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January 2018

Board Meeting  
No Board Meeting in December

**No Meeting in Jan.**

From the President .....



Dear League Members....

As we celebrate the Holidays with family and friends, and look forward to 2018, I want to take a moment to send out a big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you that has contributed in making the past twelve months a great one for the League. It's your effort and support that keeps us moving forward and enables us to remain a vital part of the Brooks and also the Memphis art community. Great job everyone!

I also want to thank Special Events chairperson, Eartha Reaves, who once again organized the Brooks Museum League's Holiday Luncheon at Chickasaw Country Club on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Those that attended not only enjoyed a wonderful Holiday meal, but also shared good conversation, laughter, and lots of fun too! The gift exchange was a great success (thank you Christy Buck and Carol Ann Para for making sure that ran so smoothly), and of course, we all were able to show off our singing talents by once again performing "The Twelve Days of Christmas!" I understand there were a few minor injuries from some over enthusiastic Lords a Leaping and Maids a Milking. Get well soon ladies...you know who you are! Finally, many thanks go out to League member and pianist, Jody Varner. Jody's Holiday music was "instrumental" in setting the Holiday party mood! Great job to these members and all who helped make this celebration a success!

Just a few reminders...please check this newsletter for information on how you can volunteer to help with the Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards completion in January and February. Art Education at the Brooks, and in our community, is the mission of the Brooks Museum League...and Mid-South Scholastic is our **BIG** event! I would like to see as many members as possible participate in making this Mid-South the best one yet! Also, if you are planning on giving a donation to Mid-South Scholastic, either for a scholarship, cash award, or to cover operating expenses, your check should be received by us no later than January 2, 2018 to be counted as a donation for the 2017 calendar year. Check this newsletter for further details.

Other things to watch for in the coming weeks:

- The launch of our new and improved website!
- Information about "Art in the Hall," our April fundraiser with Memphis Heritage
- The "Customer Service Desk at Lunch" project
- New member info

Again, thank you to all our members for a wonderful 2017. We could not exist without your time, talents and generosity. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next membership meeting on February 2, 2018. After a brief business meeting, we will tour the Mid-South Scholastic Gold Key Art exhibit at the Brooks! Please mark your calendars. See you then!

Warm wishes for the happiest of Holidays and a joyous New Year!

Donna Cohen  
President, Brooks Museum League

# League News

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## Fundraiser Update

### Fundraiser Update

Plans are underway for a really fabulous fundraiser set for April 20, 2018 at Howard Hall. To date we have secured the following artists for our event:

**Danny Broadway, Terry DeWitt, Martha Kelly, Terry Lynn, Mollie Riggs, and Maggie Russell.**

Thank you so much to the following League members who have agreed to chair the following committees:

**Maureen Conley - Tickets**

**Christy Buck – Staging**

**Penny Popow – Food/Wine**

**Donna Cohen – Artists**

**Barbara Tiscia – Sponsorships**

These ladies may call for more volunteers. And if there is a particular area in which you would like to be involved, please call one of these chairs. We are sending letters to each of the artists outlining what we will need from them, and plans are underway to meet with each artist at Howard Hall during the month of January so that they may see the space and know which of their pieces will work best.

Once the holidays are past, I plan to schedule a meeting at Howard Hall with the chairs involved early in January to outline the details and our needs going forward.

**Mary Lou Gaerig**

**Fundraiser Chair**

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## Tea and Tour

We have only 2 volunteers for the March 1 Tea and Tour. Please check your calendar and sign up at our January Member.

Please email or call Mary Ellen McDow if you can help on March 1. My email is [memcdow@gmail.com](mailto:memcdow@gmail.com) and phone number is 901-766-0809. Thank you

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## **Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards 2017-2018**

I am happy to report that due to the wonderful generosity of Brooks League Members and others we have collected to date for the Mid-South Scholastic Competition \$11,200, with some commitments still outstanding. What a great response to endorse the efforts of our young artists in our community. Thank you to all for your support and a special note of appreciation to Connie Kapner for her efforts in this regard. Please contact Margaret Cardwell to find a place in the Scholastic Volunteer Schedule where you can make a contribution of your time.

All contributions to Mid South Scholastic Art Awards are greatly appreciated. We welcome these as soon as possible so that the committee knows what we are working with for the coming event. A thank you to all those who made their contributions already.

**Becky Barton, Chair**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:     *Many Hands Make Light Work***

**As promised I have many opportunities for everyone to volunteer for the Scholastics Student Program that our League supports. My thanks to all of you who have already worked and who have signed up for slots in Dec., Jan., and Feb.**

Here are the upcoming opportunities to help:

Volunteers for Scholastics - HELP!!!

We are in need of many helpers in January.

We have no one for Tues., Jan. 2, to help with judging. The shifts are 8:45 am - 12:30 and 12:30 to 5 pm.

We need one more for each shift on Wed., Jan.3 - judging. The shifts are 8:45 am - 12:30 and 12:30 to 5 pm.

We need one more for the afternoon of judging on Fri., Jan. 5.

We need 4 more people to help with receiving artwork on Fri., Jan. 12 1:45 - 5 pm

AND Sat., Jan.13, 12:45 - 4 pm. You will be helping move art and need to wear warm clothes.

Please call or email if you can help. THANK YOU. 523-9621 or [margaretcadwell@mac.com](mailto:margaretcadwell@mac.com)

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### **Guest Services Front Desk**

I need volunteers for the 17th, 21st to the 24th and the 28th to the 31st. I realize this is a very busy time for everyone but if you have a little time to spare it would be very helpful. I appreciate you help.

I hope you will take a little time out of your busy schedules to help with Guest Services, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch with me at 901-484-2547 or

[pibpopow@comcast.net](mailto:pibpopow@comcast.net)

Penny Belbin Popow

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