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SmallTalk

Newsletter of the Miniature Art Society of Florida

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SHOW TO ENTER

The 22nd Annual North American Miniature Art Exhibition will be held at the Art Gallery of Fells Point, 1716 Thames St. Baltimore, MD, 21231, from September 27 to October 30, 2005. **Deadline for applications is September 10.** Any member interested in entering can download the prospectus at the gallery's website, www.fellspointgallery.org or contact Bill Grey, show chair, at 410-327-1272 or by writing to the address above, to have one sent by mail.

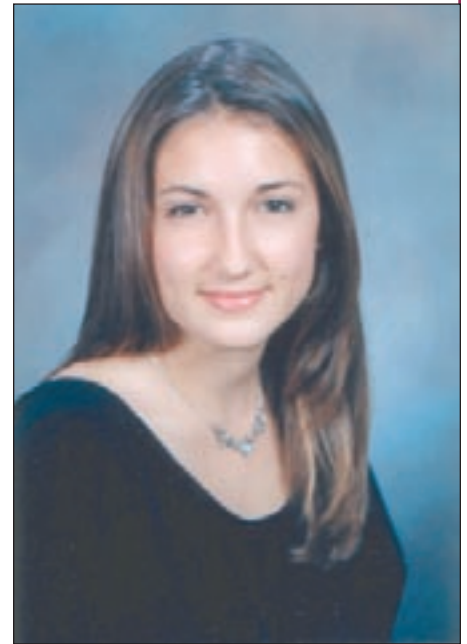
Next MASF Membership Meeting

There will be no membership meetings during the summer as so many of our faithful attendees are away during this period.

The first scheduled meeting will be on October 17, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, at the Clearwater Library, East Branch, on Drew Street. Mark your calendars now to join us for our first meeting in the fall.

MASF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

In 2003, during her senior year at Palm Harbor University High School, **Katie Schuler** applied for, and was awarded, one of five scholarships given by MASF that year to promising art students who were pursuing college courses in visual fine arts. She is now a student at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C.



Katie has gained national recognition by participating with a group of 150 artists in "Faces of the Fallen," a display of more than a thousand portraits of men and women killed during three years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are on display through November at the Women In Military Service Memorial at the gateway of Arlington National Cemetery.

The six portraits Katie painted are: National Guardsman Spc. Philip D. Brown, National Guardsman Staff Sgt. Hesley Box Jr., Army Spc. Isela Rubalcava, Army Spc. Chase R. Whitman, Marine Cpl. Dustin H. Schrage and Army Spc. James J. Holmes. With each portrait is the soldier's rank, name and branch of service. The only glimpse into who they were beyond the military is their hometown, age, and date of death.

Katie's dad, Timothy Schuler, called Small Talk editor, Marilynne Wasielewski, and notified her of Katie's accomplishment. Soon afterward a front-page feature article, with details of an interview with Katie, appeared in the North Pinellas section of the St. Petersburg Times Sunday newspaper.

<http://facesofthefallen.org/main/index.php>

We are always pleased and proud when we get such positive feedback on the activities of our scholarship winners.

Looking For A New Home

Over the past several years MASF has been fortunate to have a facility to call our home. We have used it as an office, for storage and as a workspace to receive artwork, perform jurying and judging, hanging the works on panels and returning artwork to artists. It came close to fulfilling our dream of having our own home and has markedly reduced the work required to support the Show. Unfortunately the building owner has decided to expand and now needs the space that we have been using. Since we need to move, we have decided to take the "have our own home" concept to the next step. The Board-appointed "New Home" committee has had several meetings with lively discussions on the exact needs of the Society, both for the short term and for the long term.

In the interim we have taken advantage of the offer of an adequate and secure storage space in Oldsmar. At the end of May a group of church youth volunteers assisted Herb Weed and Mike Petryszak to move all our possessions from 62nd Avenue, St Petersburg to Oldsmar.

The short term is easiest to define: Space to store and space to prepare for the annual show. The facility in Oldsmar has provided a temporary reprieve in the need for storage space but we are still searching for a workspace to prepare for the show. Board members Bob Fritz and Mary Anne Wells have kindly offered us the use of their sunroom patio if our search is not successful before the September deadline.

For the longer term the committee is considering several scenarios: Leasing space; partnering on a contractual basis with a business that has available unused space; and investigating local governmental and civic organizations that may consider offering a home to MASF for the kudos and benefit of supporting a non-profit corporation.

We need approximately 1200/1500 square feet of secure space; half to be used for general administration and board/member meetings and the remainder as storage, and to facilitate the organization of our annual miniature art show. Preferably the facility would have to be in Pinellas County, the closer to mid-county the better.

We welcome any suggestions that may help us along the path to a new home.

The MASF membership period is January - December with annual dues of \$20.00.

Send check to Membership Chair
(See back page)

In the April issue of Small Talk the Permanent Collection work by **John Fitzgerald** was incorrectly titled. The correct title is *Walk Into The Past*. We apologize for the error.

Welcome To New Members

Gisele A. Child-Olmsted, MD
Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, Somerset, UK
Libby Eckert, VA
Edward W Ejek, FL
Thomas Farrell, VA
Betty Hilty, NY
Carol Sue Horstman, MO
Clayton R. James, Ontario, Canada
Janice Knoll, MI
Maria Koelling, MD
Stephanie Kozemchak, VA
Glenn Leung, NY
Carol S. Lopez, NM
James McGrew, OR
Carolyn Nieman, MO
Mary Lynn Smith, TN
Glenise Webb, Surrey, UK
Mary Anne Wells, FL
Susan Zytewick, MI

WE NEED YOU!

Do you have any **Tips and Hints** to pass on to other MASF members?

Have you any **Interesting Experiences** or **Travel Tales** involving miniature art to share?

Are you using a **Product** or **Service** that you think would benefit other artists?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions we need to hear from you **TODAY**.

Please send or email information to Small Talk Editor, Marilyne Wasielewski.

THANK YOU.

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▶ ARTISTS IN THE NEWS

Mike Nelson, Vero Beach, Florida, swept the open fish carving category at the Treasure Coast Carving Show earlier this year, in Port St. Lucie, with First, Second, and Third prize awards. The awards were for a miniature carving of a miniature Hawaiian reef scene, a miniature pike (5½"), and a full-size Caribbean reef scene respectively. At the Ward World Carving Championships in April, he won First place in the open SB division with a miniature diving **Kingfisher** sculpture.



Gayle Gilford Feller received the first place award in the Charleston, SC Creative Recycling Art Competition at their Earth Day Festival.

Gayle was awarded a framed certificate and a \$300 US Savings bond for creating a clock out of recycled computer parts, old batteries, a broken watch band, a burned out light bulb, parts from broken toys, bottle caps and other used items.

Gayle is better known for her miniature paintings and has recently signed with the Wild Child Art Gallery in Matlacha, FL and the Spencer Art Gallery in Charleston, SC.

English miniaturist, **Cyril Boyland Turner**, announces several awards.

The 'Man of the Year 2004' and the World Medal of Freedom and a Citation of Honor from the Board of International Research of the American Biographical Institute.

The 2005 International Peace

Prize from the United Cultural Convention of the United States of America.

Cyril has also been nominated by the Governing Board of Editors of the American Biographical Institute as an honored recipient of the prestigious 2005 American Medal of Honor.

Joyce Rowsell, Somerset, England, received an 'Honourable Mention', as runner up for the Gold Bowl Award at the Royal Miniature Exhibition, at the Mall Gallery in London.

Miniature Art On Display

The **Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History** will highlight artists in the Tampa Bay region who paint in miniature. **The Wonderful World of Miniature Art** will run from **August 5th through September 30th, 2005**.

Museum representative, Ron Fekete, commented, "many artists who exhibited last year are returning to the show and we have encouraged those who did not exhibit to show their works as more gallery space is now available.

Many of the works will be for sale. And, in addition to the show, there will be miniature art demonstrations."

For more information contact Ron Fekete: 727-726-1668 or email to shmuseum@verizon.net. Safety Harbor Museum 329 Bayshore Boulevard South, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695.

▶ MASF CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Place
2005			
June	No Meetings		
July	No Meetings		
Aug 31	Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Clearwater East Library
Sept 28	Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Clearwater East Library
Sept 26-Oct 21	Receive works	10:00 am	TBA
Oct 17	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm	Clearwater East Library
Sept 26-Oct 21	Receive works	10:00 am	TBA
Oct 20 & 21	Open/Inspect works	10:00 am	TBA
Oct 26 & 27	Jury	9:00 am	TBA
Oct 26	Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Clearwater East Library
Nov 16	Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Clearwater East Library
TBA (1st week Nov)	Judge	9:00 am	TBA
TBA (2nd week Nov)	Hang Works	9:00 am	TBA
Dec 12	Membership Meeting	6:30pm	Fritz/Wells home
Dec 29	Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Clearwater East Library
2006			
Jan 12 & 13	Set up Show	9:00 am	Dunedin Fine Art Center
Jan. 14	Collectors' Preview	10:00 am	Dunedin Fine Art Center
Jan. 14	Artists' Reception	7:00 pm	TBA
Jan. 15	Awards Brunch	8:45 am	Bon Appetit Restaurant
Jan. 15	Opening of Show	1:00 pm	Dunedin Fine Art Center
Feb. 5	Last day of Show	1:00 pm	Dunedin Fine Art Center
Feb 5	Tear down Show	4:00 pm	Dunedin Fine Art Center
Feb 6-8	Distribute works	10:00 am	TBA



Maidens At The Pow Wow
by **Deanna Matteson, MAA**
b. Rapid City, SD
Acquired in 1986



Yellow Iris
by **Elizabeth Dell Golbach, MAA**
b. Beaumont, TX
Acquired in 1986

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