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THE AAPL OFFICE IS OPEN ON TUESDAY ONLY.

On other days, please leave a message on our answering machine or send us an e-mail and we will get back to you. Our e-mail address is: aaplinc@gmail.com.

Unless your request needs immediate attention, we suggest you write us so that we will have a record of your inquiry.

Please remember that volunteers staff our organization so we cannot be available as often as needed.

Your sincere cooperation is requested!

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN ARTISTS PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE

To advance the cause of fine arts in America, through the promotion of high standards of beauty, integrity and craftsmanship in painting, sculpture and the graphic arts.

To emphasize the importance of order and coherent communication as prime requisites of works of art through exhibitions and publications.

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Presidents Message

Dear Artist Members,

As formally stated in much of our literature concerning the AAPL, the fundamental principles of our organization encourage, promote and preserve that somewhat indefinable but nevertheless recognizable quality called "Traditional Realism" in American Art. It is with a commitment to this principle that the Officers and Directors of the Board serve on a voluntary and non-compensatory basis.

To participate as an active constituent of this viable and prestigious organization is

our only reward. There is a certain sense of accomplishment for all of us in the institutional recognition of artwork that satisfies inherent standards of quality and excellence.

I have now concluded my second and last tenure in office as President of the AAPL. My part in the League's sponsorship and recognition afforded talented artists has been a great source of satisfaction to me. I now take great pleasure in introducing

Larry Mallory to the membership as the newly

elected President of the League as of the beginning of this year.

Larry has been an artist member of the AAPL since 1971 and has been a long-standing competent, devoted and contributing member of the Board of Directors for many years. I am confident that the AAPL will continue to improve and prosper under his leadership and will support his initiatives.

I wish all of you a most Happy, Healthy and Fruitful New Year.



Konrad Hansalik

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We're on the Web!

See Award Winners, membership, background information and more at:

www.americanartistsprofessionalleague.org

Please note our new fax number:

212-792-2275

AAPL Member Show

We regret to inform you that, due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to secure the facility originally intended for our AAPL Member Show this spring.

There will be an exclusive show for our members in the future.

2009 Grand National Exhibition

Coordination has begun for our 2009 Grand National Exhibition; the mailing of the Prospectus to our members will take place in May. Please let non member friends know that the Prospectus and details of the show will be online in June. They can also send a SASE to: American Artists Professional League, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003 with their request.

NEWINGTON AWARD – BEST PAINTING IN SHOW
ALDEN BRYAN AWARD FOR TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE IN OIL
ART SPIRIT FOUNDATION GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PASTEL

Dashuai Sun
Monty Lumba
Diana DeSantis

OIL AWARDS

Frank C. Wright Medal of Honor plus–**Claudia Seumour**
 John R. Grabach Memorial Award – **Thomas Torak**
 Salmagundi Club Award – **George Strasburger**
 Allied Artists of America Award – **Mary Jane Q. Cross**
 Audubon Artists Award – **Helen Rudy**
 Raymond Chow Memorial Award – **Dana Levin**
 Helen DeCozen Award for a Floral – **Christopher Pierce**
 William P. Lawrence Memorial Award – **Pauline Stecher**
 Claude Parsons Memorial Award – **Dennis Sirrinc**
 Ridgewood Art Association Award – **Peter J. Giaquinto**
 Helen G. Oehler Memorial Award – **Suzanne Eisler**
 John Collins Memorial Award – **Irene Bailey**
 Julia K. Castro Memorial Award – **Sylvia Castellanos**
 Colonel George J. Morales Memorial Award – **Shin-Young An**
 Dianne Rudy Memorial Award – **Karen Luckey**
 Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – **Ann James Massey**
 President’s Award – **Daryl Urig**
 Honorable Mention – **John S. Richter**

GRAPHIC & PASTEL AWARDS

Frank C. Wright Medal of Honor plus – **Larry R. Mallory**
 Vera Sickinger Award for Figure in Pastel – **Sangita Phadke**
 Alma M. Preede Memorial Award
 for a Graphic – **Elaine Rothwell**
 Pastel Society of America Award
 And Plaque – **Timothy John-Luke Smith**
 Helen G. Oehler Memorial Award – **Dan Slapo**
 Flora Giffuni Award for Pastel – **Barbara S. Groff**
 Claude Parsons Memorial Award – **Jeffrey Berman**
 Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – **Mireille Duchesne**
 Allan J. Smith Memorial Award – **Salomon Kadoche**
 President’s Award – **Douglas Gillette**
 Honorable Mention – **William Schneider**

WATERMEDIA AWARDS

Frank C. Wright Medal of Honor plus – **Dean Mitchell**
 Winsor & Newton Award – **Charles R. Ross**
 Helen G. Oehler Memorial Award – **Louis Stephen Gadal**
 Art Times Journal Award for Landscape – **Gregory Bruno**
 John Collins Memorial Award – **Antonio Masi**
 Claude Parsons Memorial Award – **Liena Dieck**
 Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – **Tony Armendariz**
 Alma M. Preede Memorial Award – **Robert Heyer**
 President’s Award – **Anthony Odom**
 Honorable Mention – **Weiqing Yuan**

SCULPTURE AWARDS

Frank C. Wright Medal of Honor plus – **Gwen Marcus**
 Leonard J. Meiselman Memorial Award for
 Traditional Sculpture – **Curt Mattson**
 Helen G. Oehler Memorial Award – **Norman Darvie**
 Calvary Baptist Church Award – **Michael Alfano**
 George Gach Memorial Award – **Carmen Frank**
 Claude Parsons Memorial Award – **Susie Chisholm**
 Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – **Marilyn Newmark**
 Kathryn Thayer Hobson Memorial Award – **Larry Scaturro**
 President’s Award – **Michele Moushey Dale**
 Honorable Mention – **Lawrence Brustein**

MERCHANDISE AWARDS

Daler Rowney Award – **E.J. Stoddard**
 Canson Fine Papers Award – **Sonja Weir**
 HK Holbein, Inc. Award – **Leo Yeni**
 Jack Richeson & Co., Inc. Award – **Julie Bell, Allan Curry,**
Rebecca J. Leer, Charles Young Walls
 Cheap Joe’s Award – **Victor Mordasov**
 Gamblin Artists Colors Co. Award – **Herb Lucas**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008 FELLOWS

An AAPL “Fellow” is an artist who has participated in three Grand National Exhibitions *after* being accepted for membership. If you fit these criteria and have not yet received a Fellow Certificate, please contact Kathryn Mingo at aapl@gmail.com or send a note to AAPL, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003 to let us know. Please be sure to list the three years your work has been included in the shows.

The following “Fellows” are AAPL **Artist Members** who have participated in three Grand National Exhibitions:

Jason Chang, NY	John Sagartz, NC
James S. Jackson, NJ	Claudia Seymour, CT
Louise Leone, NJ	William Michael Yenkevich, PA

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED ARTIST MEMBERS!

Rita Agron, NJ
 Paula Shea Barbarotto, NY
 Walter M. Bill, NY
 Bruce Braithwaite, NJ
 Lawrence Brustein, NJ
 Barry Cummings, NY

Elaine Gaskell de Spoelberch, CT
 Loretta Feeny, MA
 Ella Fraser, Canada
 Kathleen Johnson, ME
 Herb Lucas, NH
 Susan Tait Porcaro, CT

Lisa Prusinski, MI
 Eleanor Sackett, MA
 Nicholas Sacripante, FL
 Christopher Wynn, VA

Grand National Submissions – We continue to receive requests to accept digital images for entries to our Grand National Exhibition. While we addressed this issue in our August 2008 Newsletter (please AAPL website under “News” tab), we are again stressing that we have neither the technology nor the staff to handle digital entries. There are a number of online services that will convert a digital image to 35mm slide. We encourage you to look into these services now (if you cannot find or use slide film) as you begin your plans for submission.

Newsletter Contributions

All materials for AAPL Newsletter Membership News should be mailed to: Kathryn Mingo, 6 Jonathan Court, Islip Terrace, NY 11752 *or* e-mailed to: aaplinc@gmail.com. Please type and proof your submissions, and include your home state. Materials for our Mid Year Newsletter are due no later than **June 30, 2009**.

A Special Thank You to Susanne Hurt

After volunteering her time to the American Artists Professional League for over 20 years, Susanne Hurt (AAPL Secretary) has retired. We are very grateful to Susanne for her many years of dedicated service and devotion to our organization.

Below is your **DUES STATEMENT**. Your dues become payable with your January newsletter each year. Please pay promptly; the income from your dues becomes our operating budget. Second notices cost our organization every year. In addition, if you do not pay your membership dues for two consecutive years, you will be dropped from our membership. We appreciate your cooperation.

DUES STATEMENT

CUT HERE AND MAIL WITH YOUR REMITTANCE.



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This is your **DUES INVOICE** for 2009. Please respond promptly. Dues paid promptly save the cost of second mailing.

2009 ANNUAL Dues	\$50.00
Contribution*	
Past-Due Dues 2007 ____ 2008 ____	
Total:.....	

*A contribution of \$25.00 or more will list you in the 2009 GRAND NATIONAL EXHIBITION Catalog as a Patron.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Elected Artist Member

Fellow Member

Rita Agron, NJ received a Merit award from the Livingston, NJ Art Association 2008 Member Show.

Cathy Ferrell, FL exhibited her sculpture in several shows including the American Society of Marine Artists 14th Annual National Exhibition which toured museums in five states and the ASMA NE Regional Show which traveled from the Cape Cod Cultural Center and ended at the Maine Maritime Museum. Ms. Ferrell will hold an exhibition of her sculpture at the Gallery 14 in Vero Beach, Florida during the month of February. The exhibition is entitled "Florida Calling: Sea, Sky and Land." For further information, visit the website: www.gallery14verobeach.com.

Robert L. Hunt, PA had his painting "Paiute Village under Zion's Splendor" selected to be part of an exhibition celebrating Zion National Park's 100th Anniversary; the exhibition, on display through January at the St. George, UT Museum, will travel for 18 months to other museums nationwide.

Judith Janus, NY was selected for inclusion in the 2008-2009 editions of Marquis *Who's Who of American Women* based on her many artistic achievements as a dancer/choreographer in an earlier career and as a visual artist.

Olga Karpeisky, CO participated in an art exhibition entitled "Inspired by Russia" featuring paintings and sculpture by eight Russian artists from Canada, Finland, France, Russia and USA. The show was held at the Russian Cultural Center in '08.

Antonio Masi, NY has been elected a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and will be exhibiting in its 142nd Annual International Exhibition in 2009. He was featured in the September 2008 issue of "The Artist's Magazine." Mr. Masi was also featured in the Sunday, August 31 issue of Newsday in a three page article with photographs of his work entitled "Bridgemaster." He won several awards including an Award of Merit at the Salmagundi Annual Exhibition and an award from the Ridgewood Art Institute. He was a Finalist in the *Artist's Magazine* Annual Art Competition 2008. His work can be viewed at www.antoniomasi.com.

Ann James Massey, TX & France, will hold a series of drawing workshops ("The Art of Drawing and Overcoming Common Mistakes") at the Santa Teresa Country Club in NM during March/April. Her workshops are devoted to portraits, figure drawing and working from photographs, and perspective and learning from the old masters. Her website is: annjamesmassey.com.

Larry Mallory, PA (AAPL President) received several awards including the William D. Zahn Memorial Award from the Salmagundi Club Black and White Exhibition, 2008; CAFA Drawing Award from the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 97th Annual Exhibition; and the Best of Show, Artists Choice & People's Choice Awards from Art in Bloom, 2008, Ebensburg, PA. His drawing "Times Past" will be published in North Light Books *Strokes of Genius II*.

Mike Mazer, MA received the Shirk Studios Cash Award from the San Diego Watercolor Society's 28th International Exhibition. He participated in many shows including the ISMP International Waters Exhibit, Ventura County Maritime Museum, CA; Impressions of New England, Bennington Center for the Arts, VT; and the KY Watercolor Society's 31st Aqueous USA. Two of Mr. Mazer's paintings in the U.S. Coast Guard's permanent collection were chosen for an show at the Maritime Museum in Vlissingen, Holland as part of a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's European discovery of New York. He will have an exhibition of his work at the Cape Cod Museum of Art, MA, 3/21-5/10.

Donna Rossetti-Bailey, MA won several awards including 1st Prize in Pastel for her work at the 91st Annual Duxbury Art Association Mid Summer Show and Honorable Mention for at the Plymouth Guild for the Arts 41st Annual Juried Exhibit. Ms. Rossetti-Bailey's soft pastel work has been juried into several national juried exhibits including the CT Pastel Society and NH Pastel Society exhibitions. In addition, her work was featured as a 13" x 13" mural in a permanent exhibit in downtown Marshfield; the gala opening and unveiling was held in September. Her website is: www.DonnaRossetti-Bailey.com.

Craig Srebnik, MA won 12 awards at national juried exhibitions in 2008 including awards from the American Impressionists Society, Academic Artists Association and the National Society of Artists. Mr. Srebnik's artwork was featured in *American Art Collector* and *Carrie Leigh's Nude* magazines. In 2009, he will be a juror for the

Hilton Head Art League National Exhibition and *Carrie Leigh's Nude* magazine's International Competition. He taught workshops in Paris, Boston, Santa Fe, OH, NE and VT, and exhibits regularly in Boston, Ft. Worth and Sausalito. His website is: www.csfineart.com.

Dashuai Sun, NY (AAPL Director) won the Honorable Mention Ribbon in the National Art League's Small Work Exhibition 2008 for his painting "The Morning Chores." His "Shepherd's Child with Lamb (II)" won 1st Place in the National Art League 78th Annual Open Exhibition, 2008. The painting also won the 3rd place in the 39th Annual River Road Show of the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild in December, 2008.

Elizabeth Torak, VT won several awards including the Mary Fitch Memorial Award at the Salmagundi Club 125th Annual Members Exhibition, Florence & Ernest Thorne Thompson Memorial Award at the Allied Artists of America 95th Annual Exhibition, Martin Hannon Memorial Award at the Salmagundi Club Fall Auction Exhibition, and Anna Hyatt Huntington Horse's Head for Best Painting at the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Members Exhibition, 2008.

Thomas Torak, VT won The Butler Institute of American Art Award at the Allied Artists of America 95th Annual Exhibition, *Marquis Who's Who in American Art* Award, Audubon Artists 66th Annual Exhibition, and the W. Granville Smith Award at the Salmagundi Club Fall Auction Exhibition. His website is: www.thomastorak.com.

Sonja Weir, NJ (AAPL Director) had her work accepted in several shows including the Tewksbury Historical Society Exhibition, Biennial Miniature Exhibit "Little Picture Show," MT, Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Gallery Senior Celebration, World Federation of Miniatures Master Exhibition, Australia, and Hudson Valley Gallery World's Smallest Stretched Canvas Painting Competition.

Tom Wilczewski, NJ had an exhibit of his watercolors at the Guild of Creative Arts, Shrewsbury, NJ September/October. He received several awards including 1st Place, Art Society of Monmouth County's Ruth Crown Memorial Art Show and 1st Place, Princeton Medical Centers Art 1st Art Show.



AAPL President Konrad Hansalik congratulates Dashuai Sun (left) winner of the Newington Award – Best Painting in Show for his painting “Green Moonlight” (left)



Monty Lumba, winner of the Alden Bryan Memorial Award for Traditional Landscape in Oil, with his painting “Half Moon Bay”



Diana DeSantis’ painting “Jessica II” won the Art Spirit Foundation Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Pastel



Retiring AAPL President Konrad Hansalik and wife Carol Hansalik



Kenju Urakubo, AAPL Director; Gail Schulman, AAPL Treasurer; Konrad Hansalik, AAPL President