

Mint Hill Arts met on Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

Laura opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving us a few reminders. As she was speaking, door prize tickets were given out.

The reminders:

- **Mint Hill Madness** is this weekend. We still need volunteers to man the MHA tent.
- October 7 is the **portrait-drawing night**. If no volunteer model comes, artists will take turns drawing each other.
- October 21 is **figure-drawing night**. There is a \$40 model fee that is split between artists.
- Saga gave details of the October **Gallery Exhibit**. Bruce Chandler and her students will exhibit in the main gallery. Other MHA artists may exhibit art and gift items in the secondary gallery. Intake and pickup dates are Oct 2, 4-7 and Oct 3, 10-12. Saga will send a reminder email.
- The **December exhibit** will feature small artwork, not larger than 11 X14 including the mat. The artwork does not need to have a holiday theme, but we want art that might be good for gift giving during the holiday season.
- Kate said we need **gallery sitters** for October. She will send out a reminder email.
- She also said **St. Luke's Fall Festival** is Sat, Oct. 18, 10-6 and MHA may put up 8 tents. Set up is 7:30 or 800 a.m. Artists are expected to donate 15% of their sales to the church.
- Our October meeting will feature **Phyllis Eaton Steimel**, an accomplished plein air painter.

Laura then introduced our **featured speaker, Phyllis Knight**, who gave a delightful demonstration of her mixed media technique. In doing mixed media, she encourages artists to "relax and play with the paint." She began with an under painting, added collage pieces of handmade oriental papers, and then painted again. For this demo she used acrylic, but she also does mixed media with watercolor or oil. She used an acrylic polymer medium to glue on the paper.

Phyllis also brought samples of her beautiful artwork. More information about Phyllis and her work can be found at www.phyllisknightstudio.com.

Chuck Calhoun announced his upcoming Art5.com one-day workshop with Phyllis at MHA on October 14, 9-4. He passed a sign-up sheet. The price is \$100 for the day. There are discounts for those who attended previous Art5.com workshops. 10% of the fee will go to MHA.

Phyllis told us that she also does giclees and will make them for other artists as well.

Mona Hearne won the Binder's gift card.

We adjourned and enjoyed time visiting with each other.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Faires
Secretary, MHA

