

## **AAG** March 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 good medium for 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**