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March, XLG SHOW @ TOWN 220

It's not too early to mark your calendars for **March 15, 6:30 - 8:45 at Town 220 and the James Madison Conference Center**. This will be a very fun and informative gathering with the program being presented by Richard "Ole" Olsen, the first XLG SHOW artist. Ole's dynamic work is hanging in the Gallery at Town 220 and from 6:30 to 7:30 we'll have a socializing hour with a self guided tour of Ole's show. Then at 7:30 we'll go downstairs to a conference room to see a digital presentation of Calculations: What Could be Painting? by Ole. This is going to be a very enlightening talk about Ole's artistic life and his process. I think we will all come away with a new way to think about our own work.



The event is free and open to the public, but MAG members get preferential seating, so please email me to let me know you're coming. In case you don't know, the address is 220 W. Washington St. in Madison.

Georgia in Bloom 2011 Slated to Exhibit over 70 Art Pieces


Artists from the region have submitted their works for the 4th Annual Georgia in Bloom Art Fest. Works ranging from impressionistic paintings to Fine Art on scarfs and beautiful jewelry will be included in this year's exhibition and sale.

Several new artists have entered the show and are now members of the Madison Artists guild providing an even more diverse array of styles and subject matter than past shows.


Following is an example of 2011 entries.



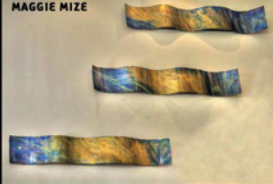
**Madison Artists Guild
COTTAGE GALLERY**
AN INCOMPARABLE COLLECTION
OF LOCAL ARTISTS' WORK




PETER MUZYKA
SPRING TOUR OF HOMES
PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT & AUCTION
MAY 6, 6 PM CULTURAL CENTER



GARY WEISS
"TWO WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE"
MAGGIE MIZE



IN THE GALLERY AT TOWN 220
220 W. WASHINGTON ST. MADISON
OPENING RECEPTION MAY 4, 6 - 8 PM



KATIE BACON
WWW.MADISONARTISTS Guild.ORG
248 W. JEFFERSON ST. MADISON, GA
WED. - SAT. 11 - 4:30 PM, SUN. 1 - 5 PM

**Georgia in
Bloom Art Fest
'11
Plein Air
Paint Out**

**May 6th, 1 Day Event During the
Madison Spring Tour of Homes**

The 2011 Plein Air Paint Out is open to all Georgia artists. The entry fee is \$25.00 if paid by April 15 (Madison Artists Guild members' fee is \$20), and \$40.00 if paid at check-in.

Check-in will be at 8:00 am at the Madison Morgan Cultural Center.

Canvases will be stamped and a venue map given to each participant.

Paintings must be turned in by 5:00 pm.



**Madison Artists Guild Member
Paula Lansford**

is scheduled to have a showing of her large bird paintings at The Point of Art Gallery & Studio in historic downtown Union Point at their first pop-up show, "A Burst of Spring,"

opening Friday, March 18 and closing Sunday, March 20.

"It's really exciting to host a pop-up show. It's a new concept, very 'in style' in London and other art centers, and it's an interesting concept." Anne Jenkins, owner of The Point of Art Gallery, said. "Paula's work is big, bold and quite perfect for a spring show - lots of hummingbirds and flowers!"

A pop-up show is the opposite of the usual month-long gallery show. Lansford's paintings will be up for three days only - with Lansford in attendance on the Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20 from 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day demonstrating her style of painting. It is the perfect time to meet the artist, find out how she works and what inspires her. But remember, there's a limited time to buy her art, noted Jenkins.

Judging begins after all paintings are in but no later than 5:30 pm.

Awards reception and silent auction at 6:00 on the front lawn of the Madison Morgan Cultural Center. on May 6th with unsold works being on display and for sale on May 7th.

All work will be priced by the artists & must include a 30% commission to benefit the Madison Artists Guild. This base price will be the starting bid for the auction. The artist will receive 70% of the final winning bid for his/her piece. Checks for the sold pieces will be mailed within 5 working days.

Artists must bring frames for the paintings they want to enter in the auction.

Artists will bring all their own supplies including an easel to display their auction entry(s).

Refreshments will be served at the Awards Reception.

To sign up for the Paint Out please contact Karen Strelecki at **706-752-0137** or email kstrelecki@mac.com

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MAG Membership

To become a member and to renew membership dues you can download an application form and get more information on the MAG website at

<http://www.madisonartistsguild.org/Membership.htm>



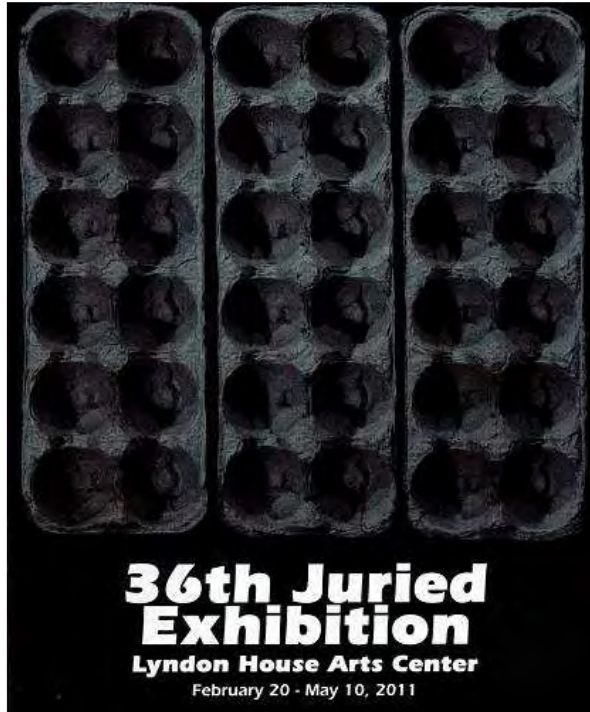
Paula was born in Assam, India on a tea plantation. Her family relocated to the UK when she was 11 years of age. She moved to the United States at 21 years of age and designed greeting cards and gift wrap for Creative Studios in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

Madison Artists Guild Member Chuck Dyer's Work Accepted into the Prestigious Lyndon House Exhibit

The Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens, Georgia 36th Juried Exhibition is to be held between February 20 - May 10, 2011.



The attached photograph by Chuck Dyer titled "Mr. Creed, the Carpenter" was accepted to the show. This year 601 works were submitted by 233 artists from the [Athens](#) and surrounding areas. Juror Carla Hanzal, Curator of Contemporary Art at the [Mint Museum](#) in Charlotte, N.C., selected 160 works by 122 artists for the exhibition of which Chuck's piece was one.



Several Madison Artists Guild/Monroe Art Guild Artist Members were represented at the Lyndon House Arts Center 36th Annual Juried Exhibition in Athens. Monroe Art Guild Artists representing (8%) of the final 122 including several Madison Artists Guild members:

Margaret Agner
Bill Barnes
Christopher Domis
Charles Dyer
Allen Grubbs
Leslie Moody
Susan Pelham
Rene' Shoemaker
John Weber
Nancy York

Susan Pelham and John Weber each had two art pieces selected for the show, while the other artists mentioned had each one piece chosen. Rene' Shoemaker won an Honorable Mention for her piece.

**Madison Artists Guild
Member Leigh Lofgren
Award Winner at the
Eatonton**



Leigh Lofgren won two first place and one second place awards in the Eatonton Photographic competition – a first place in Wildlife, first in Humorous and second in Flowers categories.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation's Sixteenth Annual Thrift Sale Fundraiser – Largest Thrift Sale in this Region!

On Friday and Saturday March 18 & 19, 2011 the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) will hold its sixteenth annual Thrift Sale to raise funds for supporting the organization's events and educational programs. This year's sale promises to exceed that of previous years with donations of more than 10,000 items – making this the largest thrift sale in our region. Items to be sold will include furniture, toys, clothing, books, tools, hardware, electronics, small appliances, lawn & garden supplies, antiques, exercise equipment and more!



Thrift

Sale Preview Day - Friday March 18th 6 - 9PM, \$5 admission fee and prices of all items are doubled. There will also be a Silent Auction held on this evening. **Thrift Sale - Saturday March 19th 8 AM - 2PM**, Free admission and prices are as marked. Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation is located at 34 School Street in Watkinsville. For more information on this event contact the OCAF office at 706-769-4565, email info@ocaf.com, or visit our website at www.ocaf.com.