



Championing the Arts in North Georgia

Agenda for May 14, 2013

President's Welcome/Announcements

Introduction of Guest Speaker by Susan McLean Guest Speaker Alle Craig

Our speaker will be Alle Craig, a member of the Roswell Fine Art Association. She will show us her technique of applying gold leaf to her collages, a method that enhances and provides additional depth to each piece of her work.

Speaker Alle Craig

"I grew up in North Platte, Nebraska. I have also lived in Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado and in December of 2007 I became a resident of Marietta, Georgia, moving here to be with my youngest daughter and her family.

Besides private lessons while growing up, I completed the Famous Artists Correspondence Course, studied at Nebraska State College in Chadron, The University of Kansas in Lawrence, and several times each year I participated in workshops and classes by nationally known artists.

I am currently working primarily in pastels, watercolor and graphite, but continue to be challenged by acrylics, oils and mixed media.

I have taught private lessons and workshops for almost 50 years. I am currently teaching 54 students in grades 1-5 in the After School Program at Sope Creek Elementary School.

I have developed a method of applying gold leaf and tissue to prepare a surface for painting with gouache or watercolor. I then finish with pastels to create a luminous painting of a still life, portrait or figure."

Her artist's statement:

"I have been trying to create expressions of beauty, joy and love for as long as I can remember. Each day I marvel at the brilliant blues, pinks and grays of the sky. I glow with the oranges, reds, greens and purples of the grasses and flowers and bask in the shades of yellow sunshine that warm my shoulders as I reach out and touch the warm golds and browns of the autumn trees.

My world is filled with the beauty of Creation and blessed with the life that sings around me. The antics of the birds and squirrels, the joy of pet dogs and cats, the boundless energy of the children combine with the individual personalities of adults of all ages and make me grateful to be alive.

I am most complete when I am trying to express these feelings with paper and pencil and with pastel and paint. Each picture I complete teaches me a little about how much I still have to learn yet gives me a feeling of contentment to be doing what I love.

As I teach while learning, I try to give back to my students the joy and fulfillment of seeing and expressing the beauty and uniqueness of our world and our personal visions."

....Alle Craig

Short Break (refreshments available)

At this time, members may view some of Alle's work and ask questions. Also, Anita Stewart ("the brush lady") will be here with an assortment of art supplies at very reduced prices. Cash and checks only.

Business Meeting

1. Report on the nominations for new officers by the nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made at this time from the floor.)

Kim Scruggs-----President

Susan McLean-----1st Vice President
Hubert Jones -----2nd Vice President
Carol Jean Wheeler-----Secretary
Barbara Sumrell-----Treasurer
Craig Ford-----Member-at-Large
Danita Grant-----Member-at-Large
Patricia Stimmel-----Member-at-Large

2. Voting on officers.

3. Susan McLean presents:

Somerby Show summer exhibit. Members are asked to bring 2 pieces to be displayed during the summer hiatus.

- a. Discussion: Do we want to meet throughout the summer months, or take June, July, and August as a break and resume in September -2nd Tuesday, September 10th.
- b. Report on the new library installation.
- c. Report on the paint-out at Hubert Jones' home.
- d. Report on assisting at the Alpharetta Street Fest. Recognition of members who helped sit booths.
- e. Report on attending some of the Roswell Fine Arts meetings.
- f. Possible ideas for new venues. Lemon Drop Shop, Strawberry Fields.
- g. Announce the opportunity for individuals to participate with their own or shared booths for Art in the Park and contact information for Jeannie @ Spirit Jewels.

Members Show Their Art

Adjournment