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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2014

Dear Members,

These are very exciting times for Audubon Artists as we have already begun preparing for our 73rd Annual Exhibition, while implementing some much-needed technical improvements. In an amazingly short time we have responded to issues that have hampered our operations for some time. After an in-depth review of our processes, we realized that we have been and continue to be a leader in innovation in the arts. We created six Media Categories for awards when we added the unprecedented Collage and Mixed Media Category. And our focus continues to be on providing an organization for exceptional American-based artists. However, we also recognized that we were way behind most other arts organizations relative to operations. We realized that to remain relevant in the arts, we needed to streamline our operations and use methods deployed by other well-respected national arts organizations.

We have dramatically improved the Audubon Artists Website, providing ease-of-use and continuous updating of relevant information. Our Newsletter and e-Blasts are examples of our commitment to using technology to communicate guickly with our Membership. The new Membership Renewal process has proven to make renewing or signing up for membership a quick and simple event. It literally takes just minutes to enter one's membership data and pay dues. This has eliminated the need for a member's check to travel to a number of different locations and states, being manually recorded by each coordinator, till it finally was deposited in a bank. Now all our Media Directors and Membership Chairs have access to contact information and can quickly reach out to their artists. Streamlining is important for another reason, the members of the Board and Committees are all volunteers keeping the organization vibrant as we also squeeze in time for our own art and careers.

We are moving toward celebrating Audubon Artists 75th anniversary, which is truly an impressive benchmark! The initiatives we have undertaken are part of our planning for the next 75 years as we recognize the need to stay current and respected by the next generation of Emerging Artists. I feel honored to be leading this transition as we move Audubon Artists forward.

Respectfully,

Vincent J. Nardone, President

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We thank those of you who generously contributed to Audubon Artists in 2014. Your donations are very much appreciated and help the organization provide Awards for the Annual Exhibit. Thank you for investing in Audubon Artists.

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Board News

OPEN ANNUAL BOARD MEETING - JULY 1, 2015

All Associate and Elected Members are invited to join the Open Board Meeting on July 1 at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, NYC. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

STATUS OF NEW INITIATIVES

Our electronic Newsletter and e-Blasts have received astonishingly supportive comments. Members are excited to read about Audubon Artists activities, the membership, coming events, and to have access to quick announcements about important happenings. We thank Pat Hutchinson for making this goal a reality!

All Associate and Elected Members contact information now resides in one central data base, rather than multiple data bases that were unable to be easily merged. The beauty of this accomplishment is that we now have the ability to communicate with our membership, and with other arts organizations, quickly and efficiently via email. The new Membership Renewal process has dramatically simplified membership signup and payment and eliminated the need for members checks to be mailed multiple times across several states. The new Audubon Artists Website (<u>audubonartists.org</u>) is going live by July 1. The Board's goal of having a vibrant and exciting website that is easy to navigate and continuously updated with current information is now also a reality! We can now post the <u>Annual Exhibit Prospectus</u> online and provide access to our Membership to view the Annual Exhibition Catalog. These are major accomplishments and respond to requests from our Membership to utilize technology to enhance our operations. Thanks goes to many dedicated members, including our new and excellent team member, Rebecca Szabo, who has had to just about pull a rabbit out of a hat many times.

The Board is currently reviewing the organizational structure of the organization. Changing times and technologies require us to continuously validate our structure to ensure that the needs of our membership are being met. You will hear more about this initiative as we move forward.

Planning for the 2015 Annual Exhibit is well underway. As a reminder, the <u>Annual Exhibit Prospectus</u> is available on the Website. Please refer to it for important dates and registration information.

If you would like to help with these or other initiatives, please contact Vincent Nardone, President by clicking below:

Yes, I'd like to help!

We welcome your involvement as we continue to pursue these exciting goals!

Plein Air Painters Group

On Saturday May 30th, Salmagundi Plein Air Painters and their friends gathered at the Boathouse Cafe and Bethesda Fountain in New York's Central Park. Next paint out is Saturday, June 27th at Carl Schurz Park at 86th and East End Ave. Painters will gather at this entrance at 9 AM.



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION AT ANY TIME. AUDUBON ARTISTS, INC. IS A 501C-3 ORGANIZATION.

Checks can be made payable to Audubon Artists and mailed to

Vincent Nardone, President

3 Lamb Road Brick, NJ 08724.

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



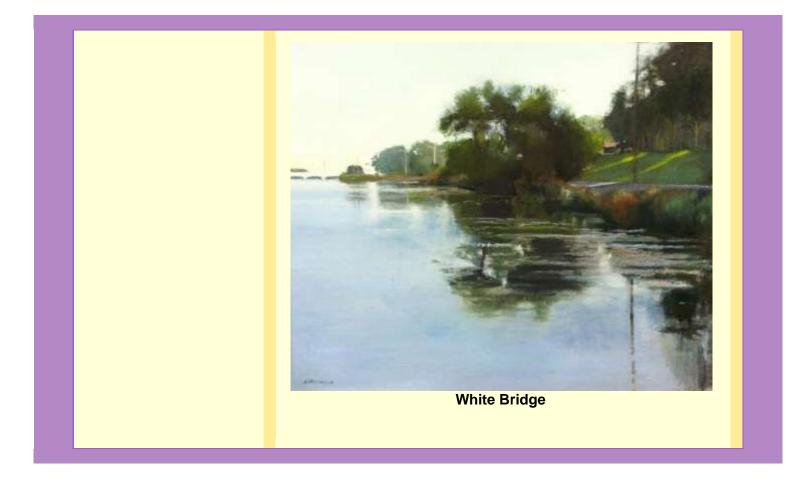
Contact <u>rogerhrossi@gmail.com</u> to sign up for Salmagundi Plein Air Painters, and stay tuned for dates and locations for this Fall.

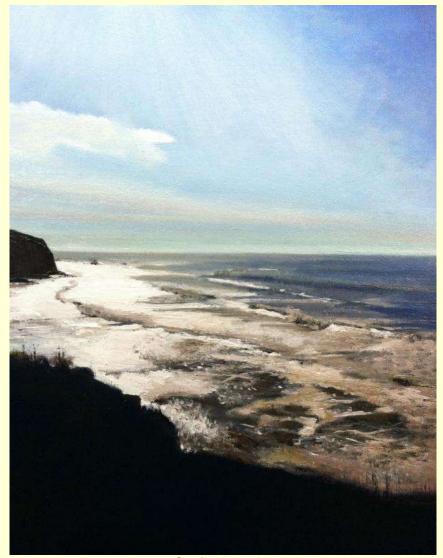
Artist Showcase: Anthony Migliaccio

New Jersey native **Anthony Migliaccio** has exhibited his work on the state and national level since the mid 70's. In addition to having received several awards for his paintings, he is listed in *Who's Who in American Art*, and is a Signature Artist Member of both the Noyes Museum, NJ, and the Plein Air Painters of the Jersey Coast.

One of his landscape paintings was selected by Governor Whitman to hang in the EPA office in Washington D.C. His work has been exhibited at prestigious venues such as the Salmagundi Club, the National Arts Club, Kean University, the College of NJ, Milk Studios in NYC, and the Monmouth Museum.

Tony has had several solo shows including the Noyes Museum/Seaview Gallery, Monmouth University, Georgian Court University, Brookdale Community College, the Guild of Creative Art, Ocean County College, and the Sandy Hook National Park Lighthouse Gallery. His paintings are in public and private collections throughout the U.S., Canada, and Taiwan. Migliaccio holds a Bachelors Degree from The College of NJ and a Masters Degree in Art Education from Kean University.





Surfer Beach

Other Selected Honors and Awards include:

- * Geraldine R. Dodge Fellowship to paint in Italy and France
- * Permanent collection Georgian Court University
- * Permanent collection Monmouth University
- * Selection of landscape painting "Sandy Hook" by the director of the EPA to hang in the Ariel Rios Bldg, Washington D.C.
- * First Place Painting Award, Bayonet Farm Arts and Music Festival Ninth Open Juried Art Show 2012
- * Giovanni Martino, NA Award for Landscape in Oils, Audubon Artists 68th National Juried Show at the Salmagundi Club, NYC
 - 2010
- * MCAC 30th Open Juried Show Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, New Jersey - Honorable Mention - Oil 2009
- * August Mosca Memorial Award in Oils, Audubon Artists 66th National Juried Show at the Salmagundi Club, NYC 2008
- * Guild of Creative Art, Open Juried Show, Shrewsbury, NJ Achievement Award Oil 2007
- * MCAC 28th Open Juried Show Monmouth Museum, Lincroft,

Migliaccio's work can be seen on his website. www.anthonymigliaccio.com

Member News

A centennial exhibit titled *Allied Artists of America:100 Years* at the Canton Museum, Ohio, features 60 artists. Among them are 25 Audubon members. The show runs until July 19.

Rita Agron received the Best in Show Award during the *Art on the Avenue* Outdoor Juried Show in Caldwell, NJ; First Place in Pastels Award at the Tewksbury Historical Society Juried Show in Oldwick, NJ; High Achievement Award at the Pascack Art Association Juried Show at Ridgewood Art Institute, Ridgewood,NJ; an Award of Excellence from the Livingston (NJ) Art Association. Members Show, and the Allan J. Smith Memorial Award at the American Artists Professional League Juried Show at the Salmagundi Club,NY. Elected a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America, she was also selected as the Online Featured Artist of the American Artists Professional League Grapevine.

Carol Z. Brody NWS has just achieved signature status in the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. Her painting, *Party Papers, Ribbons and Confetti IV,* was her third to be accepted into their Annual Exhibition in Kenosha, WI. In addition, Carol was the sole juror for the Lake Worth Art League's multi media show in Lake Worth, FL.

Marilyn Caissy received awards at the Salmagundi non-members show and the Connecticut Pastel Society Members Show.

Christina Debarry's work has been accepted by the Canton (Onio) Museum of Art's Invitational Exhibition, running April to July 2015. She was elected International Honorable Member of the Beijing Pastel Research Academy and is included in exhibitions at the Contemporary Art Academy of Qingdao, Oct -Nov 2014 and Xi'an Art Museum ,Dec-Jan 2014-2015.

Gary Erbe currently has a solo exhibit at the Canton Art Museum, Ohio.

Audubon member **Kate Fitzgerald**, who recently helped develop the One Percent for Culture campaign in NYC, has founded a new art competition called *Fleur du Soleil*, offering one talented artist a chance to spend a free month in the French countryside. The winner will also receive a \$5,000 travel stipend. It's open to all art forms including photography but not sculpture.

For complete details and guidelines, please visit: <u>www.fleurdusoleil.com</u>

A pastel by **Albert Handell** has been accepted into the permanent collection of the Butler Institute of American Art, donated through the Pastel Society of America's Legacy Collection in Honor of Flora B. Griffruni, 2014.

Susan Hotard recently won first place for her painting *In Slumber* in the Richeson 75 Small Works Oil/acrylic division. *The Big Decision* was accepted into the Oil Painters of America 24th Annual Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oils, St. Augustine, FLA. Her portrait of *Texas Tim* won third place in the OPA Online Fall Showcase, and was exhibited at the 15th Annual American Impressionists Society Show 2014, Abend Gallery, Denver, CO.

Pat Hutchinson's solo exhibit, *For the Birds*, runs from June 14 to July 19 at the Tides Hotel and Spa in Asbury Park, NJ.

Karen Israel, President of Connecticut Pastel Society and artist member of the Salmagundi Club, is a Master Pastelist of Pastel Society of America and The International Association of Pastel Societies. In April 2014 her work *Tipping Point* won Third Place in the Animal and Wildlife Category in Pastel Journal's Pastel 100 Competition. She recently won Fourth Place in the Lightspacetime Online Gallery. Karen exhibits her work often at the Salmagundi Club and Lyme Art Association.

Yolene LeGrand recently completed a free course at the New York Public Library aimed at helping adults advance their computer coding skills. An interview with ABC news correspondent Lauren Glassberg highlighted Yolene's web site and her intention to be able to change and develop it without expert help. See the interview here:

http://7online.com/technology/new-york-public-library-offering-free-computer-coding-classes/714358/

Yolene's work was included in a collection of 30 Haitian Masters donated to the Brooklyn Museum by Mrs. Vivian Hewitt. To read more about the exhibit, click on the following link <u>http://www.pittsburghurbanheroes.com/2013/heroes/hewitt.html</u>

Jill Rader Levine was the curator of the *Women Of The World* -*Think Big!* 2015 Art Exhibition featuring 57 distinguished female artists in celebration of National Women's History Month on Long Island, NY. In March she organized two events hosted by Bloomingdales Furniture Gallery in Garden City and Nassau County Legislature in Mineola, NY. A month-long display of the artwork was presented to the public at t the Wisser Art Gallery, NYIT- Old Westbury campus, during May, 2015.

Long standing member **Antonio Masi** has been elected President of The American Watercolor Society at the Salmagundi Club. A regular exhibitor with Audubon, Antonio won the Audubon Gold Medal of Honor in Aquamedia in 2008 and the Silver Medal of Honor in Aquamedia in 2010. **Georgene McGonagle's** bronze stylized bird, *Hawk-Eye*, was selected by Art On Loan for placement in the Washington D.C office of US Senator Michael Bennett, representing Colorado artists. She was awarded 1st Place Sculpture by the American Artists Professional League in New York and the Artists Association of Northern Colorado. She will participate in the 2015 Governors Art Show and Sculpture in the Park, both in Loveland, Colorado.

Several works by **Tokayo Noda** are included in the show *New York View: MTA Arts and Design Illustrate the City* at the Museum Of American Illustration (Society of Illustrators),128 East 63rd ST. New York, NY. The show runs from June 3 to August 15, 2015.

Inga Poslitur will teach two workshops this summer at the Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM.

On July 18, 2015, a public sculpture of a baby dragon by **Madeleine Segall-Marx** will be permanently installed on the lawn of the Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, NY

Rae Smith, PSA Master Pastelist and 2014 Hall of Fame Honoree, and **Rhoda Yanow**, Honorary Member of Audubon Artists, are featured in an exhibition at the Noyes Museum, Oceanville, NJ, from May 29 to September 27.

Rae is also included in the Allied Artists Invitational Exhibition at the Canton Museum in Canton, OH, and has had a painting accepted into the permanent collection of the Butler Institute of American Art.



Left to Right: Vinnie Nardone, President of Audubon Artists; Rae Smith; Michael Cagno, Noyes Art Museum Director; and Rhoda Yanow.

Sharon Way-Howard has a monotype accepted into the American Society of Marine Artists 2015 "Reflections" show. The show runs

from Apr. 10 through June 20 at the Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy, FL.

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>

Audubon Artists Newly-Elected 2015 Members

To be announced in the next newsletter.

Audubon Artists New Associate 2015 Members

Michael	Budden
Eileen	Hendren
Deborah	Dendler
Kate	Fitzgerald
Suzanne	Helwig
Sheryl	Hughes
Joan	Lane
Aleta	Steward
Judith	Sumin

OOPS--Corrections

Thanks to Vicky Culver for pointing out that Mike Scherfen's name was misspelled in the last newsletter under newly inducted Aquamedia members.

May Rolstad Trien was listed as May Rolstad in Member News. Rolstad is her maiden name.

Sorry, Mike and May!

Coming Events

Membership Renewal

RENEW NOW

for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Don't forget to renew your membership to remain a member in good standing of Audubon Artists.

ELECTED MEMBERS RENEW HERE

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CLICK HERE

We are no longer accepting checks by mail, all renewals must be submitted ONLINE using PayPal or ANY major credit/debit card!

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