



The Brickbottom Artists Association and Community Newsletter

Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction

Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction will be held in the Brickbottom Gallery **on Sunday, December 8 from 2-5PM**. The doors open at 12PM and the live auction begins **2PM SHARP!** There will be a **Preview Exhibition from Dec. 2-7 from 12-5PM**. The proceeds of the auction go to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Sharon Boccelli, S.B. & Company Auctioneers, is the auctioneer.

Jack McLaughlin was the project manager for Brickbottom Artist's Building, The Hub Building, and Laconia Lofts in the South End. Jack was committed to the idea of affordable artist's housing and used his creativity and expertise to make our dreams a reality. Jack passed away in December, 1999. The work being auctioned off is a combination of art from Jack McLaughlin's collection and pieces donated specifically for the auction by artists from Brickbottom, The Hub Building, and Laconia Lofts. The auction should be a lot of fun, a chance to remember Jack, see old friends, help a worthy cause, and walk away with a beautiful work of art! Debra Olin, current Gallery Director and one of many Brickbottom Founders, thanks all the people at Brickbottom who have donated their artwork and their time to making this event happen. It is a tremendous amount of work and it could never happen without many hands, heads, and hearts! Stay tuned for the next Baguette where all the volunteers will be properly recognized. **Please contact Debra Olin, 617.625.4962 if you can be available to help before or on the day of the auction.** Volunteers are needed to be in the gallery during preview hours and on the day of the auction to greet, wrap, and more.

December's "Affordable Art Sale" in the Gallery

Cash and Carry: One-of-a-kind original works of art will be exhibited for sale at the Brickbottom Gallery from **December 12-15**. Perhaps you'll find the perfect holiday gift. Artists – sign up in the lobby or contact Pier

Gustafson at 617.666.2975 or at PenGod@aol.com for more information or to be included in the sale.

THE BAA THANKS:



The Somerville Arts Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council for their generous support of our gallery, events, programs and general operating expenses over the past 15 years! They awarded us a grant for this year's Open Studios and we are very grateful for their generosity in these tight times! We look forward to many more years of working with them to bring exciting art and events to the community!

Paper Prayers

Paper Prayers will be hung in the small gallery from **December 12-15** with proceeds to benefit The Boston Family and Pediatric Aids Project. Thank you Owen Strossi for setting up the Paper Prayers in the courtyard during Open Studios. It was a big success. Why didn't we think of this before? We made almost as much money in one weekend as we usually do the entire month of December in the gallery. The Boston Family and Pediatric Aids Project can use all the money that we can raise. **Please make some paper prayers and leave them in the mailroom.**

Mystic View Task Force Poetry/Prose Fundraiser

Sunday, December 15: "Community Counts!" 7 - 10 PM. Poetry/Prose Fundraiser for the Mystic View Task Force and Closing Party for Brickbottom's Affordable Art Sale. Writers from Somerville will join poet Anna M. Warrock and Doug Holder of Ibbotson Street Press as they read from their works regarding community and the life of Somerville. Keeping with

the affordable art theme, a \$10 donation is requested, but with a \$20 donation one also receives a membership in the Mystic View Task Force. **Eating, buying and schmoozing begins at 7pm with readings from 8 to 9pm** - afterwards party on! For information, www.mysticview.org.

2002 BAA 15th Annual Open Studios!!

We did it again! The 15th Open Studios event at Brickbottom, that whirlwind of energy that appears like magic - the kind that appears after months of intense preparation, hidden from the public like source code - and then vanishes in a heartbeat. Many, many thanks to the 68 Brickbottom Artists Association resident artists and affiliates who opened their doors and hearts to the public, as well as to those who gracefully suffered the onslaught. To the BAA and all the volunteers, to our coordinator Felice Regan, and to the Somerville Arts Council for its generous grant.

Over 2,000 people attended, approximately the same number as last year, but down as usual from the huge crowds we attracted during those initial years when Open Studios was a novelty and Brickbottom the only kid on the block. Now, there are open studio events from April to December, and, alas, we are no longer unique. But from what we can tell, the crowd bought high and seemed at least as interested in our artwork as our furniture.

OPEN STUDIOS is sponsored by the Brickbottom Artists Association with a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Somerville Arts Council.

Planning for the Future

The BAA wants to hear from you, while the Open Studios experience is fresh in your mind. We will be sending out a survey shortly and holding a meeting in January to brainstorm next years' Open Studios.

Meanwhile, what was it like for you? Tell us in an email to riki@studio416.com, fill out the survey when it arrives, and come to the meeting. Successful planning needs your input. Open Studios involves the entire community. Tell us how you fared, what you would change, what you think should be the same. We ask you to consider these areas in particular: publicity (we need a new theme, new ideas to get the attention of the art appreciating and buying public), the participation of affiliate (non-resident) artists, donations/admission and the viability of holding some kind of event in the spring, perhaps associated with Somerville Open Studios.

January in the Gallery

The January Exhibition in the Brickbottom Gallery: **"SURROUNDED"**, new works by Jorg Fraske, Keith Maddy, Nancy Murphy Spicer, and Isabel Riley. Four artists working in painting, sculpture, drawing, and installation celebrate the curvilinear form and investigate

spatial relationships. January 5-February 1, 2003, Opening Reception, January 5, 3-5PM

From OS Coordinator:FELICE REGAN

Greetings from Felice Regan, O.S. Coordinator 2002. Many heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to making our 15th year a success! Especially thanks for the great art!!!

Sign-up forms: Riki Moss, Delivery: Miki Polumbaum
Invitation design: Pier Gustafson
Labels for mailing: Lee Mandell
Publicity: Riki Moss, Tracy Munn, Jomar Statkun
Mailing: Irene Valincius, Alyson Schultz, Randall Thurston
Delivery of Piles of Invitations: outside building, David Columbo; Inside buildings: Felice Regan
O.S. Map: Rob Kassel, Proofreader: Lois Fiore
Inside signage design: Lee Busch
Hangers: Garrett Bailey, Jonathan Claybaugh
Outside Signage: Ron Pownall
Streamers cut by: Susan Schmidt, Hung by Dale Macurdy
Building clean-up: George Gabin, Ellen Young
"How to" flyers delivery: Janie Owens, Susan Strauss
Café set-up, Exhibit: Debra Olin, Felice Regan
Gallery directory exhibit: Hanging, Debra Olin, Owen Strosse
Labels: Dan Orlow
BAA membership forms and stands: Cindy Larson, Lee Mandell, Doug Kornfeld, Lana Hermann
Parking: Bob Martell, Mike Stead, Juan Rave, Jorge Silva, Tad Flynn, Chris Spencer
Greeters: Stu Camiel, Peter Marquez, Mardee Nordberg, Al Fisher, Roberta Hirshson, Susanna Darling, Jean Hillson, Marja Roholl, Dana Pellegrini, Martha Podran, Alden Zecha.
Gallery guides: Dominique LeComte, Svetlana Rockwell, Charlie McCarthy, Carol Moses, Anne Russell, Elissa Katler.
Courtyard sculpture co-ordinator: Charlotte Kaplan, Leaves by Heather Heimark.
BAA Table: Sheila Blake (and lobby set-up), Carla Wilbur, Martha Podren.
BAA Food Table: Cindy Larson, Robert Ostermeyer, Martin Helmsmoortel, Irvin Mateo, Chada Mateo, Lucas Simonis, Jen Fries, Susan Hagner, Lana Herman, Janice Wall, Peter Columbo, Danika Swanson, Cathy Reams, Jehanne-Marie Gavarinni.
Bake Sale Ingredients Donation: Chris Mesarch, Bread & Circus.
BAA Food Table Bakers: Special thanks to Paula Brody who provided the bulk of the baked goods. Also to Owen Strossi, Phyllis Ewen, Jessica Straus, Susan Strauss, Marjorie Hamlen, Stephen Rae, Ellen Young
Music: Tony Espy, Jim Lucchese & Friends
Website: Jason and Aileen Marie Vantomme.
Party Afta: Rebecca & Jeff Altepeter, Helper: Bill Turville

Computer Wiz: Doug Kornfeld
Paper Prayers in Courtyard: Debra Olin, Owen Strossi
Artist Hours: Cate Hewitt
Pearl Paint Installation: Gina Kamentsky, David Wells
Delivery: Carla Wilbur
Gallery Opening Party: Bill Kipp, Caroline Kipp
Who's Showing Where

Deborah Davidson, Jessica Straus and Randal Thurston are part of a group show "**Icons + Altars,**" the 9th Annual Holiday Benefit Exhibition at the **New Art Center** in Newton from **November 15 – December 15. Opening reception is Friday, November 15, 6-8PM and is a fundraising event to benefit the New Art Center's education and exhibition programs. Tickets** are \$200 and entitle the bearer to choose a work of art at the drawing on December 15. Newton Art Center is located at 61 Washington Park, Newtonville, MA. Further information can be obtained by calling 617.964.3424 or from their website at www.newartcenter.com.

Phyllis Ewen and Jill Slosburg-Ackerman are included in the group show "**Small Works 2002/Cambridge Artists Support the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center**" at the Sacramento St. Gallery, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge through December 20th from 9AM to 5PM Monday – Friday. One-half of the proceeds of work sold benefits the building fund.

Jomar Statkun B253 was featured on Channel 5's Cityline program on September 15th. The segment featured Filippino/Americans in Boston. The show included an interview and displayed his paintings. Jomar also took the opportunity to mention the then-upcoming Brickbottom Open Studios. The host of the show mentioned the BAA website and gave the dates of our Open Studios. Thanks Jomar for helping with our publicity!

Somerville Arts Council 2002 Fellowship Winners two part exhibit "See With Your Eyes, Not Your Hands" continues at the Somerville Museum from December 8th through January 4th, Thursday 2-7PM, Friday 2-5PM, and Saturday 12-5PM. Jehanne-Marie Gavarini and Kay Canavino were included in Part 1 in November. The museum is located at 1 Westwood Road, Somerville, 617.666.9810. **The opening reception is December 8, 5-8PM.**

Julia Shepley's Sculpture and Drawings will be exhibited from **November 13 – December 22** in a group show at **Boston Sculptors Gallery** in West Newton. The **Opening reception is Sunday, November 17 from 2-5PM** and the **closing reception is Sunday December 15 from 2-5PM.**

Julia Shepley's work will also be included in the **Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction December 8** (Brickbottom Gallery) and at the **New England Bio Labs** as part of the creative artist process **November 5 – December 17.**

Connie Miller will be showing selected works **through the end of December** at **Amelia's Kitchen**, Teele

Square, 1137 Broadway, Somerville. Hours: M-Th 11-10, Fr-Sa 11-10:30, Sun 5-9 pm.

Irene Valincius is part of the "**Painting in Boston: 1950-2000**" show at the **DeCordova Museum through February 23, 2003.** Gallery admission \$6 for adults. The exhibition is the first major, comprehensive study of the art of painting as practiced in Boston and environs during the second half of the twentieth century. DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM and on selected Monday holidays. Further information can be obtained by calling 781.259.8355 or from their website at www.decordova.org.

"**Who's Showing Where**" is a column that runs monthly (or whenever we have information) for members to share where they are showing. Please submit information regarding your show to Cindy Larson, cl-zarch@rcn.com, C211, 617.718.9707 and get included on the list.

Slides for the Website

Now that "the event" is over, the public keeps your artwork in mind via the website. All members are given an image on the site as well as a link to their own website – a bonus to you, as well as a visual indicator that Brickbottom is still one of the great, viable art-making and art-appreciating communities in the area. Update your images by sending new ones to riki@studio416.com. Send a .jpg image at 100 dpi with the largest dimension of 115 pixels. We can scan your slide, (put it in the envelope at the office door with your name, unit and orientation) but would much prefer the digital image.

Crossing Open Grounds

Our four-part literary series ended on November 14th with two powerful readings by poet Anna Warrock and fiction writer Ben Brooks. Anna's choice of poems relating to the experiences of viewing visual art, and read before walls filled with our artwork, were particularly sweet. The gallery was filled with friends and residents, affirming our commitment to the spoken word as well as the visual arts. Our thanks to Anna and the grant from the Somerville Arts Council for making this series possible.

Brickbottom Gallery Help

The Brickbottom Gallery is open to the public Thursday through Saturday from 12PM to 5PM. People are needed to buzz visitors into the building. If you are around the building any of those days with a free phone line, this would be a great help to the BAA. If this is something you can help with, please call Debra at 617.625.4962.

Brick/Peeps Column

The Brick/Peeps column will return in January.

Share your story with others in the Brick/Peeps Column. It's time for you to write your story for the Baguette and for your neighbors! Bring or email your writings or résumés, along with a photo (digital if you have it), to either Svetlana Rockwell (C214) svetrock@ix.netcom.com or Cindy Larson (C211) cl-zarch@rcn.com. We will happily assist with the writing

if you are not comfortable putting it together.

BRICKBOTTOM GALLERY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2-7, 2002, Preview showing for *Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction*.

DECEMBER 8, 2002, *Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction*, 2-6PM, proceeds to benefit Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

DECEMBER 12-15, 2002, Affordable Art Sale, Artwork by Brickbottom Artist's Association Members. In small gallery, *Paper Prayers*, to benefit The Boston Family and Pediatric Aids Project.

JANUARY 5-FEBRUARY 1, 2003, *Surrounded*, curated by Jorge Fraske. Mixed Media, new works by Jorg Fraske, Keith Maddy, Nancy Murphy Spicer and Isabel Riley. Opening Reception, Sunday, Jan.5, 3-5PM.

FEBRUARY 9-MARCH 8, 2003, *Under the Influence*, Brickbottom Members Exhibition, Opening Reception, Sunday, Feb. 9, 3-5PM.

MARCH 13-APRIL 5, 2003, *proGLYPHic*, Blackstone Press Printmakers, Opening Reception, Sunday, March 16, 3-5PM

APRIL 11-MAY 10, 2003, *Collaboration*, curated by Adria Arch, Opening Reception, Sunday, April 13, 3-5PM.

MAY 18-JUNE 29, 2003, *Unbuilt Visions*, Virginia Gunter Curator Fund Exhibition, curated by Leila Daw, Opening Reception, Sunday, May 18, 6-8PM.

JULY 12-AUGUST 23, 2003, *What is Big?* Brickbottom Members Exhibition, Opening Reception, Sunday, July 13, 6-8PM.

SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 25, 2003, *Home*, Opening Reception, Friday, Sept. 12, 6-8PM.

NOVEMBER 9-24, *Open Studios Directory Exhibition*, Opening Reception, Sunday, November 9, 6-8PM.

BAA Membership

Being an artist or a resident at Brickbottom are not requirements for membership in the Brickbottom Artists Association. We are a nonprofit organization supporting the arts and have many things to offer those who are not artists. Please join in supporting the BAA and our commitment to bringing you a wide variety of art events and programs. Fill out the form attached to this Baguette or get a form from the lobby or gallery and submit it along with payment to the BAA, 1 Fitchburg Street C-111, Somerville MA 02143 or drop it off at our office at C-125.

Baguette News Items or Articles

The newsletter for the BAA community is issued monthly. If you have news or any items that you would

like included in next month's issue, please submit to Cindy Larson, cl-zarch@rcn.com, 617.718.9707, C-211 or drop in the mailroom prior to the 25th of each month.

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Brickbottom Building Manager's Corner
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Friday, December 13th from 6:30-9:30PM: All Brickbottom Residents are invited to share some winter holiday cheer at Brickbottom's Fifteenth Annual Holiday Party! This annual party is hosted by the Trustees and Staff and produced by the Residents!

The management of the Brickbottom Condominium Trust is soliciting donations of non-perishable food and money from the residents of Brickbottom to be donated this holiday season to a local food bank and distribution center run by Project Soup, a division of the Somerville Community Corporation. This is the 12th annual Brickbottom Food Donation Drive. Those who find making a food donation difficult are encouraged to make a small financial donation of \$2.00-\$10.00. Please make

your check payable to: SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY CORP./PROJECT SOUP and deliver it to the management office. Management will deliver all donations to Project Soup. All donation must be made prior to Friday, December 13, 2002.

The Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles has a complaint form that people can use to report illegal driving incidents. The form can be found at the RMV's website. A person who reports may be required to attend a hearing. If you use this method to make a complaint about incidents that occur locally, please copy my office. In any case, please continue to write your complaints on the forms provided in the mail room.

BAA/Brickbottom Building Calendar of Events for December

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| Thurs.-Sat. | December 2-7 | 12-5PM | "Jack McLaughlin Auction Preview" , art work to be sold at the December 8 th auction can be previewed at the Brickbottom Gallery, Brickbottom Artists Building, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. |
| Sunday | December 8th | 2 PM | Jack McLaughlin Memorial Auction , live auction begins at 2PM, doors open at 12 noon. Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. |
| Thurs.-Sun. | December 12-15 | 12-5PM | "Affordable Art Sale" , at the Brickbottom Gallery, Brickbottom Artists Building, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. |
| Thurs.-Sun. | December 12-15 | 12-5PM | "Paper Prayers" , in the Small Gallery at the Brickbottom Gallery, Brickbottom Artists Building, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. |
| Thursday | December 12th | 7:30 pm | BAA Board of Directors Meeting , Brickbottom Gallery. |
| Friday | December 13th | | Brickbottom's Fifteenth Annual Holiday Party for residents in the lobby. Hosted by the Trustees and staff and produced by the residents. |
| Sunday | December 15th | 7-10 | "Community Counts!" Mystic View Task Force Poetry/Prose Fundraiser , \$10, Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. |
| Sunday | December 22nd | 1:14 AM | Winter Solstice , Ahhhhhh! The days start getting longer! |
| Wednesday | December 31st | | New Year's Eve , Happy new year and thanks to all BAA members and Brickbottom residents who helped make this another great year! |

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Support/Join/Help the BAA: *please print very clearly.*

Name: _____

Gallery: _____

Street Address: _____

Check one:

Membership: \$25 _____

Angel: \$50 - \$99 _____

Donor: \$100 - \$499 _____

Volunteer:

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Studios: _____

Fundraising: _____

City/State: _____

Membership: _____

Phone: _____

Other: _____

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Medium(for artists): _____
interests)

Patron: \$500 - \$999 _____

Benefactor: \$1000 + _____

Check any that apply:

I am an artist _____

(Please

I live and/or have my

studio in Brickbottom _____

Mail checks to the address above.

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