



Floral Park Art League

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May 2012

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Our Annual Juried Competition on May 7th was a great success. It was a success because of the wonderful very talented artists who came out to show their marvelous work. While Rob Silverman was judging the works we retreated to the lounge in the basement and enjoyed camaraderie and excellent refreshments. It was really the social event of the year for we enjoyed each other's company and shared many a story and hearty laughs.

Soon, it was announced that the judging had been completed and the winners would be announced. It must have been a difficult task for the judge – but Rob was up to the task. The works submitted this year were extraordinary.

So... and the winners were:

Emilio Allocco was the winner of the Equestrian competition with his wonderful drawing of "Won by a Nose". All were amazed at the talent and insight displayed by his entry. All of the entries were great.



Emelio Allocco, Annual Equestrian Competition "Winning by a Nose" - Colored pencil



BEST IN SHOW

Lillian Forziat's "Admiring a Florentine Street Performer" - Oil



Nancy Fabrizio's "One Spring Afternoon – Bryant Park" Second Place - Oil



Dorothy Webster with her paintings, 3rd Place (right) "Fluid Contours" Watercolor
Honorable Mention (left) "Delicate Blooms" - Watercolor



Lillian Forziat's "Coming Home" Honorable Mention - Oil



Pat Lee's Honorable Mention "Reverie" Watercolor

CONGRATULATIONS to all who entered the competition for your excellent work. Certainly, a job well done!

We Have a Web Site - www.floralparkartleague.org

Great things are in the works and we are happy to announce that we now have a website. Thanks to the great work of Cliff Forziat it is up and running and I encourage those who have access to a computer to view this site. floralparkartleague.org.

The site is very professional and as the saying goes it seems that we are now "on the map". Some of the great things about the site are that it has many links that can be accessed by the user. Some of the links include: Results of our May 7th Juried and Equestrian Competition, Events, Newsletters, Application for Membership, FPAL Members who have a web site and also vendors of materials for your artistic endeavors.

What less would we expect from Cliff. He thought of everything. I was searching for the website and put in Floral Park Art League – and was most surprised to see we are also on line for being a member of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce. We all agree that exposure is an important part of letting people know we exist and are thriving.

News of Note

The Suburban Art League is holding its 4th annual open juried show at the Syosset-Woodbury Community Center in Woodbury, NY. The show runs from June 16 through June 24th, 2012. Reception and awards will be taking place on June 19, 2012 at 7 pm at the community center. You can access an application on our website www.suburbanart.org or at the door on June 16. Receiving is from 10am to 12pm. For further information please call Tony LaMarca at 516-334-2551.

Annual Floral Park Art League Belmont Stakes Show and Sale - June 9th and 10th

This year's Spring Show and Sale will again be sponsored by the New York Racing Association in conjunction with the Belmont Stakes. The Belmont Stakes Day for Floral Park will be held on the afternoon of June 10th from 2 PM until 7 PM. This day is well attended by the folks of Floral Park. We will have a manned booth along Tulip Avenue to encourage people to visit us at Memorial Park. We will have a raffle of works of some of our artists. This sponsorship will include publicity in local papers, and, hopefully attract more participation in our Show and Sale. The Show will be held at Memorial Park, Tulip and Plainfield Ave., Floral Park – Saturday and Sunday, June 9th and 10th. There is no limit to the number of paintings an artist may display within a reasonable space. Please be considerate of the other artists regarding space. Prints are allowed for sale, but must be marked "PRINT". No nudes, collages, or photography are permitted. Set up will be before 10 AM each day. If the weather isn't clear, please use your own discretion. There are no rain dates. NO PAINTINGS ARE TO BE REMOVED BEFORE 4 PM, however, if you wish to remain later on Sunday (Floral Park Belmont Stakes Day) you may do so. Since we are a member of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, we will be covered for this extra time under their insurance.

I managed to get the information to Newsday and Pat DiComo and Nancy Fabrizio will be distributing fliers for display in the local areas. A copy of the flier is attached, please feel free to distribute it to family and friends and in your local area if you would like. If you would like copies of the flier, please call me at 516 352-7327.

Posted on the web from Floral Park Belmont Stakes -The 11th Annual Floral Park Belmont Stakes Festival, sponsored by The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA), the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, and The Incorporated Village of Floral Park, will be held on Sunday, June 10 from 2 to 7 p.m. The festival, celebrating the 144th running of the Belmont

Happenings of the FPAL - May 2012 - August 2012

June 9th & 10th **Annual Belmont Stakes Spring Show & Sale - 10 AM - 4 PM**
Memorial Park, Corner of Tulip & Plainfields Aves., Floral Park. Sponsored by NYRA.

July & August **No meetings**



Sincerity

I knew my birthday was coming when a Facebook posting read, "I wanted to get my best wishes in before the rush." Then on Monday the emails really got going. Some said things like "Happy Birthday, Glen," so I knew they were close friends. A few just said "HB" as if an abbreviated wish was the dues one had to pay for the free social networking. Not that I was disappointed--on Tuesday, the actual day, there were more than 3,000 by 9 a.m. Sincerely, thank you to everyone who took the time to write.

About 10 a.m. one of my distant dealers phoned to say she was nearby in her motorhome and wanted to drop in. "Nothing special, just to give you a hug." I put down my brushes. While she was here she mentioned one of her current peeves was artists who were constantly asking her what the market needed. "Goodness," she said, "artists should paint what they love."

We talked about the struggle for sincerity in a commercialized world. It seemed to us that art is the last bastion of integrity, and thrives on it. I was reminded of the remark: "The main thing is sincerity, and when you learn to fake that, you've got it made." It's attributed to Cody Fisher, Sam Goldwyn, Groucho Marx, and others. Then there's "I have principles, but they can be changed," but I'm not sure which politician said that.

Fact is, artists need sincerity as much as they need to know how to draw and paint. Meher Baba, the Indian master and mystic advised his followers to "Live a sincere life; be natural, and be honest with yourself." I've always thought art starts with your life--your loves, your interests, your weaknesses. Throughout my own life I've had to grab myself a few times before I went off the rails. I think we all do. The temptations are there. Getting in tune with sincerity requires a daily search of your "passion inventory." You have to clear your way past the clutter, impediments and obligations, not to mention your own personal bedevilmets. About noon, after my dealer friend had left, I drove to the bookstore and bought myself *10 Simple Solutions to Adult ADD* by Stephanie Sarkis. The good stuff never stops. Happy Birthday, Bob!

PS: "Be guided by feelings alone. Before any sight and any object, abandon yourself to your first impression. If you have really been touched, you will convey to others the sincerity of your emotion." ([Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot](#))

Esoterica: The passion inventory, as I've said before, often stems from the joys of youth. It is a deeply ingrained set of interests that can safely drive both your life and your creative life. It has so many corners and crinkles that it can keep you going through a long one. We should all be so lucky. To stay on the right side of the grass and keep exploring is the goal. Having friends helps. Every day is a birthday for all of us. It's my sincere wish that we can all have this privilege.

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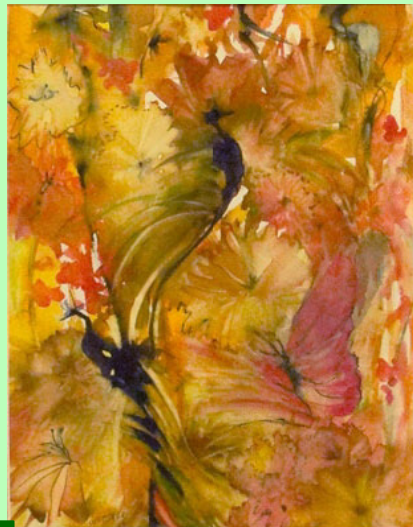
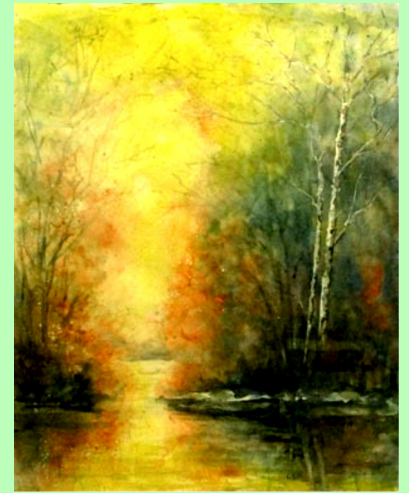
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FLORAL PARK ART LEAGUE



Annual Spring Outdoor FINE ART SHOW & SALE



Memorial Park ~ corner of Plainfield and Tulip Avenues.
An excellent opportunity to view and purchase fine art for friends
and family. Make great gifts for that "special occasion".

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
June 9th and 10th - 10 AM - 4 PM