



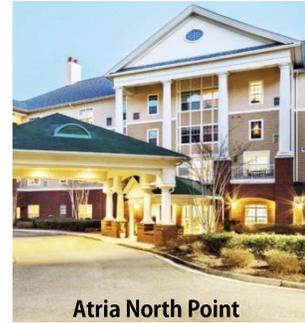
# Alpha Arts Guild

## March Newsletter



### AAG Meeting March 10th

Please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00. We will meet in the *Alpharetta Room* at [Atria North Point](#). The guild's membership has grown considerably and so too, opportunities for our members to showcase their art, network with artists and patrons and become an *ambassador of the arts* within the community.



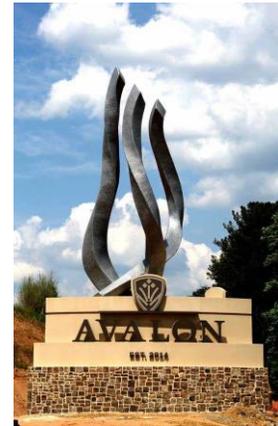
**Atria North Point**

100 Somerby Dr., Alpharetta  
(off Encore Pkwy)



### AAG and the Drake House

The Guild has generously supported The Drake House by donating original pieces of art for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Ten AAG members created 29 4" x 4" gems to be used as guest prizes on the night of the dinner. The Drake House provides an invaluable service to our community - crisis housing, education and empowerment for homeless mothers and their children. Prior to its opening in 2006, there was no safe haven for these families in our community. The Drake House operates with a staff of 13 and **volunteers** that number in the 100's! Visit [thedrakehouse.org](http://thedrakehouse.org) for additional information. A big **"Thank You"** to member, **Carol Skowronek** for heading up this event for the Guild.



### [AAG at Avalon](#)

The **5000 Exhibit Hallway** is open on **Monday - Friday 6:00-6:00 each day**. Please come by and see the exhibit and the space.

#### **AAG Board**

President: Kimberly Sheldon  
Vice-President: Hubert Jones and Isabella Gautier  
Secretary: Alice Taylor  
Web-master: Danita Grant  
Treasurer: Barbara Sumrell  
Member at Large: Susan McLean  
Craig Ford

## Meeting Agenda

### Welcome Events

**Spring Event at Avalon** and Children's craft activity (planned for April 18)

- Next **Exhibit at Avalon** and options for taking submissions
- Plan **AAG Wine Walks** and other events to showcase the current exhibit
- Booth Sitting at the **StreetFest in Alpharetta** - April 18 - 19

### Guest Speaker

**Watercolor Portrait Artist, James Taylor**

After being confined to the Veterans Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia for about a month, James Taylor began to paint with watercolor as part of his therapy. Perhaps due to his confinement and illness, he began to see and feel the humanity of the people around him-something he hadn't noticed before.

The softness of watercolor seemed natural for expressing love, spirituality and honesty in the subjects that he has been moved to paint. Since 1992, James has shared the excitement of his newfound awareness through his art.

#### ARTIST'S STATEMENT

I began painting in 1992 while recovering from a debilitating illness. During my convalescence, I began to see the humanity and spirit of the people I encountered, along with colors, smells, and the play of sunlight on things and scenes that were around me. Watercolor became a

## Surf Our Website

A number of changes and additions have been made to the AAG web site. A new tab, **About Town**, features and highlights AAG events and activities within the community.

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## Your AAG Website

### Attention Members in Good Standing!

Your AAG membership means that you have multiple opportunities to have a presence on the Guild's official website. Your contact to start the process is member, Danita Grant. An e-mail address has been set up for you to get in touch with her directly. It is [AAGWebMaster@comcast.net](mailto:AAGWebMaster@comcast.net). Danita will carefully monitor this e-mail address for any correspondence regarding members' needs for web support.

In general, here is a snapshot of the steps: **First** the Webmaster needs the information about you to go into the Artist Directory. Here is the link to that page to give you an idea of what to send her.

<http://www.alphaartsguild.com/AboutOurMembers/ArtistDirectory.aspx>

The **second step** is posting your bio. You will send a jpeg photo or representation of you. You will also send your bio as a **word document (not pdf)**. Do not do any formatting of your document. The final formatting will be done by Danita so your bio conforms with web standards. Here is the link <http://www.alphaartsguild.com/AboutOurMembers/GuildArtistsBio.aspx>

good medium for expression of this newfound awareness and I became especially partial to figurative subjects. I discovered a very strong character in people, which is revealed through their challenges, disappointments, and the rewards of holding things together through relative obscurity. It is this strength of spirit

that I am compelled to express in my paintings. My goal is to involve the viewer in the insightfulness and humanity that art has to offer.



## Adjournment

Look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday.

**Once these steps are done**, you will setup your personal AAG Gallery. The following links show the different types of galleries we have on our website.

<http://www.alphaartsguild.com/AboutOurMembers/GuildArtShow.aspx>

<http://www.alphaartsguild.com/AboutOurMembers/ArtistGallery.aspx>

Again, Danita has multiple e-mails, so to ensure that your web needs are given appropriate attention, send all correspondence to [AAGWebMaster@comcast.net](mailto:AAGWebMaster@comcast.net). **You should be able to do the first two steps independently. Setting up the gallery will require Danita's help.**

**Your membership certainly provides a viable means to promote you and your art.**