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President's Message

March 24, 2017

Believing in artistic progress since 1942

Greetings!

With Audubon's unveiling of its new Executive Board for 2017, we are gearing up to carry out plans for our 75th Anniversary Online exhibit and Onsite reception in the fall. This spring, the Board will announce the schedule for this three-month online show culminating in a reception and anniversary dinner at the Salmagundi Club.

For this historic event, let me reach out to all the Elected and Honorary members to participate in this "jury free" year with your entries. Since the Board's policy is to encourage contemporary art works for exhibition, why not consider creating a new work to commemorate Audubon's seventy-five years in existence. And this invitation extends to those Associates, as well, whose participation may reach the "magic three jury threshold," to become eligible for Elected Membership. If this goal has been attained, then please contact me immediately to expedite the process with our Admissions Committee.

As mentioned in an earlier document, the

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2017 DONOR CAMPAIGN

A great big thank you to those members who generously kicked off our 2017 Donor Campaign. Your donations are very much appreciated. They help us provide the Audubon Artists Gold and Silver Awards for the Annual Exhibit, and defray some of the costs associated with running a respected and vibrant national art organization. Our donors will be listed in each newsletter and on our website. To make a donation, please go to the **Checkout** link on our website. The Board of Directors thanks you for your generosity.

A list of the Award Sponsors who contribute generously for our Annual Awards is also listed on our website (see "2016 Awards and Sponsors" link). If you would like to provide an award, please contact Vincent Nardone, President (nardoneart@comcast.net). Salmagundi Club as our host organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary throughout the fall months at its historic brownstone site in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. Therefore, Audubon Artists, amongst other prestigious art societies housed there, have decided to offer an online venue for its membership.

Now is an appropriate time to consider your sponsorship for a memorial award and establish a legacy by honoring a deceased Audubon member as we are preparing for our awards program.

In closing, the future of Audubon Artists relies on the dedication of its volunteers who shape our Executive Board. As we are grooming the next generation of leaders, consider exploring your commitment with this prestigious national art society.

Respectfully,

Vincent J. Nardone, President Audubon Artists Inc. <u>nardoneart@comcast.net</u>

Donations Make the Difference

The Board of Directors wishes to thank all our donors -those members who contribute to the Annual Donor Campaign and those who sponsor an Annual Award. Donations are needed to fund the 12 awards that Audubon Artists sponsors-Gold (\$500) and Silver (\$300) in each of the 6 media we recognize annually. In addition to the cost of providing these 12 AA awards, we have juror fees, internet and website expenses, Salmagundi Club dues and fees, and other administrative expenses. These costs are burdensome but necessary for our prestigious organization to continue being a leader among national art societies.

Audubon Artists is run by volunteers, including the Medium Directors, Trustees, and Committee Members who donate their very valuable time and, in many cases, fund awards or make donations.

The Board thanks those members who quickly stepped up to our 2017 Donor Campaign and asks all members to consider making a donation. To do so, please go to our website, click on the <u>Checkout</u> link, and scroll down to the donation section. Donors will be recognized in each newsletter and on the website. See the sidebar for a list of the donors who kicked off this year's campaign.

With many thanks, Vincent Nardone

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Your donation will be acknowledged in our Newsletter and on our Website. Again, we thank all our donors.

President

Who's Who at Audubon Artists

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Susan Brand

Board News

Aloha. This Board News update is being written on the Island of Hawaii. There is much to report as many initiatives have come together and can be announced to our membership.

Board Membership As indicated by Vincent Nardone, the new Board of Trustees for Audubon Artists has been announced. We are so happy to have Evelyn Floret (previous Sculpture Director) back on the Board and Denise Rolland, who has been providing Board support for some time, is in a new role. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber of Board Members. Many are known internationally and are viewed as leaders in their field. The Board reorganization was one of the last projects that David Pena worked on. We mourn his loss and are grateful for all he did for Audubon Artists. Our Board reflects the streamlined operations that we have initiated in our processes.

Member Registration and Dues Payment As last year was so successful, we are again beginning the Member Registration and Dues Payment processes early. Pay your dues before July 1 for the lowest prices. The Board voted to hold the price of dues to that of 2 years ago: Associate Member dues are only \$40 and Elected Member dues are only \$60. This makes Audubon Artists one of the best deals of the NYC art organizations. Please note that dues beginning July 1 will incur a \$15 penalty. We have prepared the attached "Step by Step Instructions" to provide help. Please print them out. The reason for the penalty is that we want you to register and pay now so that we can work on the variety of databases that we need to communicate with you and begin preparing for the 75th Anniversary Celebration and the Annual Exhibit. Please remember that we are an organization run by volunteers. We found in the past that a few of our members were not careful in paying dues; because of the amount of time volunteers were devoting to correcting member errors, the Board approved a "no refunds policy". You are responsible for the accuracy of your payments. However, if you need help, we will help, but will need to collect a \$10 administrative fee to cover the extra costs of individualized help. Please read the instructions carefully and use a laptop rather than a smartphone.

2016 Exhibit Catalog The catalog has been completed. Thank you to Joe Villa who did an exceptional job of creating a beautiful Catalog. Thank you also to Jenny Lin for help in the printing of the Catalog. We are passing savings we have received on to you - the cost of each Catalog is only \$15!! You can order the 2016 Catalog by going to our website and clicking on "Online Payments" - there is a tab to order and pay for the Catalog. (Please read the directions on the payments page carefully.)

Planning for the 2017 Annual Exhibit has begun. A separate eBlast will be sent with Exhibit information. We look forward to your participation during this 75th year anniversary. More specific information will be provided in the future. Please do not send emails requesting additional information.

Artist Spotlight: Jason Chang

Jason Chang is a Master Pastelist of PSA. He has recently been selected as among "Outstanding Alumni of National Taiwan University of Arts," the same award as Oscar movie director Ang Lee.



Portrait Demo, 2011

He has also participated as an honorable artist in "Taiwanese and Japanese Artists Exhibition" in June 2015, Tokyo Japan, where he demonstrated and lectured. His pastel spring classes will begin in March. E-mail: <u>pastelartist@gmail.com</u>



Fishing Village



Man with Hat



Summer Fruits

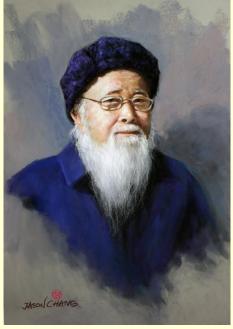
Jason Chang was born in Taiwan and immigrated to the US in 1982. He is a graduate of the National Taiwan College of Art with a Master's of Studio Art from the College of New Rochelle. He studied at the School of Visual Arts with the late Richard Pionk, PSA. While his subject matter ranges from landscapes/cityscapes to the figure and portraiture, he is best known for the dramatic effects of light exhibited in his still lifes. He is the author of *Amazing Delights in Pastel* and *The Art of Pastel*.



Flushing Night Scene



Gladiolus



Uncle Wei

Mr. Chang travels and teaches widely in North America and Asia. A great supporter and promoter of his art form, he is a founder and president of the North America Pastel Artist Association and helped organize the Taiwan Center International Pastel Open Juried Exhibitions and International Pastelists Invitational Exhibitions.



Demo in Tokyo, Japan 2015

Member News

Alexandra Martin, Sculpture Director, Christina Sanes, Treasurer, and Joseph Villa, Exhibit Catalog Chair, curated an exhibit at the NJ Spring Lake Theatre for the Belmar Arts Center.

Buren Gilpin, Elected Member, represented the NJ Atlantic Woodturners and participated in a wood sculpting demonstration of the West Hawaii Woodturners.

Christina Sanes provided a demonstration on fiber arts to a Hawaii mixed media arts

organization. She also curated an art exhibit of "The Stations of the Cross" at Trinity, Asbury Park. Fourteen NJ artists have provided their interpretation of a specific Station. Invited AA artists include **Buren Gilpin, Patricia Hutchinson, Vincent Nardone** and **Joseph Villa.** The Exhibit will be open through April 21, when it closes with a celebration of the art and artists.

Patricia Hutchinson's painting, *Emmy*, was awarded Honorable Mention at the 38th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ, on display through March 13, 2017.



Emmy by Pat Hutchinson

Ken Newman's monumental sculpture, *The Last Whistle*, a 2016 ArtPrize entry in Grand Rapids Michigan, was purchased by a Foundation in Saginaw, Michigan and is currently in the foyer of Saginaw Art Museum. The sculpture will be permanently installed in 2017.



The Last Whistle by Ken

Newman

In Memoriam

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of several dear Audubon Artists members.

Matteo Jannicelli Howard Koslow Arthur Thrall Albert Wasserman

All were esteemed artists who created many beautiful works. We will miss them as members and express deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

Please see our website (<u>In Memoriam</u>) for more information.

SUBMIT MEMBER NEWS

Member news entries highlighting a few of your recent accomplishments should be no more than three to four lines in length (or about 50 words). Please send your news to Pat at <u>audubonnewsletter15@gmail.com</u>

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To submit member news and other important announcements, contact <u>Pat Hutchinson</u> Newsletter Editor Audubon Artists audubonnewsletter15@gmail.com

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