



# Collage Artists of America

NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2006

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is the end of the CAA 2004-2006 term and of my two years as president. July 1 begins our 2006-2007 term with Dorothy Tate coming on (again) as president. We thank our continuing board and welcome incoming board members Harriet Lahana (Publicity), Nicki Newfield (Workshops) and Marge Rheuban (Exhibitions). We want to thank John Selleck who is stepping down as Exhibitions Chairman after six years; we appreciate his expertise and invitation/program cover designs.

The beginning of the new term also means we are printing up another member roster, so it is crucial to have membership dues in by July 1 (or as soon as possible thereafter!). Your envelope and an information sheet are included in this newsletter.

Read about the program for this month's meeting on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, featuring Alix Thayer. We also will hold our installation of the new board at that meeting. Please note: Sandy Rooney is unable to attend, so there will be no second-chance table this time; *please do not bring any magazines or second-chance items*. Collect things over the summer and bring them to the September meeting. Thanks!

On a sad note, I am sorry to report the April death of Mildred Altfeld, wife of our esteemed nonagenarian member, Merwin. Our condolences to you, Merwin.

—Susie Gesundheit  
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**NEXT MEETING  
FRIDAY  
MAY 26, 2006  
10:30 A.M.**

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# PROPOSED OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS SLATE, 2006-2008

President: Dorothy Tate  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership: Susan Gesundheit  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs: Carolann Watterson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Exhibitions: Marge Rheuban  
Treasurer: Jeanne Zinniker  
Recording Secretary: Helen Merken  
Parliamentarian: Betty Beam  
Awards Certificates: Judi Birnberg  
Hospitality: Virginia Carlson  
Opportunity: Sandy Rooney  
Slide Archives: Ben Goldman  
Scholarship: Dorothy Tate  
Workshops: Nicki Newfield  
Historian: Ben Goldman  
Publicity: Harriet Lahana  
Librarian: Barbara Tiber  
Newsletter: Judi Birnberg

*At the May meeting you will have an opportunity to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions. After the nominations, the membership present will vote on those nominated.*

## MAY PROGRAM

On May 26<sup>th</sup> we are happy to welcome guest artist Alix Thayer. For 40 years, she painted realistic watercolors and oils. Now she is most fulfilled artistically when exploring what she calls, “the endless variations of experimental painting.” Pouring, layering, and creating texture, Alix paints intuitively, allowing the paint and mediums to suggest direction.

She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in art education and was the featured artist in the Fall 2003 issue of *Watercolor* magazine.

—Carolann Watterson  
Program Chairperson

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please submit your check for \$45 dues in the envelope provided in this newsletter and include the tear-off with your contact information for the new roster. Thank you!

—Susanne Belcher  
Membership

## EXHIBIT REPORT

### CAA FALL EXHIBIT AT VIVA GALLERY

We are scheduled to exhibit at VIVA Gallery November 15-December 2, 2006. More details will follow in the Fall newsletter, so keep tearing, cutting and pasting!

—John Selleck  
Exhibit Chairman

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We are awarding our \$1000 scholarship to a student in collage media selected by Pasadena City College. At this time, we do not have the student’s name, but we are fairly certain the student will be able to attend our May meeting to accept the award.

—Dorothy Tate  
Scholarships

## **OPPORTUNITY REPORT**

I will not be able to attend the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, so we will not have the second-chance table this one time. But over the summer, as you clean your studios (you are going to, aren't you?) be sure to set aside all those books, magazines and art materials you didn't know you had and know you'll never use again. They will be someone else's thrilling discovery, so bring them to the September meeting. Thanks!

—Sandy Rooney  
Opportunity Chairperson

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

### 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 for the fall, possibly in October. Thank you, everyone who signed up, and we'll keep you posted! Meanwhile, keep enjoying our book and video library. If you have items checked out, be sure to bring them back to me at the meeting.

—Barbara Tiber  
msbksleuth@pacbell.net  
Librarian

## **CAA WEBSITE**

Keep checking CAA out on our website: [www.collageartists.org](http://www.collageartists.org). Current members, e-mail your website links for our Artists page to Trish Meyer (see email link on the Artists page). And don't forget to share our web address to help get the word out about our great organization!

—Susan Kuss  
Publicity

## **NEW EXPERIMENTAL GROUP FORMING**

CAA member Ben Goldman handles the logistics for an experimental artists group that meets monthly at VIVA to explore new techniques. The group is run as a co-op, with members presenting a different technique each month for the others to learn, usually in the areas of watermedia and collage. Some people have been on the waiting list to join this group for a long time, so a second group is forming, organized by CAA member Chris Meyer. It will meet at VIVA on the second Friday of each month, likely starting in June. If you are an adventurous artist and would like to join this group while there is still room, please contact Chris Meyer at (818) 990-5591 or call Ben at (323) 656-3465. You may also ask them about it at the May 26 meeting.

## **\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$**

As of May 3, 2006: \$13,102.63

—Jeanne Zinniker  
Treasurer

## **ROSTER ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS**

### **New Address:**

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