



# Exhibitor

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## The President's Message

I would like to thank all of our members & friends who came to the March meeting of the Vegas Artists Guild. I hope that you all enjoyed our meeting.

I hope that most of you were able to make it to the 1st Friday this month. I was able to go to Bridge Counseling's "Home is where the heart is" auction at Gaia Flowers. And since Karen Wheeler's "Easter Island" showing at the D'Arte Designs Pop Up Gallery was just a few blocks away from the Gaia Flowers, I was able to make it to her show too. Both shows were great!

The guest speaker for our April meeting was Bill Fravel. Bill gave us a slide presentation of his watercolors, & also gave us a demonstration of some of his watercolor techniques that a lot of us were not familiar with. Bill likes to work his paint right out of the tube without adding any extra water, and without having to size his watercolor paper. With a more opaque watercolor style, he is able to paint nearly vertically, which is not something you would normally see a watercolorist do. His techniques can give you some really nice affects, but he sure does go through a lot of paint! As a watercolorist myself, I think that it would definitely take me a while to get used to his style of painting watercolors. Thank you Bill for a great watercolor presentation.

I'd like to give kudos to Karen Wheeler for the work that she did to create our new 2011 "Vegas Artists Guild Members Portfolio" book. This year's member's portfolio book is hard bound, & features artwork from 30 of our members. If you'd like to purchase the new book, it's only \$25. You can see a copy of the book at our next meeting at our meet & greet table when you first walk in, & if you'd like to pre-pay for a copy at the meeting, we will have it for you to pick up at the following month's meeting.

Sam Chinkes, who is our Trustee, was able video record Bill Fravel's Watercolor Demonstration during the meeting, & Maria VanderMolen will be posting a link to Sam's video on our website for your viewing, just as soon as possible.

And at our last board meeting, Sam also mentioned that we had not assigned a "Member at Large" to this year's VAG Board. I was unaware of this position on the board, but the "Member at Large" is an advisor to the President, & would be available for other responsibilities as needed by our Guild. Sam nominated Roberto Rico (last year's President) to be our new "Member at Large", & he was unanimously elected at our meeting. Congratulations Roberto, I'm sure you'll be great at your new position on our board of directors.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our members at our next meeting on May 9th. I hope to see you all then!

*Stephen Boyle, President of the Vegas Artists Guild*



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The Vegas Artists Guild is a non-profit organization whose motto is "Artists Helping Artists"

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Chaparral High School 3656 Annie Oakley Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89121 from 6:30p to 8:30p

Dues are \$30 per year. Members automatically receive the *Exhibitor* newsletter.

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## NEW & Noteworthy!



## Who is Showing & Where?

Lily Adamczyk	Dinosaurs and Roses
Sue Conway	Arts Factory, Whole Foods & Corner Gallery in Boulder City
Drina Fried	UNLV's Barrick Museum
Shannon Kidwell	Dinosaurs and Roses
Suzanne LeClaire	Jenny Valdez Gallery at the Arts Factory
Carol Mittwede	Dinosaurs and Roses, Northwest Yoga Studio
Helen Murphy	Andre Agassi Prep, Left of Center Art Gallery, and the Fifth Street School
Colin Pringle	City of the World
Roberto Rico	City of the World, Dinosaurs and Roses, sidewalk chalk drawing at Piazza Colori in Henderson, May 7-8 for Horizon Vet Clinic
Linda Snyder	City of the World Gallery
Kathleen Strukoff	Dinosaurs and Roses, Emergency Arts, Helldorado Days Art Show at the Elks Lodge, Selected to be in the Zion Plein Air Invitational Fall 2011
Mitchell Todd	Emergency Arts, Dinosaurs and Roses
Maria Vandermolten	18b Music Festival, Arts Factory
Scott Vandermolten	Dinosaurs and Roses
Sharrie Westernen	The Corner Gallery, Northwest Yoga Studio and Rozy's Sunglasses & Accessories Boutique
Kathy Worley	Sidewalk chalk drawing at Piazza Colori in Henderson, May 7-8 for Horizon Vet Clinic

*All members who need to pay their membership dues will have a grace period of 30 days after the month in which they first joined. After that they will be eliminated from all mailing lists and the website. Please keep your membership current so you don't miss all the great stuff!*

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April 2011  
VAGuild Meeting

## Bold Watercolor and other artistic oxymorons

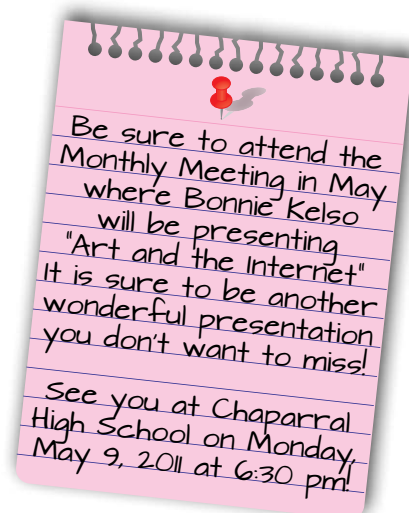
Bill Fravel delighted us with his unique humor and yes, I'll just say it... BOLD watercolor. When many people think of watercolor, they think only of lovely flowing transparent or near-opaque color in only pastoral scenery but Bill is here to dispell many of these old schools of thought regarding his medium of choice.

Using very little water in his watercolor, Fravel admits he uses quite a lot of paint to achieve his bold, bright colors but the paint spent is certainly worth the effort. Applying his color with a brush and then removing part of it with a palette knife is how Fravel achieves his dramatic highlights in his pieces.

The slideshow of his work highlighted the many places he and his wife have lived, the galleries they have had and epitomized his sense of style and humor.

Perhaps most interesting to those in attendance were his pieces he painted of Hawaii while living there.

It was an enjoyable live demonstration and one that those who attended seemed to truly enjoy. Many thanks to Bill for sharing his time, talent and techniques with us.



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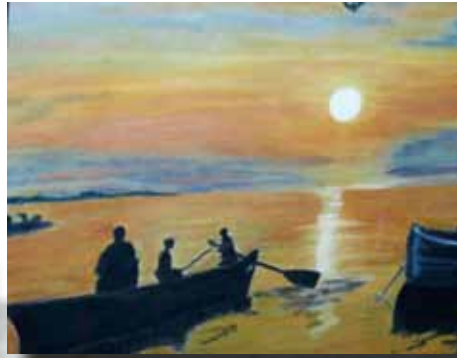
## Show & Tell

Works of Art Displayed  
at Our April 2011 Meeting

**Did You Know?**  
Grabbie Hirsch shaved her head for Klips for Kids & Jessica Kennedy painted her head!



*Alaska's Night Light*  
by Nathaniel Cooke



*The Early Bird* by Kathy Worley



*Jack Sparrow* by Jan Harris-Arduini



*Infinity*  
by David Morel



*An Apple a Day* by Julie Townsend



*Divine Harvest*  
by Alexander-Zanone-Amy



*Totally at Ease* by Pat Kuratmoto



*Molten* by Carol Mittwede

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**more April Show & Tell**

## ATTENTION Members!

Join our Fine Art America "VAG" group page for VAGuild members only.

The address is

<http://fineartamerica.com/groups/vegas-artists-guild.html>



*TAO by Jeffrey Oldham*



*Old Barn by Linda Synder*



*TGFGF by Carl Deaville*



*Rising Spirit by Gabbie Hirsch*



*Mom & Son by Alice Lund*



*Dragon by Alexia Jackson  
STUDENT*



*Western Musician by Sam Chinkes*

