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# The Ohio Plein Air Society

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# Newsletter

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## Two shows end the year on a high note for OPAS!

*Schumacher Gallery: October 27 - December 5*

For the second time OPAS was invited to exhibit in the wonderfully lit, spacious gallery space of the Schumacher Gallery on the campus of Capitol University, Bexley. This time the opening of the exhibition coincided with a Bexley Gallery Hop including Art Access, Hammomd Harkins and The Bryan Roberts Gallery.

A comment from the Director of the Schumacher Gallery: "I love the diversity of styles, media and subject matter used by your members."

Congratulations to the winners: Best of Show : **Rich Clem**; 1st Place : **Larry Rudolech**; 2nd Place : **Debra Joyce Dawson**; 3rd Place : **Carol Cosgrove**; Honorable Mentions : **Martha Carmody, Edie Dean, Elaine Freeman, Mitzi Lai, Karen LaValley, Joe Lombardo**

### Exhibiting Artists

Nancy Achberger, Cincinnati; Barbara Benedict; Dee Bottorff; Eunice Broncar; Susan Cahaan, Columbus; Martha O. Carmody, Cincinnati; Gary Chaconas, Newark; Barbara Chenault, Cincinnati; Richard Clem, Gahanna; Carol Cosgrove, Hilliard; Debra Joyce Dawson, Pataskala; Edie Dean, Columbus; Mark DeLong, Huron; Fred Doloresco, Ft. Wayne, IN; Elaine Freeman, Gahanna; Angela Gage; Larry Golba; Judy Griffiths; Ray Hassard, Cincinnati; Susi Havens-Bezaire, Dublin; Nancy A. Hawkins, Columbiana; Mary Holobaugh, Centerburg; Anastasia Horowitz, Gahanna; Marty Husted; Brian Johnston, Grove City; Mitzi Lai; Karen LaValley, Westerville; George W. Leach, Columbus; Carolyn E. Lewis, Cuyahoga Falls; Jack Liberman, Akron; Joseph Lombardo, Columbus; David Reed; Paul Reif, Urbana; Bryan Roberts, Gahanna; Lawrence Rudolech, Madison, IN; Marge Ruska, Westerville; Carol A. Shikany; Doreen St. John, Hartville; Rachel Stern, Columbus; Patty Sykes, Canal Winchester; Bob Tanner, Delaware; Bridgette Turner, Columbus; Sharon Weaver; Maria White.

Chair : Debra Joyce Dawson [debra@ohiopleinairsociety.com](mailto:debra@ohiopleinairsociety.com) 740.927.3078

Committee : Chuck Harris, Co-Chair & Elaine Freeman

Judges : Schumacher Museum Director Dr. Cassandra Tellier and her assistant David Gentilini.

*Zanesville Art Center: December 15 - January 31*

Following on the heels of the Schumacher Exhibit, the Zanesville Art Center put OPAS back in the spotlight with a spectacular show. To read some press on the OPAS Zanesville Exhibition, including a short video interview with Debra Dawson about the exhibition, go to <http://www.whiznews.com/article.php?articleId=23546#> And don't forget that pickup of work is scheduled as follows: Saturday, January 31: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday, February 2: 10:00 AM-4:30 PM (closed to the public, but open to pick up artwork).

Address : , 620 Military Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701

Phone : 740.452.0741

Website : [www.zanesvilleartcenter.org](http://www.zanesvilleartcenter.org)

Congratulations to the winners: Best of Show : **Karen LaValley**; 1st Place : **Maria White**; 2nd Place : **Debra Joyce Dawson**; 3rd Place: **Ray Hassard**; Honorable Mentions : **Debra Joyce Dawson, Mark DeLong, Ray Hassard, Anastasia Horowitz**

### Exhibiting Artists

Nancy Achberger, Milford; Gary Chaconas, Newark; Richard Clem, Gahanna; John A. Daniels, Columbus; Debra Joyce Dawson, Pataskala; Edie Dean, Columbus; Mark DeLong, Huron; Elaine Freeman, Westerville; Lee Hanford, Granville; Ray Hassard, Cincinnati; Nancy Hawkins, Columbiana; Mary Holobaugh, Centerburg, OH; Anastasia Horowitz, Gahanna; Renon Hulet, New Albany, OH; Karen LaValley, Westerville, OH; G.W. Leach, Columbus, OH; Carolyn Lewis, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Edy Martin, Huber Heights, OH; Bryan Roberts, Gahanna, OH; Lawrence Rudolech, Hanover, IN; Doreen St. John, Hartville, OH; Maria White, Columbus, OH.

Chair : John A. Daniels [jdaniels@iwaynet.net](mailto:jdaniels@iwaynet.net)

Committee: Mary Holobaugh, Rich Clem, Gary Chaconas, Karen LaValley

OPAS sends grateful thanks to both galleries and to the chairs and committee members who worked so hard to make these shows a wonderful ending to 2008.

# OPAS Paint-outs and Events in 2009

## JANUARY 2009 - "Museum Paint-ins"

"Cincinnati Art Museum" - January 24th <http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>

The museum hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free. It is located at 953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Before you go, please print the form called Cincinnati Museum Copying Policy and review it.

OPAS Host : Barb Chenault

"Columbus Art Museum" - January 24th, <http://www.columbusmuseum.com/>

"Toledo Museum of Art" - January 24 [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org)

Permission Form: Download and print out the form. Send to Nicole Rivette Address and fax number on the form. The first 10 painters will be accepted!!!

OPAS Host : Julie Draeger

Artists will meet at 10:30 am at the service entrance. The security will take the artists by service elevator to the gallery they are painting. The museum has a nice cafe. There will be no critique.

"Butler Museum of Art" - January 31 [www.butlerart.com](http://www.butlerart.com)

Youngstown, OH, Mahoning County

OPAS Host : Nancy Hawkins - please let her know if you are planning on attending. [nanquaker@aol.com](mailto:nanquaker@aol.com)

Plan to meet Nancy at the Rotunda at the center of the building. From the front door go straight forward to reach the rotunda. I will let everyone know when they get there where we will do the gathering/critique. There is a very nice cafe with wonderful food, coffee, teas, muffins, etc. in the back corner of the museum.

"Springfield Museum of Art" - January 31 [www.springfieldart.museum/](http://www.springfieldart.museum/)

Museum hours 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Please contact Paul if you are planning on attending [wtrclr@ctcn.net](mailto:wtrclr@ctcn.net)

## February 7, 2009 - Urban Blight - 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Franklin County

243 N. Fifth Street, Suite 420, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Host : Jon Browning, 614.221.8988 [jbrowning@brown-inglaw.us](mailto:jbrowning@brown-inglaw.us)

Paint outside or from out of a 4th floor window in Jon's office space, fondly dubbed "the Penthouse". Artists were delighted with the quality of natural light and subject matter. It's possible that the first floor cafe will be open for refreshments, and several painters partook of breakfast or lunch and conversation.

## March 21, 2009 - "Annual Meeting"

Westerville Public Library, Franklin County

Keynote Speaker will be John Michael Carter, discussing important aspects of painting (values, color, edges, etc). This talk, illustrated by Mr Carter's beautiful paintings, was greatly enjoyed at the Cincinnati Art Club in November. There will be two afternoon demos, and election results will be announced.

April 11, 2009 - "Athens"

OPAS Host : Jeff Risner

## May 9, 2009 - "Kingwood Center"

Mansfield, OH, Ashland County

OPAS Hosts : Judy Walton, Lori Smith

## June 2009 - "Cincinnati"

Hamilton County

OPAS Host : Ray Hassard

## July 17-19, 2009 - Lakeside OH Plein Air Paintout

Lakeside with the Wooden Boat Show

Ottawa County

OPAS Host : Rick and Mary Dziak 419.494.4445

or [dziak@cros.net](mailto:dziak@cros.net)

## August 2009 - Open

### September 11-13, 2009

"6th Annual Competition - Lakeside -Marblehead, OH"

County : Ottawa

OPAS Hosts : Rick and Mary Dziak

Workshop and judge for the 2009 Competition is Tom Nachreiner. Tom, an excellent artist and instructor, was the top winner at the 2008 Door County Plein Air Festival. Check out his website : [www.tomnachreiner.com](http://www.tomnachreiner.com).

## October 16, 17, 18, 2009 - "Cantor's Cave, Jackson, OH"

Jackson County

Canter's Cave 4H Camp Educational Center

1362 Caves Rd. Jackson, Ohio 45640

Phone : 740 286-4058

Thanks to OPAS Host Kit Dailey for setting up this paintout!

Kit's Phone : 740 288-2220

Email : [kitdailey@yahoo.com](mailto:kitdailey@yahoo.com) with questions

## November 2009 - "High Banks Metro Park"

1,159 acres of nature!

Northern Franklin & Southern Delaware Counties

9466 Columbus Pike (US Rt 23 N), Lewis Center, OH 43035

<http://www.metroparks.net/ParksHighbanks.aspx>

Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. April through September /

6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. October through March

Nature Center phone 614.846.7157

Thanks to OPAS host Edie Dean!

From I-270 : take U.S. 23 north about 3 miles. Entrance is on the left, just before Powell Road.

## December 2009 - Open

More information will be posted on the OPAS website ([www.ohiopleinairsociety.com](http://www.ohiopleinairsociety.com)) closer to the events. There will also be more information sent through the list-serve as "Mailbags" with updates and any changes. These two sources are the best places for OPAS members to find out the latest news about paintouts, meetings and scheduled events.

# Member News

VIVIAN RIPLEY won First Place in pastel at the Foothills Art Show in Jackson, OH in October. She also had a work in the Degas Pastel Society's annual National Show. Her show at the Lyle Gallery in Columbus ended January 11.

ANASTASIA HOROWITZ received an email from Susan Talbot-Stanaway, Director of the Zanesville Art Center with the announcement that her painting, "The Wise and the Wistful," won the People's Choice Award the recent Ohio Exhibition! Congratulations!

Solo Exhibition by RACHEL STERN at Sharon Weiss Gallery. Features works done on location in Florence, Italy. January 1 - 30, 2009; The Sharon Weiss Gallery 20 East Lincoln St. Columbus, Ohio 43215.

MARTHA CARMODY sent "Greetings to all from California. I brought a little of OPAS to the opening at the CODA gallery for the 9th Annual National Exhibit of the American Impressionist Society Friday night, Nov. 21. There were 120 paintings juried by Calvin Liang for AIS hung in this large art gallery. The Opening was vibrant and colorful in the high desert cool night air. We were amazed at the variety of impressionist styles and delighted with the wonderful quality of the show. What fun!"

JEFF RISNER has had 3 paintings accepted into the Athens Voices '09 Exhibition at the Dairy Barn. The exhibition runs from January 9, 2009 through February 22, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OPAS OCTOGENARIANS:

SISTER THOMA SWANSON, OP in honor of her 80th birthday put on a retrospective exhibition. mostly of plein air works. It was enjoyed at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus from October through December.

BRIAN JOHNSTON exhibited his art at First Community Church in Columbus in October and November. Brian said, "This came about because some church friends visited my studio and they contacted the church without my knowledge about an exhibit and they called me. Glad they did. I will be 80 years old this November. I hope this isn't the grand finale but just in case I put all my guts into it."

## Coming in 2009!!!

HIGH ROAD GALLERY - MEMBER JURIED EXHIBITION  
Address : Worthington, OH  
Exhibition Dates : September 6 - 26  
Opening Reception : September 6  
Chair : Bridgette Turner, bturner@columbus.rr.com

Take in: August 31, 2009  
Take Down: September 26, 2009

## Coming in 2010!!!

SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM OF ART  
Exhibition dates: November 13, 2010 - January 3, 2011  
Chair: Paul Reif, wtrclr@ctcn.net

## It's OPAS election time.

Postmark deadline to submit nominations is February 7, 2009. You may nominate yourself, or another dues paying member. If you wish to nominate another member, please talk to that person in advance to make sure that they are willing to run for the office. At that point, send their name and a bio for distribution to the membership.

Send your nominations by mail to:  
OPAS, PO Box 16264, Columbus, OH 43216  
Contact any Board Member with questions:  
jeff.risner@gmail.com; franmangino@yahoo.com; ray@rayhas-sard.com; jbrownning@browninglaw.us

These offices are up for election:  
President, Vice-President, and Secretary – the secretary serves on the Board of Trustees and is responsible for keeping the minutes at the quarterly Board Meetings and at the Annual Meeting in March.

The term of office for each of these positions is one year.

## Our e-mail list-serve system

Many OPAS members are still not signed up for this system. It is the ideal way to ensure communication between us no matter where we are, and, along with the OPAS website, the way to get the latest information on paintouts, shows, or other OPAS events. Its free, easy, and your options on getting email are flexible. For those who have not signed on, we reprint the original message from Alice Seyfried below:

I have heard that some people haven't gotten the invitation, some people are reluctant to sign up because they are afraid they will receive unwanted email as a result, and some people just aren't quite sure what it's all about or how it will work. So I'd like to try to explain things a little better.

The OPASMailBag group list is a closed list: only OPAS members can join. Membership requests have to be approved (or they have to be invited). Any list member (and ONLY list members) can post messages to the list, and all those messages have to be approved by the moderators. There will be "official" mail-bag emails that get sent out containing all the kinds of stuff that have always been sent out.

To join the list go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OPAS-MailBag/join>. This will require that your membership request be approved by one of the moderators. Once you are approved, you will start receiving the Mail Bags. You will be required to create a free Yahoo userid whichever way you go about it.

To post a message to the list, any member can send an email to [OPASMailBag@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OPASMailBag@yahoogroups.com), and it will get put in the queue for approval from one of the moderators. If it's approved, the listserve will send the email out to all the members of the group. Yahoo! has a very good spam filter on their end and works very hard to make sure unwanted email doesn't get out.

Each member has the choice when they sign up to either receive each email separately as they are approved, have them all saved into a single email that gets sent out once a day (called a "digest"), or not to receive emails at all (they could then go to the website and read them there). Your choice of how you receive messages can be changed at any time by going to the website (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OPASMailBag/>) and changing your membership settings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email. Alice ([seyfried@oclc.org](mailto:seyfried@oclc.org)) OPASMailBag list owner

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## Contact Information

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## Treasurer's Report

Here are the OPAS figures for the year. 99 members took advantage of the Early Bird membership renewal offer.

Jan	15410.35
Feb	18630.35
Mar	18277.66
Apr	19140.70
May	19700.70
Jun	20262.80
Jul	21068.48
Aug	23406.15
Sep	18143.78
Oct	18679.06
Nov	19616.00
Dec	19465.08

## Odds & Ends

OPAS has purchased a digital projector. It will be used at the General Meeting in March for John Michael Carter's talk, and, we expect, often after that.

What kind of workshops would you like to see OPAS present? The Board would like to hear from members on this important issue.

**This marks the final OPAS Newsletter.** It has been replaced by the OPAS website and the list serve group. If you do not have a computer, please check with your library to see how you may get to these important sources of information online. If you have not yet signed on to the OPAS list serve group, you are urged to do so. It is free, easy, and the best way to stay in touch with the group's members and activities. —Ray Hassard