



# ART MATTERS

MARCH 2009

## Metamorphosis

"A man, who is constantly engaged in action and works hard until he has achieved his goal undergoes lots of metamorphosis and positive change which helps in his self improvement." Sam Veda

With growth comes change. Mint Hill Arts has undergone its own metamorphosis since its beginning, only three years ago. Our space, our programs, and most importantly our membership have grown and changed as well. Each member adds to the group as we stretch our limits and expand our horizons. This effect has advanced beyond our doors and into the community as well, sparking a metamorphosis in thought in the larger population as well. With change comes growth, in our community and in ourselves.

**Metamorphosis:** *a change of form, structure, substance; transformation and growth.*

From realistic to abstract, photo, watercolor or oil, **the March Exhibit at MHA** will feature artists' interpretations of this theme. Join us Friday March 13, from 7-9 pm for the opening reception. Exhibit runs through April 2.



Luis German Ardila

## The Figure in Oil

March 24, 7pm

The MHA March program will be all about oils. Our speaker is **Katie Blackwell**, manager of Cheap Joe's and accomplished oil painter. She is a superb artist who has been painting since she was fifteen. Her work extends from landscapes to portraiture. Her long time focus on the human face and form has evolved into a series of fantasy portraits she calls "Melly People".

Katie will discuss her materials and techniques and demonstrate the use of light and shadows in figures, and the best colors to use to create the biggest impact on the viewer. Freebies and a door prize from Cheap Joe's are also part of the evening's program. You won't want to miss this one!

*Gemini*  
**Katherine Blackwell**



### 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

### **March Calendar:**

#### March Opening Reception

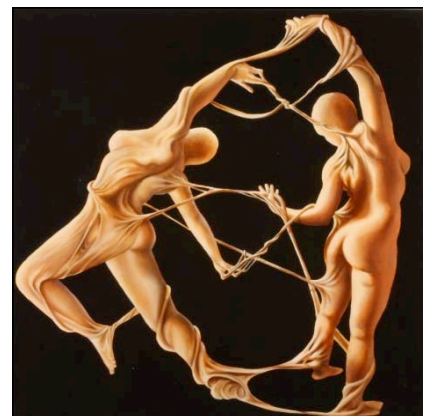
Fri 3/13, 7-9pm

#### March Presentation

Tue 3/24, 7-9pm

#### Portrait Drawing

Tue 4/7 7-9 pm



Have some news? Submit opportunities, appreciations, accomplishments or ideas to [laura@minthillarts.org](mailto:laura@minthillarts.org)

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## Thank You from MHA

- The executive committee is pleased to announce that Tammy Morris has agreed to fill the Treasurer's position.
- David Bridge for becoming co-chair of the building committee.
- Phil Morgan for sponsoring our March postcards.
- Griffin Masonry of Mint Hill for contributing \$100 towards April reception costs and to Vicki Crossman and Carlos Alvarez Cotera for coordinating the request.
- Speedball Art Products for contributing \$500 towards promotional costs
- Lauren Belletete for revamping the gallery intake forms. They are now form-fillable on the computer.
- Sylvia Coppola for finding a lead on our new gift shop shelving units and Carlos and Bill for going to pick them up.
- Romie Mizell for overseeing the off-site exhibits at BB&T, Town Hall, and the Chamber of Commerce. (See right to help with this opportunity.)



Congratulations to Judy Mizell. Her painting, "Day-Glow," was accepted to the Georgia Watercolor Society's national show this month. Look for Judy's solo show at MHA in April.

Thank You to Bud Martin and Tammy Knight of **Speedball Art Products Company**, the speakers at our February presentation. Bud and Tammy gave a comprehensive overview of Speedball products, and demonstrated techniques for block and screen-printing. MHA members were able to sample the products along the way. The Speedball Company was extremely generous with product giveaways; members received calligraphy sets, screen printing and block printing sets, ceramic glazes and DVD's. The evening ended with a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for Speedball products, won by **Nena Hartz**.

Speedball's generosity did not stop there. They have given approval for a \$500 donation to MHA. We deeply appreciate their support.

## How You Can Help This Month

**We need the help of our members to continue the many programs we offer. Please consider how you can help.**

- **Romie Mizell** needs a volunteer to coordinate paperwork for the off site exhibits. This is a once-a-month task.
- Another once-a-month task is volunteering to help coordinate food/wine for the receptions. Please email **Lisa O'Connell** to help.
- The grant writing committee needs volunteers to research opportunities and help with writing. Contact **Laura Sussman-Randall** to help with this task.

Do you know of a member who deserves special thanks? Please send info to [laura@minthillarts.org](mailto:laura@minthillarts.org)

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## March Classes

### 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** 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

**Saturday: 4-6 PM** 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11

**Sunday: 12:30-2:30 PM** 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

### Acrylic/ Oil

#### **Carlos Alvarez Cotera: “Paint in less time and 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**

**Monday: 6-9PM-** 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30,4/6

**Saturday: 9AM-12N-** 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11

**Sunday: 3-6PM-** 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

### 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-** 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7

### Watercolor

#### **Carlos Alvarez Cotera: -“Not so loose watercolor”**

*Painting without the use of water-down washes to achieve more realism*

**Four 3 hour sessions \$120**

**Thursday: 6-9PM-** 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16

**Saturday: 12:30-3:30PM -**3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11

**Sunday: 9AM-12N-**3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

### 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 -** 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

### 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** 3/21

**One 3 hour session \$30**

### **Sylvia Coppola: Children’s One Afternoon Clay Workshop (ages 8-14)**

*We will explore texture on slabs of clay and have lots of funcreating a mug, a vase, and more.*

**Sunday: 2-4PM-**3/29

**One 2 hour session \$45**

## Opportunities

### 'The Figure in Pastel' mini-workshop with Carmella Jarvi' at Queens University's Center for Lifelong Learning

Saturday March 14, 2009

10:00AM-1:00PM

\$60/person + bring \$7.50 for model

*Must pre-register with \$60 payment by Tuesday, March 10*

[www.carmellajarvi.com](http://www.carmellajarvi.com)

### **LAKE NORMAN ART LEAGUE INVITES ENTRIES FOR SPRING EXHIBIT**

**April 1, 2009, Davidson, NC** - The Lake Norman Art League invites artists of all media to enter work in its 2009 Spring Exhibition, judged by J. Michael Simpson, Artist and Instructor / Lecturer at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. The exhibit is on display April 1 through May 1, 2009, at the League's Gallery Space located at 442 S. Main Street, Davidson, NC 28036.

Artists should download a prospectus containing full details and an entry form from the Lake Norman Art League website, [www.LKNArt.org](http://www.LKNArt.org).

### ASC offers Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute

Join us for The Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) - an award-winning business development program for visual, literary, performing, media and design art professionals.

**Dates for three-session course:**

**April 4 / May 2 / June 6**

**all sessions from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

*(Artists will attend all three sessions)*

**Cost: \$150**

**Registration Deadline: March 20**

**Space is Limited - Please Register Soon!**

### 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.

### Masterworks from the New Orleans Museum of Art

**Location: Mint Museum of Art**

**Mar 14, 2009 - Sun, Jun 21, 2009**

*Masterworks from the New Orleans Museum of Art* provides an opportunity to see an exceptional selection of rare paintings and sculptures from a top museum! The exhibition represents the prized names in European and American art history – ranging from the 16th through the 20th century – including: Degas, Gauguin, Giacometti, Giordano, Kandinsky, Lipchitz, Lorrain, Matisse, Monet, Nattier, O'Keeffe, Picasso, Pissarro, Renoir, Rodin, Sargent, Vigée-Lebrun, and Vlaminck, among many others.

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