



**Mint Hill Arts** met on March 24, 2009. Laura welcomed everyone and made a few announcements:

- Gift certificates from Cheap Joe's were to be given away after the meeting.
- The next **portrait drawing session** is April 7 and the **figure drawing session** is April 21. If there continues to be few attendees at the figure drawing session, it may be cancelled because the artists share the model fee.

• MHA is working on our **summer schedule**. If you

are interested in teaching a class at MHA, contact Judy Mizell. [judymizell06@yahoo.com](mailto:judymizell06@yahoo.com)

- Watch the web for the summer schedule and April and May classes.

Saga made announcements from the **gallery committee**:

- The **April exhibit** features Judy Mizell. The intake for the secondary gallery is April 3, 4-6 p.m. and April 4, 10a.m.-12 noon.
- Our **student show** is scheduled for May.
- The **June show** is a judged exhibit, with Larry Elder from the Elder Gallery in Charlotte as our judge.
- We may have a show at the **Presbyterian Hospital** in Matthews in July.
- The **gallery committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 31 to discuss the July through December shows.
- The **Herb & Flower Festival** is April 18, from 9-3. Mary Beth Thomas has volunteered to chair the event, but needs helpers. The event usually draws a large crowd. Artists could sell small art or crafts. (For details go to [www.minthillhistory.com](http://www.minthillhistory.com).)

Carole Sikula announced that **Chroma** will do a free three-hour workshop on Saturday, May 23 to allow artists to try the Atelier Interactive Acrylics. She asked for people to sign up if they intend to come. There will be two different sessions, from 10-12 and 2-5 to accommodate more people.

Carole then introduced our presenter, **Katie Blackwell**, manager of Cheap Joe's and accomplished artist. Katie gave a demonstration of how she does her figures in oil and discussed her techniques. She has been working for three years on her theme that she calls "Melly People." She discussed her favorite paints and mediums and shared her experience at the Art Expo in New York.





After the presentation, Katie drew the door prize tickets for the gift certificates from Cheap Joe's. Pam Rooney and Carol Sikula were the winners. Katie also gave out Cheap Joe's erasers and sponges to all the attendees.

We adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Faires  
Secretary, MHA