

Editorial COMMENTARY

by Tom Starland, Editor and Publisher

VOTE!

I don't care who you vote for - just vote. I think voting in our elections should be mandatory, but then it wouldn't be a free country if we did that. I can't understand why anyone wouldn't want to. And, I really can't understand why some folks who talk big about elections, complain about the results, but don't bother to vote themselves.

And when the election is over - it's over. If you didn't like the results, get involved and work hard to get the results you like - during the next election.

Blame Hurricane Matthew - Not Me

Earlier this month, the Carolina coast got a visit by Hurricane Matthew. By now many people have cleaned up the mess he brought, while others still have a ways to go in dealing with that mess and some will be dealing with this mess for months and years.

For me it was dealing with preparing for a cat. 2 hurricane, going through the storm, losing power for a few hours, and then cleaning up after the storm. The impact was minor compared to others. Linda had to put in a lot of hours at her 911 job and I was forced out of my tight schedule in pulling off a monthly publication.

The one thing that suffered the most was our blog *Carolina Arts News* - our place for posting info, not about exhibits taking place in the Carolinas (our main focus), but related info concerning the visual art community. That includes info about staff changes at arts organizations, calls for entries, notices about meetings and lectures, info about awards and accomplishments, and much more.

I just couldn't keep up with it this month and I know a lot of folks who sent us this

info were disappointed by not seeing this info on our social media network. I'm sorry we let you down, but my main goal each month is to get this publication out on time.

Just before Hurricane Matthew became our problem I set up an account on Instagram, but I haven't been able to look at it since and it may be some time before I can. As if I need another platform to take up my time.

I hope to be getting back to my schedule soon, but with the holidays coming up - a real challenging time to get folks to send in their info about exhibits - I'm not too hopeful, but I will try.

Deadline Reminder

I hate November and December! Not because of the holidays which take place in those months, but because our deadlines for our December and January issues fall on Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24).

So all you folks who wait until the last minute to send us your info - you should know there will be no grace period after those days. The deadline stands. There is no magical holiday time where extra days just appear to help finish the publication and meet our deadline of getting the issue launched by the 1st of the month (that's New Year's Eve for us).

You won't find me in a holiday spirit when you try to give me a story as to why you're late - unless you're an advertiser and trying to become a last minute advertiser won't help you after the deadline has passed. Look at the cover of every issue and you'll find that it says, "You Can't Buy It".

So plan to get your info in early to us in the next couple of months. Don't make me be a Grinch during the holidays. I want to have my happy face on during the holidays.

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www.carolinaarts.com



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Violet Iris with Peonies oil 16 x 20 inches



Eden in the Morning oil 24 x 18 inches

Joe Anna Arnett



Iris, Champagne Elegance oil 16 x 12 inches



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