



ART MATTERS

DECEMBER 2008

Art in a Challenged Economy?

In uncertain times we may feel that art must take a back seat to other needs, but MHA has much to offer the community at this time.

Our programs and exhibits offer a feast for eyes and the mind—they are educational, stimulating, social—and free. Our doors are always open to the public and art lovers of all ages are welcome. Getting together with friends to appreciate and support the arts? Priceless.

December at MHA

“Small Treasures,” the December Exhibit at Mint Hill Arts will feature small works, perfect for gift giving, by MHA members. Two-dimensional works will be no larger than 11x 14 and will include original oils, acrylics, watercolors and photography.



Three-dimensional offerings include pottery, wood, jewelry and fiber. The exhibit will run from Friday December 12 through Saturday, January 3.

On Saturday, December 13, join MHA from 10am-3pm for a **Holiday Open House**. Come enjoy a cup of hot cider, watch artist demos and preview upcoming classes, and browse the gallery offerings for holiday gift giving.

Artist demonstrations will take place throughout the day and MHA teachers will be on hand to discuss their upcoming classes.

Registration will be available for the Spring Class Schedule (classes begin in February).



MHA members Vicki Crossman and Pam Rooney



Mint Hill Arts

The Grace Building
7714 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd
Mint Hill, NC 28227
(704) 780-3487

www.minthillarts.org

Gallery Hours:

10am-3pm, Tues-Sat

December Calendar:

Portrait Drawing

Tue, 12/2, 7-9pm

(No Life Drawing in Dec)

December Intake

Thu 12/4, 4-7 pm

Fri 12/5, 10am-noon

Member Social

Tues 12/9 7-9 pm

Bring a snack or dessert and enjoy the company of our membership.

(No meeting on the 4th Tues.)

December Opening

Reception

Fri 12/12 7-9 pm

Holiday Open House

Sat 12/13 10am-3 pm

Gallery Sitter Training

Mon 12/15, 10am

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Thank You from MHA

- Danny Philips of Philips Electric for donating the labor to wire the lights and the kiln, and Bill Litaker for overseeing the job.
- Bill Edelen for creating a member roster, and Ann Litaker, Kate Kaplan and Kelly Justman for their help. Copies will be distributed in December.
- Romie Mizell for overseeing the exhibits at BB&T and Town Hall.
- Martha Faires and Julie Toffaletti for organizing the portrait and life-drawing sessions.
- Tammy Morris for taking on the oversight of the gift shop.
- Kate Kaplan for scheduling and overseeing gallery sitters, and all who have sat at the gallery.
- Kelly Justman for designing and maintaining the MHA website.
- Kimberly Stoll for providing her wonderful hand-made desserts at each reception.
- Lauren Belletete for making tablecloths for the gift shop, and for producing gallery tags each month.
- Jaye Niel for helping to organize our forms and gallery procedures.
- Lois Edwards for painting the gallery doors.
- FedEx Kinko's for donating the printing of our December postcards and Carlos Alvarez Cotera for finding printing sponsors.
- Jaye Niel and the Ledermanns for donating stereo components. (MHA is accepting classical and jazz cds suitable for gallery receptions.)
- Julie and Lou Toffaletti for donating a subscription of *American Style* to the gallery.
- Leila Campbell for donating plants to the gallery.

The board would like to extend a special thank you to the committee chairs for all their hard work this year.

Building Committee: Bill Litaker

Education Committee: Judy Mizell

Gallery Committee: Saga Van Atta

Fundraising Committee: Carlos Alvarez Cotera

Membership Committee: Ann Litaker

Programming Committee: Carole Sikula

Public Relations Committee: Sylvia Coppola

Reception Committee: Lisa O'Connell

Historian: Nena Hartz

Librarian: Terry Edwards

What's coming in 2009?

The gallery, programming, and education committees have been hard at work planning MHA programs for the coming year. Here are the highlights for the first half of 2009:

Gallery exhibits

Jan- *Quilt Evolution*

Feb-Photography Show

Mar-*Metamorphosis* (Member Show)

April-Judy Mizell

May-Student show

June-Juried Show for Members

Programming

Jan-Phil Garrett (Golden Artist Colors)

Feb-Speedball Paint Co.

Mar-Katie Blackwell oil demo

April-TBA

May-Chas Fagen

June-Virginia Dauth pastel

Classes

The Spring 2009 class schedule will be available at the Holiday Open House on 12/13.

Offerings this year include drawing, oil pastel, oil, acrylic, watercolor, jewelry, woodcut, clay and children's classes.

How You can help this month

The Reception Committee needs volunteers. Please contact Lisa O'Connell.

Romie Mizell needs volunteers to help with the BB&T and Town Hall Exhibits.

Sign up for gallery sitting.

There will be a training session 12/15 at 10am. Contact Kate Kaplan for details.

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Opportunities

December Exhibit at MHA

Call for small works. Aimed at gift-giving, we will feature *artwork not larger than 11x14 inches including the mat - but not the frame*. Intake will be the first week in December. Contact [Saga Van Atta](#) for details.

March member show

Call for work. The MHA March show will be titled *Metamorphosis*. Members are encouraged to submit their interpretation of this theme in works of any size and media. Intake for this show will be the first week in March.

2009 North Carolina Artists Exhibition Seeking Entries

Exhibit dates:

March 1 – May 3, 2009

Digital Entry Deadline: January 5, 2009

All North Carolina artists are eligible to apply. Seeking entries in the following categories: painting, sculpture, ceramics and three-dimensional work, photography, graphic arts and mixed media.

<http://www.raleighfinearts.org>

for details and prospectus

Grantseeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts

Location: Main Library - Auditorium

Date: 12/16/2008 at 2:30pm

Contact: Lydia Towery

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ltowery@plcmc.org to register.

What's Happening at the Mint

www.mintmuseum.org