wustum or click <http://www.ramart.org/exhibitions/252-watercolor>.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Barbara Brown Lee — "The Water Color Impressionists"

Call to Artists/Craftspersons

The Racine Arts Council is accepting entries for November/December Made By Hand MARKET for Holiday Gift Shopping. All 2-D and 3-D hand made items from bags to jewelry, to mugs and mittens, jam and soap, to wearable art and recycled/upcycled items are being sought.

Deadline for entries is October 15 if space is available. Opening reception is November 4th during First Friday. The market will run November 4-December 22, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, noon-6pm.



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General Membership Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2011

Carolyn Chaplin called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm at Wustum Museum.

The minutes were read and approved.

Hospitality: We will have refreshments out at 6 pm and start meeting at 6:30. We will have cakes in October at RAM and pies in November at Wustum. Volunteer sign up sheets were passed around.

SAF: We had a smaller amount of artists this year but a successful fair. A new chairman is needed for 2012.

ART2: was very successful also. All paintings were sold but it was harder to sell them this year. The amount of money raised for the HALO has not been determined yet but after all bills are in we will announce this. We are currently taking orders for posters or reprints of specific canvases that are \$30 each.

Invitational Show: Each member can bring 2 pieces of art, 2-D or 3-D, on September 27 or 28 from 10-5pm at Avenue gallery and Frame. The show will be up from October 1-7, with the reception at 5 pm on October 7 during first Friday. All artists in the show should bring an appetizer or dessert or beverage or donate \$5 to the food costs.

Anderson Winter Show drop off is October 22-23, 2 pieces, and cost of \$20. See their website for the full prospectus.

Guests were introduced.

Deb Madigan began the program that was hands-on still life drawings. Thank you to members who designed the variety of still life set-ups.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Mrazek
Secretary

Members' News

New member: Nick Ramsey
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Address correction for Mary Mollerskov:
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BE A REPORTER!

You too can contribute to your RAG newsletter. Please send any items or information by the fourth Thursday of the month to Jim Wright at jimphotoguy@sbcglobal.net, or via snail mail to Nancy Neider, 7532 Nicholson Rd, Caledonia, Wisconsin 53108.”

SOFA Exhibit at Navy Pier

RAG is offering a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday, November 5, for the 2011 SOFA (Sculpture Objects & Functional Art) exhibit at Navy Pier.

The place and time of pickup are still being worked on. As soon as these details are finished, you will be notified, but mark your calendars if you are interested.