



January-February 2016 Issue

President's Message

I took out the garbage last night.

That's not especially noteworthy – I do that fairly often. But last night, the fog had rolled in from the southeast. It was a real Savannah fog, the first of the season. Savannah fogs are more beef stew than pea soup – they seem to have large chunks rolling around in them. According to Mr. Sandburg of the last century, fog comes in on “little cat feet” and “sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on.” Well, Mr. Sandburg lived in Chicago. Savannah fogs stomp in on great tiger paws, lie down until they have digested whatever they have just eaten, fall asleep, and sometimes take a few days to move on.

It was very early in the month, and most people in my neighborhood hadn't put up Christmas lights yet (including me), so it was fairly dark except for street lights. So, like any other sane, right-minded citizen, I threw the dark green bag in the blue container and went back inside. No I didn't, for that would be the mark of a sane, right-minded citizen. I grabbed my camera and tripod and set off in my bedroom slippers to photograph things in a night fog. I used to be pretty good at night photography, but that skill requires attention that has been unpaid, apparently. I kept four of thirty-six images. To be perfectly fair, I bracketed a few of the shots, took some, um, unlikely

exposures. The camera got confused and stared at me dumbly (even with manual settings) a few times. But there was one image that I thought captured the moment.



Photo by Ed Eckstrand

January is usually for looking at the new year. Everyone loves a freshly unwrapped, shiny new year, with at least the possibility of not being as shoddy and worn-out when it ends. But this particular newsletter comes out at the middle of the previous month. We are still transfixed by the holidays that have us blinking in their headlights as they bear down on us. So much to do. But I will mention that our January meeting is the organizational meeting, where we look ahead at the new year and ask for ideas, impressions, and feedback – what did we do well, and what can we do that's new or better. Please attend, especially if you have some of those thoughts.

Before we get there, take some time off to feel the power of the season. Whatever your heritage and tradition, this is the



time of year to look carefully around you and think about how you are doing and where you are going. It's worth doing, especially for artists, whatever else you do during the month. Over the past year's exhibitions, I've seen an awful lot that people can mark as an accomplishment, and feel good about. If you celebrate like I other tradition, translate that into something nice for your world.

I guess that about does it. What? Oh, that. Well, okay.

Ed

The art this month's issue is provided by Dottie Farrell, our artist of the month.

News from Bobbie Kraft

The construction of the Savannah Art Association gallery is moving along again. A new contractor is busy getting our space ready for us.

SAA PAG

The Savannah Art Association Plein Air Group that is PAG. We have formed a small group and would like all who are interested in joining us for a little adventure in painting outdoors to join us whenever you can. There is no cost. We plan to meet every other Monday and using the following Friday as a rain date. It is now on our calendar. The locations will vary, we are open for suggestions.

December

10 SAA Christmas Party Tubby's Restaurant on River Drive, in Thunderbolt, 5:30 p.m. Entertainment to be provided by Al and Leigh Harris and their Bluegrass Band. Call 912 232-7731 to register.

21 SAA PAG will meet at the Skidaway Aquarium at 10 am to paint. Bring your painting supplies, snacks and lunch. Stay as long as you like.

29 Airport Show, take down old and put up new art. Theme: "All things Savannah", Historic landmarks etc. to be considered for artwork in the new SAA cookbook.

January

1 Happy New Year

4 SAA PAG will meet on River Street, Abercorn Ramp, near the Anchor to paint. We will meet at 10 am. Rain date is Friday January 8.

4 SAA BOD Meeting 5 p.m. Johnny Harris Restaurant.

9 Senior Playshop at Generation One from 10 until 1 with watercolor Artist



Wayne Chambers. Bring your watercolor supplies and we will all share materials if needed. Fee: \$15.

14 General Meeting 6 p.m. Johnny Harris Restaurant. A very Important Meeting, Please plan to attend.

18 SAA PAG will meet at 10 am at the Savannah Botanical Gardens on Eisenhower at Sallie Mood Drive.

February 2016

1 SAA PAG meets in Bluffton at 12 noon at The Cottage, on Calhoun Street for lunch, followed by painting nearby.

1 SAA BOD Meets 5 pm at Johnny Harris Restaurant.

15 SAA PAG meets at Forsythe Park Café at 12 noon, lunch and then paint.

13 Senior Playshop with watercolorist Frances Mills, painting the impressionist way. Cost \$15.

18 SAA General Meeting 6 pm Johnny Harris.

29 SAA PAG meets at the Coastal Bamboo Gardens, Hwy 17 near Richmond Hill. Bring your snacks and lunch.

Featured Artist

Dottie Farrell



As a child growing up in rural North Carolina, Dottie had a great appreciation for the beauty in the flowers and nature around her. While taking a “kiddie art” class in college, she discovered she had a real love and talent for art. She graduated from East Carolina College with BA and MA degrees in Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten, first grade and music for many years. She also ran her own monogram business for 15 years. While living in Japan for three years with her Air Force husband, Dottie had the opportunity to study oil painting. Upon returning stateside, she had to devote her time to raising her family and working. In 1998, Dottie discovered the wonderful world of watercolor. Over the next few years, she developed her talent through study under local artists Rebecca Willis and Kim Miller. She took many workshops with such noted artists as Al Stein, Ann Pember, Joy Moon, Lian Zhen, Steve Rogers, Janet Rogers, Suzanna Spann, Ann Patterson and others. Her work hangs in homes and offices throughout the US and abroad. In 2005,



Dottie was privileged to join Bess Ramsey in Studio One at the City Market Art Center in Savannah.



About the Work:

Today, Dottie paints with vivid colors in a very realistic style, paying close attention to detail and often with a touch of whimsy. She tries to capture the beauty and vivaciousness of “life” in this wonderful world where we live. Her work hangs in offices and homes throughout the U.S. and abroad. You can visit Dottie at Studio One (upstairs over Belford’s Restaurant) in City Market. She is a member of the Landings Art Association and the Georgia Watercolor Society. Contact cell 912-665-0786; e-mail: dhf4760@bellsouth.net.

Miniatures –News in Brief



Saturdays on River

Street will resume on April 2, 2016. We need a volunteer to organize and manage the River Street Shows. Call 232-7731 to volunteer.

PLAYSHOPS 2016. If you would like to give a 5 or 6 hour workshop please call 232-7731, or if you would like to have one given in a particular art area, call.

What You’ve Been Up To

ISCAP

**International Student
Climate Art Project**



ISCAP Report

. Carol Anderson reported that ISCAP is going well. There is an Argentina class on the website. Check out the website ISCAP.com.





Our new airport show will be hung Tue. December 29 and the theme will be "All Things Savannah". There will be no entry fees for this show and our judges will be an appointed committee that will choose nine works of art whose images will be published in color in the new SAA Cookbook. The image of the "best of show" will be the cookbook cover. So let's get some great works of art that show Savannah at its best or most interesting and your art may be published in the SAA Cookbook for the entire world to see. The cookbooks will be sold at all SAA events and in the SAA Gallery when it opens. If you have artwork now at the Airport Gallery, it must come down at 10:00 a.m. Tue. December 29.

SAA is planning to publish a new cookbook. We are in the process of putting together a new cookbook for 2016. We will need to receive from all of you two or three recipes to place in this new book. Send your favorite recipes to our address: SAA, P.O. Box, 5385, Savannah, GA 31414, or email them to Andrea Stark at Starkabode@AOL.com. We also need to sell ads in the cookbook, A full page ad will cost \$150, ½ page \$100, 1/3 page \$75, ¼ page \$40, 1/6 page \$30, 1/8 page \$25, Booster @15. Full color back page \$200. A business card size ad is \$40.

We will also be pre-selling the cookbooks, they make great gifts. When

published the books sell for \$15. Each, pre sales of the books will be \$12. Each.

The committee is Andrea Stark, Grace Rohland, and Ashley Inniss. If you are interested in selling ads or otherwise helping with the cookbook please contact Andrea at 912-663-3188, or Grace at 912-844-4415 or Ashley at 470-443-4836. We can use more help!.

Welcome to Our newest Members

Kathleen Varadi, Josie V. Toney, Gwendolyn Frazier-Smith

The SAA Christmas Party This year's Christmas Party was at Tubby's Tank House Restaurant in Thunderbolt, Thursday, December 10 , 5:30 p.m.,

Leigh and Al Harris' bluegrass band, "Southern Tide" performed at the dinner, it was a great time for all .

Pictures from the Christmas Party





Hello SAA Members, There is another great workshop coming up. This one is hosted by **Tybee Arts Association** and Mermaid Cottages. This Oil Painting/Plein Air workshop is taught by Kentucky artist Bill Fletcher and it takes place on Tybee Island January 26, 27, 28, 2016. Check out Mr Fletcher's work on www.billfletcherstudio.com .

MEMBERS

New and not new...

Call to volunteer 232-7731. We need help with fundraising, working on River Street, High School Art Competition, other areas of assistance as needed.



The January 14th Membership Meeting at 6 pm at Johnny Harris Restaurant is a very IMPORTANT meeting for all members. Please plan to attend. During this meeting we will elect the Board of Directors, present the plans for the 2016 year and we ask you to bring your ideas to the meeting. We are a not for profit organization and reach out to the community in many ways. Plan to be an active part of it in 2016. Hope to see you all there.

Meet your current Board members:

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