



# ART MATTERS

OCTOBER 2008

## MHA in the Community

If our participation in community events this year is any indication, MHA is well on its way to becoming a fixture and respected presence in the community. Over the past year, MHA has been invited to contribute rotating exhibits at BB&T and Town Hall, and to participate in Town and club events such as Movies on the Lawn, the Chili cook-off, Art in the Park and Kiwanis club meetings. We have forged relationships with other cultural and non-profit organizations including the Historical Society and the Children's museum. Local teachers and the Library are beginning to approach us for programming ideas. Our ability to organize for Mint Hill Madness and pay related expenses (both with help from dedicated members) is an indication of the strength of this organization. The level of professionalism and commitment that has been displayed by our members is the reason for all of these events as well as for the support we have received from local merchants and residents. Thanks to all of our dedicated members for making it happen.



### Mint Hill Arts

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

[www.minthillarts.org](http://www.minthillarts.org)

Gallery Hours:

10am-3pm, Tues-Sat

### October meeting Phyllis Eaton Steimel



Would you like to know more about color theory? Join us Tuesday, October 28 as plein air painter **Phyllis Eaton Steimel** graciously presents a mini-version of her upcoming week-long workshop. Phyllis is currently a painting instructor at Salisbury's [Waterworks Visual Arts Center](#), where she also served on the board for 12 years

### October Exhibit Friday, Oct 10

In **Bruce Chandler: A visual, musical journey**, watercolor and acrylic paintings explore the imagery of musicians, which has been a favorite subject of Bruce's through the years. Bruce Chandler is a MHA member and a respected and award-winning artist and teacher who has exhibited regionally, nationally and internationally. The show will also feature selected works by Bruce's students.



### October Calendar:

#### Gallery Sitter Training

Mon, 10/6, 7pm

#### Portrait Drawing

Tue, 10/7, 7-9pm

Note: this may be one of the last portrait sessions due to low attendance. If you are interested in helping to keep the sessions in place, please email [Martha Faires](#).

#### October Opening

##### Reception

Fri, 10/10, 7-9pm

#### Thank you Luncheon

Fri 10/17, 12:30 pm

#### Life Drawing

Tue, 10/21, 7-9pm

#### October meeting

Tue 10/28, 7-9pm

**Reminder: Membership Renewals are due! Renewal forms are available at [www.minthillarts.org](http://www.minthillarts.org)**

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## Thank You Luncheon for Grace

On Fri, 10/17, 12:30 pm MHA will host a luncheon for Grace Innovations as a thank you for all of their help and support. This is a chance for all of our members to meet the members of the Grace team and express our appreciation. We encourage all MHA members to attend, and ask that you bring a covered dish or contribute \$5 to the effort. Please email [Lisa O'Connell](mailto:Lisa.O'Connell) both with your RSVP and the type of dish you can bring.

## Thank You from MHA

- Carole Sikula for donating a refurbished computer to MHA. We are also in need of a monitor .
- Bruce Chandler for a donation of art books to the library. Anyone who has books or videos to donate, please contact [Terry Edwards](mailto:Terry.Edwards).
- Martha Faires for loaning her tent for Mint Hill Madness.

## Call for Teachers

Are you interested in teaching a class for MHA? The Spring schedule (late Feb-May) is being assembled now. If you are interested, please email [Judy Mizell](mailto:Judy.Mizell) with the following info:

- Brief description and title of class
- Length of the class (number of sessions as well as hours per session)
- Dates and times you are available-please remember that Saturdays are the most popular teaching time.
- Supply fee or supply list.
- Minimum/maximum class size

Note: Replies that do not address each of the above points will not be added to the schedule.

## Mint Hill Madness

Thank you to all the members who braved rain, mud, and melting crayons to make MHA's participation in Mint Hill Madness a success. Our presence at this annual community event is a signal to the community of the strength and commitment of our organization and an important step towards our mission of becoming a "visual and available Center for the Arts."



Photos by Jill Lang

## Opportunities

### St. Luke's Fall Festival

October 18 15% to St. Luke's  
Contact [Kate](mailto:Kate) by Oct 12

### Art5.com one day workshops at MHA

Tuesdays, 9-4  
Phyllis Knight 10/14  
Jerry McJunkins 10/28  
[Chuck Calhoun](mailto:Chuck.Calhoun) or 704-847-2111  
for details

### Rocky River Vineyards

is taking applications for its Fall Festival on Nov 8. For info and application, contact [Kim Palumbo](mailto:Kim.Palumbo) or call 704-781-5035.

### 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 Vanatta](mailto:Saga.Vanatta) for details.

Mill Stone General Store and Gallery of Winston-Salem is accepting artists for the store. Contact [Patricia West](mailto:Patricia.West) for info.

### ASC Public Art Opportunities

Call for artists for three separate public art projects. Application and Info at [ASC website](http://ASC website)

## How You can help this month

We are in real need of gallery sitters! If you can volunteer, email [katek@carolina.rr.com](mailto:katek@carolina.rr.com) There will be a training session Mon, 10/6 at 7pm.

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If you haven't had a chance to check out our fall class lineup, now's the time! We have an impressive offering of classes in everything from drawing and painting to mixed media and children's classes. View the full list at [www.minthillarts.org](http://www.minthillarts.org). Registration is available now.

## October Classes at MHA

### Adult Classes

**Sylvia Coppola - Handbuilding with Texture:** Students will learn to texture slabs using stamps and found objects. The textured slabs will be transformed into mugs, vases, baking dishes, and tiles. **\$60 includes clay\***  
Friday, 10/23 **10:00am-2:00pm**

**Carlos Alvarez Cotera - Acrylic and Oil Painting: "Shorten the time painting and paint with more realism"**  
Learn how to paint with acrylics and oils on the same canvas to shorten the time it takes to create a finished oil painting and bring depth and dimension to your work. **Six 3 hour sessions: \$180**  
Mondays: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 **6:00pm-9:00pm**  
Sundays: 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30 **3:00pm-6:00pm**

**Vicki Crossman - Watercolor Note cards:** Watercolor techniques to create your own note cards. **\$40 includes materials**  
Saturday: 10/25 **9:30am-1:00pm**

### Martha Faires - Oil Pastel:

Oil Pastel, a portable, immediate fine art medium gives the feel of drawing and the look of paint and can be used on a variety of surfaces to create a variety of effects. From concept to completion. **One 3-hour session: \$30**

Saturday: 10/11 - Beginning Oil Pastel (intermediate students welcome to this session) **1:00pm-4:00pm**

Saturday: 10/18 - Intermediate Oil Pastel **1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Joyce Fischer - Oil Painting:** Personal attention to each student, beginner to advanced. Design, composition, color, value, intensity. **Four 2 hour sessions: \$80**

Fridays: 10/24, 10/31, 11/07, 11/14 **3:30pm-5:30pm**

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**Jo Ann Harbert - Basic Handbuilding Techniques:** Coil, pinch pot, and slab building. **\$50 includes clay\***  
Wednesday, 10/29 **10:00am-2:00pm**

### Laura Sussman-Randall - Fiber Art Postcards:

Introduction to basic fiber techniques including fabric painting, collage, stitching, and beading. Create a series of 4 x 6 art postcards or a single medium scale piece suitable for framing. **Six 2 hour sessions: \$120, supply fee \$10**

Fridays: 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, **10:00am - 12:00noon**

### Michelle Wagner - Beginner Wheel Throwing:

(Age 18 & up) Learn the basics of working on the wheel at Michelle's home studio in Matthews.

Classes are \$180.00 for a 4 week class (total of 8 Lessons) Contact Michelle at 704-999-0005 for open times and dates.

### Kids Classes

#### Sylvia Coppola - Handbuilding with Texture: (Ages 8-14)

Students will learn to texture clay slabs using stamps and found objects. The textured slabs will be transformed into mugs, vases, baking dishes, and tiles. **\$30/includes clay\***  
Saturday 10/25 **2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Laura Sussman-Randall - Art Together!: (Ages 3-6)** Parents and children cut and paste fabric pieces to create a work of art together. (Parent attendance is required.) **\$25, Supply fee: \$2**  
Saturday: 10/18 **10:00am-12:00noon**

#### Renee Wright - Pots from the Past:

Learn about some of the first pottery and make your own from clay. **Five 1 hour sessions: \$75/includes materials**  
Thursdays: (Ages 6-9) 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13-11/20 **2:30pm-3:30pm**  
Thursdays: (Ages 10-14) 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13-11/20 **4:00pm-5:00pm**

\*Note: Clay pieces will not be fired at Mint Hill Arts. If the student does not have access to a kiln, they can pay an extra \$15.00 to have their work bisque fired and glaze fired by the instructor.

**Congratulations to instructor Carlos Alvarez Cotera for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at CAL's Fall into Art 2008**