



Collage Artists of America

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back from a summer of extreme heat. I hope that everyone was able to be productive, turning out numerous works of art.

The CAA board continues to work diligently to bring the goals of the group to fruition:

1. A roster of great presenters
2. New shows with numerous generous awards
3. Workshops that will be informative and stimulating
4. Opportunity tables bulging with new/old art stuff and exciting new items for the raffles
5. New books and videos for our library
6. Friendly meetings

When I gave up the presidency the first time, I felt like my "child" had left the nest. Now, I feel like my "grandchild" has returned to the fold for me to help with its nurturing. It has been a joy to see how much CAA has grown and what a viable art form collage has become. Thanks to all of the Presidents and board members who have helped to accomplish this.

Be sure to read the enclosed prospectus carefully for all the specifications for our next show, "Ripped & Torn." Then start ripping and tearing!

—Dorothy Tate
President
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**NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2006
10:30 A.M.**

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VALLEY ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR (VAST)

WHO: The 5th annual Valley Artists Studio Tour – VAST— is sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Arts Council, a non-profit organization that presents this annual event to provide a quality arts experience for tour-goers and to benefit the art community.

WHAT: October is National Arts and Humanities month; the public is invited to visit the studios of 45 San Fernando Valley fine artists during the weekend of October 14 and 15, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet the original artists and get an inside look at artist studios and current work, with the opportunity to purchase original art from the source. This self-guided tour will showcase artworks in a variety of media and enable you to discover how original works of art are created.

WHEN: Tour : OCTOBER 14 and 15, 2006
Saturday & Sunday
10AM – 5 PM
Gala “Meet the Artists” Reception and Benefit Art Sale
Entertainment and food are included
October 14, Saturday night 7PM – 9PM

WHERE: The VAST tour is held throughout the San Fernando Valley.
For more information call (818) 572-3150 or access www.sfvartscouncil.com

TICKETS: \$20 in advance by calling 818-572-3150; \$25 on Tour weekend. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets include both days and the reception. Group prices are available.

VAST is produced by the San Fernando Valley Arts Council. Proceeds from the tour will fund music and art education projects and other community events.

“ACTIVE ART ASSOCIATIONS CREATE A DYNAMIC ATMOSPHERE THAT POSITIVELY INFLUENCES ARTISTS AS WELL AS THE VIEWING COMMUNITY.”

—KAREN HONAKER

“NEVER JOIN AN ORGANIZATION.”

—GEORGES BRAQUE

MAY PROGRAM

Merwin Altfeld, our longtime member, will present the September 22, 2006 program.

A former president of the National Watercolor Society, Los Angeles Art Association, and Westwood Art Association, Merwin is also an honorary member of the Laguna Art Museum. He has exhibited his work in 30 nationwide shows as well as in the Stockholm Museum in Sweden.

His work is included in several publications including *The California Romantics* and *The Best of Watercolor*; he is also listed in *Who's Who in Art in America*.

Merwin has generously offered to donate one of his works to be raffled at the meeting.

—Carolann Watterson
Program Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention Collage members! Dues were due July 1, 2006 for you to be included in the new roster book. However, we will extend the deadline until the next meeting, September 22. If you are unable to attend, please send your check for \$45 payable to Collage Artists of America, to Susie Gesundheit, 3720 Meadville Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. Include any changes of address, phone, email, and your website. I will also be at the meeting to collect checks. We will have a check-in table at the door with a list of paid members. New members may also join at the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend for \$5 at the door. See you there!

—Susie Gesundheit
Membership

EXHIBIT REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Selleck for the wonderful job he has done as Exhibit Chairman for the last six years. I know that I speak for all of us who have entered, exhibited and attended the receptions. Thank you, John! You are a tough act to follow, but I will do my best to continue to have great shows for Collage Artists of America.

I hope you have all been busy creating work for this new season. Our first show, "Ripped & Torn," will be at VIVA from November 15th through December 2nd. **The prospectus is enclosed in this newsletter with all the details.** I want to let you know the important dates that you should mark in your calendar:

- Hand deliver artwork: Monday, November 13, 2006, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Pick-up of non-accepted work: 2 - 3 p.m.
- Show Opens: Wednesday, November 15, 2006
- Reception: Sunday, November 19, 2006, 3 - 5 p.m.
- Show Ends: Saturday, December 2, 2006
- Pick-up: Saturday, December 2, 2006, 4 - 5 p.m.

At the reception we will hold a raffle for artwork donated by our 2005 scholarship recipient, Hirofumi Inaba. We thank him for his donation of this wonderful piece, which will be displayed at the "Ripped & Torn" exhibition. Who will be the lucky winner? It could be you!

At this show we will be giving awards totaling \$1,150 plus generous merchandise awards. If you don't enter you don't have a chance at receiving an award, and if you do enter, you know that your support of Collage Artists of America is very important. That's what keeps us going!

I look forward to a great show in November 2006, so start ripping and tearing!

—Marge Rheuban
Exhibit Chairperson

"NOTHING IS MORE APT TO DECEIVE US THAN OUR OWN JUDGMENT OF OUR WORK. WE DERIVE MORE BENEFIT FROM HAVING OUR FAULTS POINTED OUT BY OUR ENEMIES THAN FROM HEARING THE OPINIONS OF FRIENDS."

—LEONARDO DA VINCI 1452-1519

OPPORTUNITY REPORT

Come early before the meeting and see all of the new "stuff" that has been donated for our second-hand table. There is lots of great material you must have for your next collage.

If you are housecleaning and have magazines or art materials you can donate, call me to make arrangements.

Another reason to come early is to buy your raffle tickets. This month our speaker, Merwin Altfeld, will be donating a piece. New art goodies will be available for prizes as well. Don't forget to wear your collage nametag and earn an extra ticket.

— Sandy Rooney
Opportunity Chairperson
(818) 249-9006

LIBRARY REPORT

My aching knees are telling me I need some help at the book table at our meetings. If anyone could lend me hand before the meeting I'd appreciate it. *Please call me at 818-781-0493.*

SAM MALOOF TRIP

I know many of you were looking forward to this trip, but we have had difficulty getting a bus for it; we will reschedule ASAP. Don't give up! Thank you, everyone who signed up, and we'll keep you posted. Meanwhile, keep enjoying our book and video library. If you had items checked out over the summer, be sure to bring them back to me at the Sept. 22 meeting.

— Barbara Tiber
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Librarian

CAA WEBSITE

Keep checking out CAA on our website. Current members, e-mail your website links for our Artists page to Trish Meyer at webmaster@collageartists.org. And don't forget to share our web address: www.collageartists.org to help get the word out about our great organization!

— Susan Kuss
Publicity

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