

# Three Cities Art Club

## March 2009 Newsletter

Monday, March 2, 2009 7 - 9 p.m.

Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Rd, Lower Level - Meeting Room A

### March Program



Oil Painting by Lin Baum

#### Art Review by Lin Baum

Local art instructor, Lin Baum is a figurative, social realist artist. Ms. Baum's all prima oil paintings strive for a personal commitment to represent the human experience. Capturing the inner person is of primary importance, as she explores the tradition of the psychological portrait. Ms. Baum works on location from life and in the studio setting.

Her continuing "They Turn Heads" series is motivated by her personal experiences, social and political concerns and her faith. Ms. Baum seeks to affirm the value of the person through her art, as she strives to give visual expression to the spirit in each.

Each member is invited to bring in 1 or 2 pieces in progress for Lin to review and give suggestions or help with problems they are encountering. Everyone attending will benefit!



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### SNACKS FOR MARCH Sandra Spiteri



#### Newsletter News?

Share news of honors, awards, upcoming shows and events which are of interest to our readers. Please bring information to our monthly events and/or send information for publication to Marilyn Meredith via mail, email or fax to (248) 557-6442. Deadline for is normally 2 weeks prior to meeting date.

**Member Allen Brooks will have a one man show of 14 prints on display at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn during March and April.**

#### Members Bring 1 or 2 New Entries for Our Popular Vote Competition

Members are encouraged to bring 1 or 2 new works of art (new to the Popular Vote competition) to our monthly events where attendees will vote for their favorites and the first, second and third place winners will receive points (and a ribbon). These points will be accumulated throughout the season. The winning artists will win cash prizes.

#### February Winners

1st Place: Karen O'Daniel

2nd Place: Doree Dziobak

3rd Place: Marilyn Meredith

**Congratulations to all of you!**

### The Artists Magazine's 26th Annual Art Competition

Over \$25,000 in prizes in 5 categories: Portraits/Figures; Still Life/Floral; Landscape/Interior; Abstract/Experimental; Animal/Wildlife plus, there is a Student/Beginner Division (for artists age 16 or over who (1) have been enrolled in a post-high school art program for no more than four years **OR** (2) have pursued art on their own or in workshops/lessons for no more than four years). \$12.50 per entry (digital or slides) by 5/1/09. For more information or to enter online, visit: <http://www.artistsnetwork.com/annualcompetition/>



## THREE CITIES ART CLUB WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

Many of you received an email from me this past week regarding the students from EMU who are designing our website and their encouragement of all who are interested to participate in the process by making a point of checking on the site as it is developed. Within a couple of days, I received responses from nine members who expressed an interest in participating! Everyone is welcome to join in.

If you are willing and/or able to learn about designing then editing the website and did not receive my email, please let me know so that I can add you to the email group or you can join the Three Cities Art Club Blog that we now have. This was my first experience with blogging and once I set up my account, it was easy to use. Free web classes—another benefit of the club! Every effort will be made to make the process simple so that we can all learn as we go.

Mike, leader Pasokon, of our club website development team leader, explained that Mana (Amanda goes by Mana) will be focusing on the esthetics (visual appearance) of the site and that he and Adam will be focusing on the mechanics (functionality). They will do their best to be at the meeting Monday to meet us, see what we are all about and explain more about the development process, asking us questions and answering our questions.

Member, Allen Brooks, a photographer, has volunteered to help by doing photo shoots of our artwork. Come a little early to the March 2nd meeting with art you would like featured on our website if you would like pictures taken.

I have taken pictures of member art over the years but in many cases I am not sure who the artists are. I will print the pictures and pass them around at the meeting for members to identify and label I can sort them into folders by member and add new pictures as we go. For members who learn to edit their own page, I can forward what is called "jpeg" files (this is the type of file identified after the file name such as: baby.jpeg).

For members who don't have email, you can set up a free one by going to [www.hotmail.com](http://www.hotmail.com) or [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). If you don't have a computer, you can always go to the library and use one of theirs to check out our progress. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance and/or ask questions.

The club is very lucky to have this opportunity for free web development which provides the students with real world experience. Final approval of the web-page is what their grade is going to be based on. Lets all help them get an "A"!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn".