

The Salmagundi Club announces the City Worker's Art Exhibition 2008

Salmagundi is happy and proud to sponsor a second City Worker's Exhibition this summer from July 21st to August 2nd. Open to artists who work for the people of New York City, this year's applicants will be judged by distinguished artists Burton Silverman and Harvey Dinnerstein.

The exhibition will award cash prizes: \$1 500 for "Best of Show," in the name of Marvin Franklin; ten additional prizes of \$150 for artistic merit; a Fine Art prize, a year's membership, awarded by Claudia Seymour, Salmagundi president.

Salmagundi's first City Worker's Exhibition in the summer of 2006 was an enormous success, showing rich, expressive, and creatively exciting art by teachers, policemen, firemen, psychologists, architects, park workers, sanitation workers, and many others. It was an unforgettable night when over three hundred artists, friends, and their families came to celebrate the opening. That night Marvin Franklin won "Best of Show," and was given a year's membership to Salmagundi. Those who attended may remember him for his modest acceptance of the award, and for his extraordinary watercolor of the homeless on a city subway. You may recognize the name Marvin Franklin as the MTA employee who was accidentally killed on April 29th, 2007, while working as an underground track inspector, a tragic loss to his family. Salmagundi wishes to honor the memory of Marvin Franklin. A selection of his art will be on view in our library for the duration of the 2008 show.

Over 200 artworks will be selected for the 2008 exhibition, filling the upper and lower galleries. Participation is open to current employees of the City, including retirees. Also eligible are people who serve New Yorkers, such as those who work in homeless shelters, museums, subways and buses. Painting, sculpture, photography, and multi-media are eligible.

Edwin Lynch
Curator

The Salmagundi Club is one of the oldest art organizations in the United States. Founded in 1871, the Club has been a gathering place for artists, including William Merritt Chase, N.C. Wyeth, and Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Club's Main Gallery is a site for major exhibitions by the American Watercolor Society, American Artists Professional League, Audubon Artists, as well as others.

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The Gallery is open 1pm to 5pm seven days a week for the general public.