



Art Bag August, 2010

Berrien Artist Guild Newsletter

Mission Statement: *The Berrien Artist Guild, through the multi-use facility, the Box Factory for the Arts, chooses to create an outstanding place to practice and celebrate artistic diversity. We are committed, focused and driven to continuously generate opportunities to regional artists while interacting, educating, learning and growing within the community at large.*

Berrien Artist Guild presents:

Summer Exhibits feature BAG members

The two artists opening one-woman shows at the Box Factory, Ali Hansen and Jan Sonneman, have more than 80 years of creative work between them.

The opening reception will take place on **Friday,**

**July 30 from
5:30 – 7:30**

p.m. It's open to the public free of charge and light refreshments will be served (including "Alice in Wonderland" inspired ones).



Ali Hansen

Through the Looking Glass: Ali Hansen, a 50-year Retrospective

Ali's creative bug bit at age six when she completed her first portrait. The exhibit, which is in the Robert Williams Gallery, takes the viewer through Ali's school years, on to college and graduate school and then encompasses more than 30 years as a professional artist.

The show includes collage, drawings, prints, art quilts and creative writing. The show has a theme of "Alice in Wonderland" and Lewis Carroll's famous stories intertwine in her work.

"I was a kid with a vivid imagination and a mother who allowed it," Ali says in her artist statement. "At times I believed that indeed I was Alice... so, with a Cheshire grin ear-to-ear, I welcome you to my story, starting at age six and drifting toward 57."

An Art Journey for Jan

Jan Sonneman's exhibit, which will be shown in the Heartha Whitlow Gallery, includes more than 40 paintings. From watercolors to collage, acrylics to pastels, she has captured scenes of her travels and favorite vacation spots.

Although Jan had a childhood interest in art, it wasn't until her three children were grown that she began taking advantage of classes and workshops to develop the many techniques displayed in her work.

A member of the Berrien Artist Guild for many years, Jan has had a studio at the Box Factory for the past eight years. She regularly teaches classes and gives private lessons.



Jan Sonneman

In the Galleries:

*Opening on Friday, July 30
Reception from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public
Light refreshments served*

Robert Williams Gallery:

**“Through the Looking Glass:
Ali Hansen,
A 50-year Retrospective”**

Heartha Whitlow Gallery:

**“An Art Journey for Jan”
Jan Sonneman**

Riverwalk Gallery:

**2009 New Member Show and
Summer BAG Member Show**

**All three shows continue
through Sept. 12.**

Coming in September:

- Photography by Robert Hillier
- Abstract painting by Maureen Lighthall
- Glasswork by Jerry Catania
- BAG member work to the theme of “Wine, Women and Song”

Riverwalk Gallery:

BAG Members show Work in Riverwalk Gallery

The annual BAG summer member show and the new member show (anyone joining in 2009-2010) will open on Friday, July 30. Members were invited to show work in any medium and any subject.

First Friday Film:

Friday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m., ticket: \$5 – *Camp Forgotten – The Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan*

Roosevelt’s Tree Army planted over 484 million trees in Michigan, fought forest fires, restored riverbanks, built lookout towers, roads, fish hatcheries and countless other natural improvements to the environment. This film contains rare archival footage, combined with location cinematography and interviews with former CCC enrollees.

The film was made by filmmaker William Jamerson who specializes in historical films about Michigan.

Writers’ Studio presents:

**“From the Desk: Writing Under a Full Moon”
chapbook by Quartet Writing Group**

Four members of the NightWriters writing group at the Box Factory have produced a new chapbook using the various names for the full moons each month as inspiration.

Emily Downs, Sue Goens, Ali Hansen and Denise Kalin Tackett worked on the book over a period of 12 months.

There are entries from each writer for each month and include poetry, fiction, journal entries and memoir. Ali designed the artwork for the cover and throughout the book.

The quartet will introduce the book at the opening reception on Friday, July 30 and have copies of the book available for purchase at a cost of \$12.



2010 Member Shows:

Members of the Berrien Artist Guild may participate in the following gallery shows:

- Hanging art must be wired for hanging (no sawtooth hangers).
- Please make notes of the dates *and be sure to pick up your art after the show closes in a timely manner.* After 30 days, any art left is forfeited to the Berrien Artist Guild.
- Remember, you must be a member in good standing (with dues paid) to participate in any of the member shows.

Next Up:

Wine, Women and Song

- Two or three dimensional pieces accepted
- Up to two pieces
- “Song” can be a literal use of music or instruments, or an interpretation of a song title.

Dates:

Drop-off : Sept. 5 - 12

Opening reception: Friday, Sept. 17,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

End date: Sunday, Oct. 31

Pick-up starting: Monday, Nov. 1

Upcoming Opportunities to show:

Nov. 13 – Jan. 2 Holiday Members Shows

- *Robert Williams Gallery* – Winter Members Show, no theme
- *Heartha Whitlow Gallery* – “Let it Snow” artwork featuring winter
- *Riverwalk Gallery* – Trains, Cars, Boats, Trains” transportation theme, wall art only.

Member News:

Sherrie Styx was a presenter at the International Precious Metal Clay Conference at Purdue University in July. Her presentation taught advanced techniques of using dichroic glass into PMC.

Denise Tackett and **Elaine Thomopoulos** have been asked to serve on a consultation committee for the Michigan Humanities Council to help determine the direction the council will be taking in the future.

Student Artists in Residence – four students are sharing a Box Factory studio for the summer and are the first in a new program of “Artist in Residence” at the Box Factory. The students are: Sloan Tackett, Michigan State University; Karly Welke, Hope College; Kate Welke, Kalamazoo College; and Jeff Ong, University of Michigan.

The students do a wide variety of art and music and can be found (at odd hours) in a new space off the Riverwalk Gallery across from Rebecca Hungerford’s studio. Stop by and see what they’re up to.

Summer Art Classes:

This class is still available for the summer. Contact the Box Factory front desk to sign up.

Stained Glass Sun Catchers – taught by Sherrie Styx. Tues., Aug. 24 and Thurs. Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m. Learn to cut glass and create maximum color, then solder and attach wires to hang. Fee (includes supplies): \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

New Members:

These members joined the BAG in July:

Merilee Anderson
Rachel Castle
Deborah Radke
Ruth Steinhagen

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Note: we are open evenings only during
special events, entertainment and classes.

Board Member News

Joseph Sukup, attorney at law with Keller and Keller, joins the Board of Directors this month. He replaces Terri Karnes who left the Board when she moved to Georgia for a new job.

Joe judged the two-dimensional art in the recent MAAC show and is an artist himself, working in oil, watercolor and graphite.



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Many Thanks to:

- Millicent Huminsky of the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council for arranging our appearance on WOOD-TV and to Elaine Harju for being our spokesperson.
- John Wagner of Kalamazoo for stepping in at the last minute to lead the Young Filmmakers' Workshop.

Welcome:

- We welcome the young people from Lory's Place this month. Our artist members will be teaching art classes for these youngsters.

August, 2010

Box Factory for the Arts: Concerts, Activities & Programs

CONCERTS: lower price is for seniors (60+) and students, children under 12 free (accompanied by adult).

All concerts start at 8 p.m. unless noted differently

Saturday, Aug. 7	The Mickeys,	Irish music	\$8, \$6
Saturday, Aug. 14	Riversong Music Society : Doc Hosler, The Dowells, The Rusty Nails		\$8, \$6
Saturday, Aug. 21	Joe Foster & Ed Bennett	Folk	\$8, \$6
Saturday, Aug. 28	Al Kniola & Friends		\$8, \$6
Saturday, Sept. 4	Doug Fordyce "Kids on Stage Glee Club"		\$8, \$6
Saturday, Sept. 11	Riversong Music Society: Cameo and the Feldmans		\$8, \$6
Saturday, Sept. 18	Shades of Gray		\$8, \$6
Saturday, Sept. 25	Lake Effect Jazz	Big Band Music	\$8, \$6

ART CLASSES:

Portrait class: Monday 1-4 p.m. and Wednesday 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., in the Gast Classroom. \$10 fee, led by Bob Williams.

Painting Open Workshop: Every Thursday from 1-4 p.m. in the Gast Classroom. Drop in – no fee, painters must bring their own supplies. Call Bob at 449-8163 before coming – will paint outdoors if weather permits.

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FILM FACTORY

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WRITERS' STUDIO

Veterans Writing Group – Barbara Simpson, of A Different Kind of Writing Group, offers a free writing workshop for veterans and current service members. The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on third Saturdays of the month (Aug. 15 this month) in the Box Factory Library. For more information, contact Barbara at 269-519-2484 or sunsetcoastwriters@gmail.com

Daywriting Group – Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 in the Box Factory Library. Free and open to drop-in's. Led by Isabel Jackson.

NightWriters Group – Breaking for summer, will begin again in September. Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Led by Denise Tackett.

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