



CONNECTICUT ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Academy News

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From the President

The Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts is approaching its centennial. We are carrying on a tradition established in 1914. Are we not very fortunate to have this organization? I believe I speak for all members in expressing my gratitude for all those, past and present, who have contributed their time and energy toward keeping the Academy significant in the world of art. Personally, I feel very grateful, in these troubling times, to have the sanctuary, the tranquility, derived from "the art life."

Planning for the 2009 exhibition, again at the Mystic Art Center, is well under way. Jurors, those necessary ingredients, are being carefully selected with the guidance of our steadfast artistic director, Dan Riccio, and a successful exhibition is anticipated. I look forward to meeting many of you at the opening reception. May we all enjoy many moments of being "in the zone" artistically this year!

Leonard P. Hellerman

97th Exhibition, 2008

97th Exhibition recap:

Last June we held our 97th annual exhibition in Mystic, Connecticut. This was our seventh year running in partnership with the Mystic Arts Center.

Our best in show was a charcoal drawing by Mary Felton. Of our past four exhibitions, drawings were selected as the top award for all but one show, in which a painting was chosen.

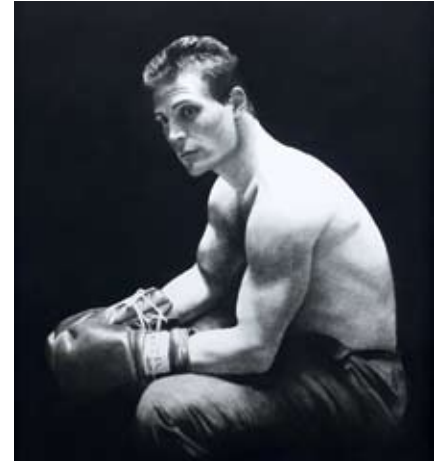
Entries were down by 10%!

The timing of the exhibition coincided with the sharp increase in fuel costs which may have affected the carry in (drive in) participation. This issue impacted the attendance at the reception as well.

The volume and high quality of entries still presented a long day of thoughtful work for the jurors.



2008 Jurors:
Brian Flinn & Barbara S. Groff, PSA



Best of Show

The Boxer

charcoal

41 by 37

Mary Felton

of Marshfield, MA

2008 Exhibition Stats:

- A total of 283 artists entered 468 works.
- 124 slide entries, 34 pieces were accepted.
- 344 carry in entries, 112 pieces were accepted.
- Total of 146 pieces in the final show.
- Jurors, Brian Flinn & Barbara S. Groff, PSA

New for 2009

New President

Leonard P. Hellerman is our new President. His medium is photography. He has served as a volunteer and council member for many years. He is also involved at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre as the events photographer.

Digital Entries

Aesthetics are a constant, but technology is ever changing. We are introducing a digital entry option this year in addition to slides. We have had many requests from artists who are now using the digital format to record their work.

Web News

Our web site has been getting increasing attention on an international stage. The concept of adding a virtual exhibition is something under serious consideration. If you are interested, we need help to begin this project.

New Graphics Award

A big thank you to artist John Mishler and his family for their generous support. We now add the *Barbara Fay Mishler Memorial Award for Originality in Graphics*.



David Moskovits

Artist member David Moskovits passed away in October. He will be missed but not forgotten. There will be two tribute shows for David in 2009. One will be at the Harris Stanton Gallery in Akron, Ohio April 10 - May 1st. Their web site has a very nice tribute to him with

this link: <http://www.harrisstantongallery.com/moskovitzd.html>
A retrospective show will be at the Humphrey Atrium Gallery in University Hospitals in Cleveland, May 12th -July 6th.

2009 98th Exhibition Calendar

Exhibition open	May 22 - July 18
Digital or slide entry	March 31
Walk in entry 2 days:	May 17 & 18
Pick-up, unaccepted art:	May 22 & 23
Opening Reception:	June 4 th, (6:00-8:00 PM)
Pick-up, accepted art:	July 19 & 20

Membership

Membership in CAFA has many benefits. This newsletter has been sent to our members and those who are eligible for membership. Please visit the members section of our web site to learn more. www.ctacademy.org

Gallery page on web

As a member you are entitled to a web page in our members gallery on the CAFA site. It is an individual gallery space which includes images of your work and information about you. Members who already have pages can be seen underlined on our web site.

What we need from you

- 4 high resolution digital images or good quality slides of your work. Caption information: title, media, size. If you do not have either, we can shoot your work for you.
- An artist statement, and-or, biographical material. This can be sent via email, as a CD, or printed copy.
- We can include contact information: e-mail, mailing address, phone, or link to your own site.

Contacts for gallery page

If you have digital images already:
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Thank You Helpers!

Needed: Corresponding Secretary
We can use your help for the upcoming show. Receiving of art, jury day, etc. To help please send email or call:
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Please cut and return with your dues.

Membership Form

Annual Dues \$30 payable to CAFA

_____ **Artist Member** (3 or more shows) _____ **Associate Artist Member** (1 or 2 shows)

Name _____ E-mail _____

If there are any changes in mailing address contact information write them in below.

Address _____

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