

BROOKS MUSEUM LEAGUE ***IN SUPPORT SINCE 1933***

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March, 2018

Board Meeting

Feb. 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Terrace Room
Brooks Museum

Membership Meeting

Mar. 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Hohenberg Auditorium



From the President.....

Dear Brooks League Members....

Many thanks go out to the League members who participated in this Year's **Mid-South Scholastic Art Competition** and award ceremony. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Mid-South Scholastic chairs Becky Barton and Connie Kapner, along with committee chairs Carolyn Springfield-Harvey, Margaret Cardwell, Penny Belbin-Popow, Mary Reed and Helen Heehs, and all our members that worked together to organize, donate award and scholarship money, and add the volunteer support needed to once again make this event a success. A special thanks as well to the Brooks Museum's Associate Director of Education, Amy Foote who puts in many long hours working with the League, communicating with participating schools, overseeing the Scholastic judging and curating the student Gold Key Art exhibit. The flu season and the inclement weather certainly did not make this year's event an easy one to pull together. So hats off to everyone for your efforts! Your participation was very much appreciated. Mid-South Scholastic photos will be posted soon on our League website (brooksmuseumleaguememphis.org) and also on the Brooks Museum League's Facebook page. Please take a look.

Our new website is up and we are all so excited! Our hope is to maintain this site so our members and the general public can access the most current information about who we are, what we are doing, upcoming events, and member volunteer opportunities. We now have the ability to securely pay our dues on-line, purchase event tickets, or donate to the League. There is also a special section that only members can access. Once you log in to the members only section, you will be able to see minutes from past meetings, archived newsletters, and special League announcements. Join us at the March meeting when our web designer, Ray Rico, from Ray Rico Freelance, will be our speaker and explain how easy it is to navigate the site with all the new features.

I also want to mention that if you have an interest, or know of a member who might be interested in serving on next year's Board, Penny Belbin-Popow is heading the nominating committee that will be putting together the slate of officers for us to consider. Don't be shy! Please give her a call.

Finally.... **Art in the Hall!** Our fundraiser is moving forward and things are looking great! More information can be found in this newsletter and also on our website (brooksmuseumleaguememphis.org). Take a few minutes to check things out on-line, learn more about our fundraiser, and meet the seven artists who will be participating in this event.

Have a wonderful February everyone! See you at the March meeting! Donna Cohen
President, Brooks Museum League

MISSING A PAIR OF READING GLASSES? 
Attention all League members:

Amy Foote recently found a pair of reading glasses in the Brooks Art Education Studio. She believes they belong to one of our members that helped with Mid-South Scholastic over the past few weeks. The earpieces have a colorful floral pattern on them. If you think they are yours, Amy left them with the front desk in the rotunda for you to claim.

This Month's Program Ray Rico



Brooks League web designer, and owner of Ray Rico Freelance, will guide us through using our newly designed web site. Ray's team has helped us in the past designing covers and ads for our fundraisers.

Lunch After



Join us for lunch at Café Society after the meeting. Lunch is ala carte.

Café Society
212 North Evergreen Street
Memphis, TN 38122

To assure your seat call:

Christy Buck at 496-8693 (christy.buck@att.net) by February 27 if you are planning on joining us for lunch.



League News



Art in the Hall



2282 Madison Av.

Exciting plans are in progress as we prepare for **Art InThe Hall**. Letters have gone out to all members requesting that each buy a ticket to support our first ever fundraiser. Additionally, letters have gone out to previous supporters of past fundraisers with information about our upcoming event. Many thanks to Maureen Conley for taking on this enormous task.

Letters have gone out inviting a select group of previous supporters to be part of a Host Committee for **Art In The Hall**. These supporters are being invited to purchase or sell 4 tickets to our fundraiser and to come to our "Artists Toast" which will be held on February 19th at 4 pm at Howard Hall. Any member of Brooks League who would like to be a member of the Host Committee is welcome to join the group. Just email me, marylougaerig@comcast.net or call me at 901-484-4672 .

We are also in the process of asking businesses, etc. to be sponsors for **Art In The Hall**. If you know of anyone interested, please call or email Donna Cohen or me to get a packet with sponsorship requirements and amenities. Getting sponsors is necessary to increase our profit to ensure a successful event.

Lastly, all of you are invited to come to the Artists' Toast on February 19th at 4 pm at Howard Hall. Please RSVP to either Donna Cohen or me to let us know if you will be able to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists who will participate on April 20th and to see Howard Hall at the corner of Madison and Edgewood in midtown.

Mary Lou Gaerig

MID-SOUTH SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION WRAP-UP

Congratulations and many thanks to the cheerful League volunteers in many different roles who helped to produce another successful Scholastic event. A very special thank you to Mary Reed, Helen Heehs, Connie Kapner, Margaret Cardwell, Carolyn Springfield-Harvey, and Penny Belbin-Popow who were so conscientious, capable and dedicated in their service on the Scholastic committee, as well as being wonderful individuals with whom to work.

I'm happy to report that our donations for Scholastic this year totaled \$13,520 and of that total, \$13,200 was gifted in scholarships and awards to our students. A huge expression of gratitude is extended to the generous donors who have made this possible...the majority of whom are Brooks Museum League members. University of Memphis, University of Mississippi, Arkansas State University, and Christian Brothers University also provided valuable scholarships to several students. In addition, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the efforts of our Brooks Museum colleagues, Amy Foote and Kathy Dumlao. They are an integral and vital component in the Mid-South Scholastic Competition initiative, and we do appreciate their many hours of very hard work in this regard.

As evidenced by awesome work displayed in the show, as well as the looks of pride and accomplishment on the faces of our guests at the Awards Ceremony, our efforts really are making an impact for the Arts in our community and on the lives of these talented young people and their families.

Becky Barton, Scholastic Co-Chair

SPECIAL EVENT



JOIN US
HIGH TEA
AT THE
PEABODY



THURSDAY. MARCH 8
1p.m. Chez Philippe

BRING A GUEST

\$35 (with champagne) \$45
RSVP: Pat Westland (patricistland46@gmail.com)
Ph. 683-8043. Leave message

NEW MEMBERS

Our League year will soon be coming to a close, we have February, March, April, and our luncheon in May. Your help is needed in sharing information about the League and increasing its visibility. One way to accomplish this is to have potential members attend one of our meetings. The Red Invitation business cards, which our President distributed and has available at our meetings, is an excellent recruiting tool. The card serves as an invitation to League meetings. Simply jot your name and contact info on the card and give it to the person whom you think may be interested in joining the League. This simple card and process is a very effective tool in recruiting members to the League and sharing information to the public about the League and its mission. Your help is greatly appreciated.

New Member Chairman: Mary Belenchia

On a Personal Note:



Condolences to the families of Eleanor Pelts and Mary Ann Cox. Both were Honorary Members of the League.

Thoughts and Prayers for Olivia Lewis whose husband is in the hospital.



Do You "Like" Us?

We need all our members who use Facebook to go to the League's Facebook page (Brooks Museum League) and take the time to click "like" and follow the League on Facebook! Get your family and friends to like us too! It's not hard and it will only take a minute of your time to add yourself to our following. The best part is that you will be helping the League connect to more people in our area! 👍

Newsletter: If you have any articles or information for the next newsletter, please email babskt@aol.com or call Barbara Tiscia at 901-383-2224.

Deadline is the 10th day of the month.

Yearbook: Contact Barbara Tiscia at babskt@aol.com or call 901-383-2224 for any additions or corrections

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