



ART MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2009

A Spirit of Cooperation

Last month, Marcia Kort Buike, founder of the new Fort Mill Art Guild called a "meeting of the minds." The presidents of all area art groups were invited to participate in an open exchange of ideas, cross-promotion and support. The group discussed ways of increasing public visibility and impact through collaboration. Strengthening the arts in our community benefits us all and there is strength in numbers. Stay tuned for more information on collaborative efforts.



Mint Hill Arts

The Grace Building
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www.minthillarts.org

Gallery Hours:
10am-3pm, Tues-Sat

February Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 at 7 pm.

And the wonderful people from Speedball Art are coming to put on an interactive demonstration with our members. Speedball Art Products has provided tools and supplies for artists for over 100 years. They make block printing products, water-soluble inks, acrylic paint and mediums, screen-printing supplies, photo emulsions, calligraphy supplies and new to them is a line of ceramic glazes. Try your hand at something new. You won't want to miss this fun-filled informative meeting!

To see the product catalog, go to <http://www.speedballart.com>.



A View Through the Lens February at MHA



This month, MHA photographers will join with members of *Carolina Nature Photographers* and *Charlotte Photography Meetup Group* to present "A View through the Lens ... A Photographic Journey." This exhibition will display a diverse array of photographic imagery produced by some of the Carolina's most creative shutterbugs. Join us for this special event, the second in a series of collaborative efforts with area arts groups.

February Calendar:

February Opening Reception
Fri 2/13, 7-9pm

February meeting
Tue 2/24, 7-9pm

No Life Drawing in February
Sessions will begin again in March

The Spring Class Schedule
has begun!

Studio Space at MHA!
8x10 spaces for \$125/month
info@minthillarts.org

Have some news? Submit opportunities, appreciations, accomplishments or ideas to laura@minthillarts.org

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Many Thanks!

Thank You from MHA

- BB&T for sponsoring our February postcards
- David Bridge for supplying materials and labor to sheetrock the clay room, and for all his work in the gallery space
- Bonnie Brown of b. brown-gallery for donating rolling gallery walls and racks. Mike Randall, Tony Stamper, Bill Litaker, Carlos Alvarez Cotera, David Bridge and Doc Beard for packing, transporting and reassembling them
- Sylvia Coppola and Lois Edwards for painting in the space
- Vicki Crossman for donating a carpet sweeper
- Lois Edwards for overseeing class registrations
- Guild of Charlotte Artists for providing a demonstration mirror at a very reasonable price and to Chuck Calhoun for “brokering the deal”
- Judy Mizell for taking over class scheduling
- Sue Panzarella for representing MHA at the tour-bus driver convention uptown
- Randall Construction for framing and sheet-rocking the new room at the back of the gallery

A Special Thank You

Mint Hill Arts would like to thank **Kate Kaplan** for serving as our first treasurer. One of the earliest members of MHA, Kate has served in this position and as a member of the Executive Committee from 2006-2009, and has seen us through the incredible growth that we have experienced in that period. We could not have done it without her contribution.

How You Can Help This Month

Our newsletter has over 200 recipients and grows every month. If you can help with maintaining the email list and forwarding the written newsletter, email laura@minthillarts.org

The highly informative January meeting on Golden’s Acrylics was presented by Phil Garret and was our best attended meeting to date. Watch for upcoming info on **workshop offerings** from Phil.

Please see last page of this newsletter for a Binder’s **coupon for Golden’s products**, courtesy of Anthony Ochoa, manager of binders.

Photos by Larry Ferguson

Grant from Mint Hill

In January, Mint Hill Arts gratefully accepted a \$1700 grant from the Town of Mint Hill. The funds are designated for additions to the hanging system that we use for exhibitions, miscellaneous studio art supplies, and a demonstration mirror.

The mirror has already been purchased at an incredible price from the Guild of Charlotte Artists and installed in the gallery by Bill Litaker and David Bridge.

MHA is grateful to the Town for recognizing and supporting the positive impact that our group is having on the community.



Do you know of a member who deserves special thanks? Please send info to laura@minthillarts.org

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If you haven't had a chance to check out our Winter/Spring 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. Registration is available now.

Drawing

Carlos Alvarez Cotera: "Learn to draw in 15 minutes, practice for a lifetime"

Drawing without the use of tracing, grids, light boxes, or projections

Four 2 hour sessions \$80.

Wednesday: 6-8 PM 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4 **Saturday: 4-6 PM** 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14

Sunday: 12:30-2:30 PM 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/8

Pastel

Martha Faires: Oil Pastel-A simple medium for the serious artist

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 different effects. From concept to completion.

Supply list*

.Four 3 hour sessions \$120.

Saturday: 9AM-12N 2/7, 2/14, 3/7, 3/14

Acrylic/ Oil

Joyce Fischer: Oil Painting

Learn the basics of developing a composition, color theory, and virtually "see what you have never seen before."

Supply list*

Four 2 hour sessions \$80.

Tuesday: 10AM-12N 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10

Paul Keysar: Understanding the Foundations of a Painting

Instruction on composition, line, value and color. Open to all skill levels. Oils and acrylics, with demos given in oils.

Supply list

Four 3 hour sessions \$120.

Monday: 6:30-9:30PM 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9

Paul Keysar: Painting the Landscape from Photos

Learn to paint atmosphere and space with an emphasis on light, value, and line. Avoid common issues when painting from photos. All skill levels, oil and acrylics.

Supply list

Six 3 hour sessions \$180.

Wednesday: 10AM-1PM 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Watercolor

Judy Mizell: Capturing Nature in Watercolor

Learn how to create sparkling watercolors of flowers, birds, and other wild creatures in natural settings.

Supply list

Four 3 hour sessions \$120.

Wednesday: 6:30-9:30PM 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11

Clay

Sylvia Coppola: Hand-building clay workshop

Learn to create functional pieces with unique textures from found objects, stamps, and mats. Open to beginners.

Supplies provided

One 5 hour session \$55.

Saturday: 1-6PM 2/28

Jewelry

Tammy Morris: Stacked Squares Beaded Bracelet

Learn bead weaving using peyote stitch and make a bracelet. Open to beginners. Includes beads and all supplies. Saturday:

9:30AM-12:30 PM 2/21

One 3 hour session \$30

Opportunities

The Big Read

January 26-March 6

Join in as the Charlotte community celebrates the art of literature with a series of events and exhibits.

Mecklenburg is among 10 Carolinas communities and 208 across the nation hosting a 2008-09 Big Read. Another is Iredell County, where library officials also chose "To Kill a Mockingbird."

[Click here](#) for a full listing of events and links.

MHA member Verna Hash is offering the following classes at CPCC

AVO-8760 PORTRAIT DRAWING

Thursdays 6:30-9:00 pm 02/19/09-03/26/09

Levine Campus Matthews

All levels. Emphasis will be on Instructor demonstrations, discussions of drawing media and techniques. Student involvement will be through guided practice and group critiques.

AVO-8731-40 INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR

Dates: 03/09/09 through 03/13/09 (Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm)

Levine Campus Matthews

Prior experience with watercolor recommended. Demonstrations, discussions of materials and techniques

Call CPCC Customer Service (704- 330-4223) for information on class registration and class fee.

The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

Enter the 26th Annual Art Competition. More than \$25,000 in cash prizes!

Deadline: May 1, 2009

[Click here](#) for complete details and online registration.

What's Happening at the Mint

www.mintmuseum.org

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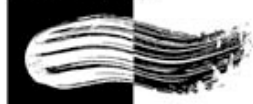
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Expiration date: [2/28/09]