

Morristown Art Association Newsletter

May. 22nd, 2018 (4th Tuesday) at 7 PM

Program : I am a product of the turbulent and emotion-packed 1960's, first only a street kid in the Lonsdale Homes Community of North Knoxville, then a rock-and-roll drummer in a regionally famous funk band 'Freddy and the Flamingo's' opening for such acts as Funkadelic, Bill Withers, Rufus Thomas, and Mary Wells, just to name a few. When my life was my **Art and Music**, sporting bigger than real Afro hair and fur-trimmed knee-high boots, rocking Knoxville's world. I later worked as a draftsman for TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), and then I joined the Knoxville Police Department. A few years later, when the artistic urge was too strong to deny, I relocated to Washington, D.C., establishing **Geneva Galleries Inc.**

Vicissitude, the core expression of my artistic exploration, is based on an **abstract geometrical triptych** expressing what I felt and experienced as a young man in the south of the 1960's with the challenges of integration and trying to interpret the stories my father **Eldred Libby Taylor** told me about his childhood in Georgia. The idea for the three panels came to me over a six-year period, they represent the **Past, Present, and Future** of the black race, associated with each panel, are paintings and drawings I designed using Pencil and chalk pastel to represent that time in our vast history. It is my hope to engage my audience with subliminal imagery to tell the stories I feel should be preserved as a reflection of who we are and the **brevitWy** of our ancestral sacrifice and struggle for **freedom and equality**.



W. James Taylor

Challenges : All Challenges for 2018 are posted on the Web Calendar. For May you are challenged to paint Smoky Mountains. June is the picnic –no meeting. July - “Something Representing Speed.”

Refreshments: Patty Gracey and Cindy Trobaugh

Web Site - Morristownart.org

A new artist of the month has been generated – Georgia White.

Library Show: Feb-March – Irene Lawrence, April-May—**four members:** Carol Rouse, Frances Maynard, Kim Cole and Judy Luttrell, June- July Chris Smith Aug.-Sept-Raymond Tolman Oct.-Nov.- Photography Show Dec-Jan – Members’ Show.

Juried Art Show: This is coming – Are you ready with a fine painting?? The show brochure is ready. You can get it at the meeting or download it from the web page. All the dos and don'ts and what are allowed is listed there.

The Bravo Awards were a tremendous success with \$1200 being made whereas last year Rose Center lost money. We do not need to have events where we lose money. It was well planned and organized. The food was tasty and actually delicious. The winner of the performance was a beautiful young lady who has a crystal clear voice and unbelievable volume. Kelli Sexton. The painting award went to Olivia Lewis.