



President's Message by Mary Anne Bloom

President Mary Anne at Alison Christler retrospective. Photo by Emma Muzzy.

We are off to one a positive start in 2010 starting with the January take-in at a 126 pieces, (not including the 25 pieces for Alison's show). This is great, and I don't know whether it has to do with New Year's resolutions or Felix's very generous idea to be at the gallery and do "early take

-in " on Sunday from 4-7pm (thank you, **Felix**); but whatever it is, let's keep it up! Then there is **Alison Christler's** Featured Artist Show. Thanks to **Sandy Christler**, Alison's work is on display as planned a year ago before her illness (thank you, Sandy). We also had a most excellent January demonstration given by Helen Shafer Garcia with well over 50 in attendance and what I believe was a record amount of \$ taken in as donations for the Scholarship Fund (thank you everyone who attended).

January's reception included our first art auction. We

auctioned off one of Alison's pieces at the suggestion of **Ann Hurd**. We are looking forward to doing more auctions, proceeds of which will go to the Scholarship Fund. Don't forget about our exciting "Bookmark" competition; this ends on the 31st, and likely will not happen again for another 4-5 years, so, if you want the chance to represent COAL on its advertisement, please submit your entries.

Before I end this month's message I have two Board changes to report. The first is to welcome **Karen Crowell** as

our new Publicity Chair and to thank **Carol Bonomo** for doing such a great job as a fill-in and for taking the time to set everything up for Karen. Then there is the saying "good-bye" to **Elaine Seeley**. She will still be a member, but will be giving up her Board position as Community Outreach and telephone Chair. Elaine will be greatly missed as she has been on the Board in one capacity or another for seven years! THANK YOU ELAINE.

Last words ... **Membership Show!**

Gallery Visitors, December = over 512 visitors*

Gallery Sales, December: Nancy Bruce, Shirley Calvert, Kyung Drury, Marianne Endriss, Doreen Long, Marge McClure, Kim Pendleton, Thomas Smith, Robert Williams

* 2 December shifts were unstaffed and gallery was closed December 24, 25, and 31.

Spotlight on the Gallery, by Felix Bonomo, Gallery Director

My first New Year Resolution is working! We tried early take-in for the January show and wondered if there really was anybody who needed to bring their art in on a Sunday afternoon / evening instead of during regular Monday take-in. Would anybody show up?

Ha! Some of you showed up earlier than early take-in! When we got there to set up, there was a short line waiting (patiently) for us, and it didn't slow down for an hour. There were 26 pieces of art taken in—and all of you said keep doing it please! That's my bigger goal as

the Gallery Director: to provide the space and opportunity for you to show your work. I was impressed to hear more than a few people talk about *their* New Year Resolutions in terms of making more art and submitting to every show. Those are great goals, and the COAL Gallery is a great team player for you in achieving those goals.

It's February. Are you going to submit again? We have a "show within a show" in February that might spark your interest and keep that resolution going a bit longer. We have early take-in for those who need it

and regular take-in to support you in getting your work into the gallery. We participate in Thursdays on the Coast (this month on February 25) that can bring over 100 people to see your art in a three hour period alone. We have hundreds of people coming to the gallery *every month* to view your art, and possibly buy art. In fact, we sold a piece of art during early take-in when we weren't even supposed to *be* open. It was still sitting against the wall waiting to be processed!

Take part in this partnership! It's a win-win.

COAL DUSTERS!

I need your help! I am in the process of putting together a team of COAL artists who can come to the gallery on an as-needed basis off-hours to help with the upkeep of the gallery appearance. Yes, we do windows! (No, not yours—the gallery's!) And anything else we can do to keep the gallery looking its best without busting the bank to get it done. Call Felix at 619-913-0680 or email bonomo@sbcglobal.net if you can help the Gallery this way.

From Our Newsletter Sponsor, San Clemente Art Supply

Any purchase you make during the month of February will automatically enter you in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card to the store. **!!! SWEET!!!** Check out our February Classes & workshops - a star-studded lineup of top local talent... Vickie de Silva, Susan Marcle, Hyatt Moore, Stacy Kamin and Geri Medway all in one month!

And... we have Funny Cartoon Animals (for ages 5-12), and... Costumed Model Painting every Monday night and Open Life Drawing every Wed night.

—From your friends at San Clemente Art Supply

January's Show Winners: Mary Ann May, Best of Show

Best of Show: Mary Ann May, Pear Tree in Courtyard I (oil/ acrylic)

WATER MEDIA

1st, Bonnie Gleason, "Bellissima"
2nd, Elena Wilck, "Cabo Vender"
3rd, Pamela Brasel, "Trip to Carlsbad"

HMs: B. Gleason, "Rose Décor", V. Sorrentino, "Accent of Silver", R. Parker, "Stage Coach Clouds"

OILS / ACRYLICS

1st, Bradley L. Kaskin, "Standing Around"

2nd, Rita Shulak, "Ultramarine Sky Reflection"

3rd, Mary Ann May, "Pear Trees in Courtyard II"

HMs: E. H. Wagoner, "Cliffs at Torrey Pines", C. Centanni, "San Diego Skyline", L. Korich, "Cosmos I"

MIXED MEDIA

1st, Diane Adams, "The Source"
2nd, Dorothy Jaques, "Friendship"

3rd, Joyce Chaney, "Apparition"
HMs: V. Ribbel, "Tuscany Roofs", D. Bertch, "Keepsakes", V. Sorrentino, "Fronds"

PASTEL

1st, Joan Grine, "Desert Garden"
2nd, Barbara Miller, "Eye of the Tiger"

3rd, Mary Anne Nilsson, "Summer Vine"

DIGITAL ART

1st, Roberta Henson, "Chrome Bird"

2nd, A.F. Winter, "Buenos Diaz"
3rd, Larry Larroquette, "Villa Passageway"

HMs: H. Ganz, "Islands of the Day", D. Brokenshire, "Grove Café", M. Brewer, "Ghost

Town Car"

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st, Drew Duke, "Fiesta"

2nd, Ann L. Hurd, "Dark Hedges N. Ireland"

3rd, Marjorie Brewer, "End of the Road"

HMs: D. Ombrello, "Another Fine Day", V. Whittaker, "Foggy Monday", D. Ombrello, "Bonanza Falls", R. Brewer, "Yosemite Oaks"

SCULPTURE

1st Bobbi Hirschhoff, "Circle on Black, Green, Brown"

2nd, Bobbi Hirschhoff, "Art Deco in Mauve"

3rd, Bryan Alexander, "Share"

DRAWING / PRINTMAKING

1st, Pat Dispenziere, "Spider Mums"

2nd, Agnes Lochte, "Twilight"

3rd, Diane Adams, "Coy Chick"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE, DECEMBER SHOW:

1st Place: Mary Anne Nilsson, "Castles in the Clouds"

2nd Place: Marlen Salmón, "Africans".

49 votes were cast for People's Choice in December. 19 of the votes indicated they discovered COAL while "shopping in the area"

ARTIST RECOGNITION

Felix Bonomo's photo "Sentimental Journey" was recently recognized by the LA Times as one of its "best of the best" travel photographs submitted in 2009—of more than 5,000 submissions. The photo is part of his solo exhibit of nearly 30 images called, "Women Hold Up Half The Sky" beginning February 16—May 13 at the CSU San Marcos Kellogg Library.

Pat Dispenziere's watercolor "The Bishop's Chair" was selected for the NWS 2010 Travel Exhibit, which begins February 7—March 28 at the Fallbrook Art Center.

Membership Notes, by Lee Korich, Director of Membership

Membership renewals are doing very well—we have received about half of the expected renewals already. The March Membership Show is right around the corner, so please try to get your renewal in the mail soon if you have not already done so. This will avoid any last minute confusion as to membership status when you enter the show. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Please join me in welcoming these new C.O.A.L. members:

Carl	Burns	AM	W	760	801-1481
Carol	DeCosta	AM	OA	760	433-8550
Andrew	Fulenwider	PRO	M	611	394-0480
Darlene	Katz	PRO	OA	760	635-2585
Tom	Murphy	AM	OA P	714	412-7068
John	O'Brien	AM	PH DA	760	845-4570
Marlen	Salomon			760	720-0463

Artist Opportunities

If you are interested in participating in **Thursdays on the Coast** through COAL, the first two host signups for the next event (**February 25, 5-8pm**) will have the opportunity to promote two of their pieces in the front of the gallery during the Thursday evening walk. Must bring your own easels/

stands to show work. There will also be another opportunity to participate on March 25.

The **Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation** invites artists to participate in Oceanside's 18th Annual "DAYS OF ART" on April 17th and 18th, 2010. Early deadline with lower

fee is **February 20**. Final deadline is March 13th. For prospectus or information call ODOA at 760 433-3632 or call Diane Adams at 760 757-5368. Prospectus may also be picked up at the COAL Gallery. Go to www.ocaf.info for more information.

See the bulletin board in the Gallery work room for other announcements.

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Backup Gallery Hosts:
The following members are available to substitute as gallery hosts at \$5.00/hr. If you are unable to host, it is your responsibility to contact someone on this list or another member to insure that your commitment is covered.

Kyung Drury 760-637-6197
Cathlene Hofheimer 760-434-2315
Doreen Long 858-487-3672
Shirley Shabazian 760-439-6844

VOLUNTEERS WANTED... Board Positions Available: Director of Membership, Hospitality Chair, Community Outreach Chair. Substitute gallery hosts, take-in crew, hospitality crew!

Talk to President Mary Anne or Gallery Director Felix about how to get involved.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 31: Early Take-In, Feb show, 4—7pm
(requires hosting on weekends or evenings)

Monday, February 1: Take-In, February Show, 10-4pm
("Winter" Show Within A Show Theme/Cash Prize)
5:45 Board Meeting

Friday, February 12: Monthly demo and meeting, Calavera Community Center, 1:30-3:30pm

Sunday, February 14: Show Reception, Peggy Hugenberger, Featured Artist, 4:00— 6:00pm

Thursday, February 25: Thursdays on the Coast, 5:00-8:00pm (see item in Artist Opportunities, p. 3)

Sunday February 28: Take-In, Member Show, 9:00— 4:00pm

Monday, March 1: Judging, Member Show
5:45 Board Meeting