



Morning at South Lake Oil T.M. Nicholas

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The annual holiday party was held on December 4, 2005 at the Outrigger Canoe Club. We had a great turnout. The extensive buffet and music by *Blue Sky* were fabulous! The AHA underwrote part of the expense as a thank you to our members. Mahalo to Jennifer Rothschild for sponsoring this event at a great location!

AHA Membership Reminders

Renew your membership before we print the annual directory and the portfolio. Deadline to be included in the annual directory is January 31.

Deadline for the portfolio is January 31. No exceptions please. We have to submit to the various galleries during the first week of February. Submit three digital pictures per artist.

“The meaning of aha is perfect for describing the creative spark in Hawaiian - breath of life.”

[Ramsay]

February 18-28: 36th Annual Aloha Show at Honolulu Hale, juried by T.M. Nicholas. Prospectus will be in the Paint Rag soon.

February 24: Aloha Show Reception. Meet the Juror who comes from Massachusetts. He will be accompanied by plein air artists from California.

March 15: Start of 2006 series of AHA exhibits at Honolulu Country Club.

The new **Plein Air Paint-Out** schedule is out. Let me know if you want a copy by email.

Send your publicity and articles to Robin Scanlon, our Paint Rag Editor, to be included in the impending issue.

Electronic Newsletters, Revisited

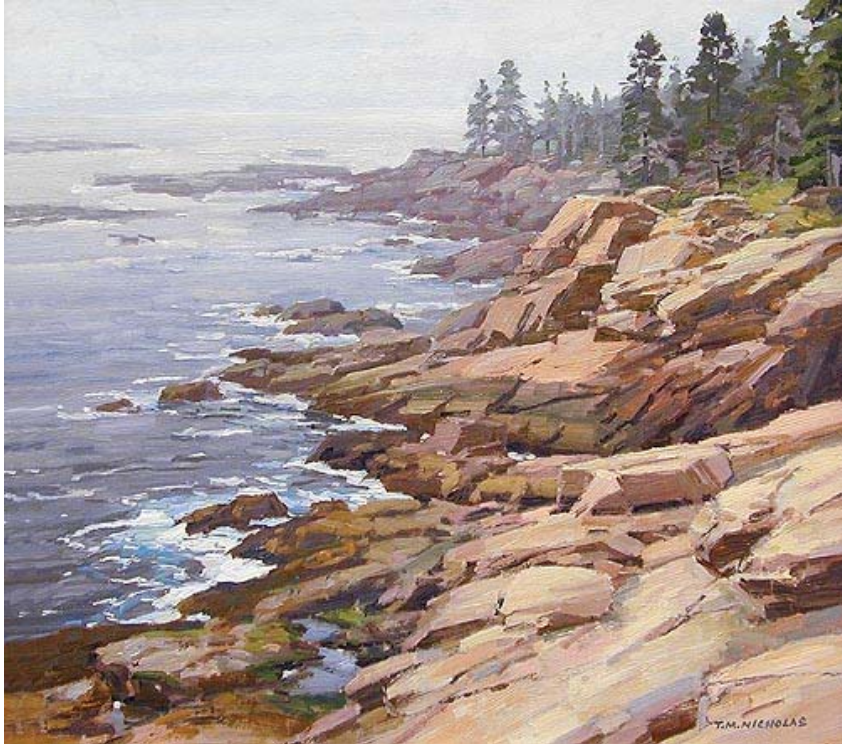
Our editor, Robin Scanlon, has been emailing the electronic version of the Paint Rag since October. We encourage you to receive our newsletter, if at all possible, in this way. We help save the earth's resources and we make a significant savings in postage that could be applied to other things such as larger awards or for reasonably priced workshops. The emailed version is in full color and beautiful.

Mahalo to the following people:

Mr. Wayne Tanaka and The Palette for the opportunity to show at Pauahi Tower every year. We had an excellent turnout for the Contemporary Show.

Mr. Harry Tsuchidana for jurying the Contemporary Show.

The Art Board and Motoomi Eguchi for the Art Board exhibit and for the gift certificates for framing.



Morning Mist, Acadia

T.M. Nicholas

Oil

Prepare for our 36th Annual Aloha Show at Honolulu Hale, February 18-28. Our juror will be T.M. Nicolas of Essex, Massachusetts. He has gained significant recognition in the past few years as a master painter. T.M. has been featured numerous times in various art magazines such as American Artist, Southwest Art, Art & Antique and Plein Air Magazine.

If you are interested in his landscape painting workshop, it will be held on Oahu from February 20-24, 2006. Call 239-6066 for more information or to receive a brochure.

Photography 101

I learned some things from **Roy Okano**, our photographer. To see if a digital picture will print out nicely on paper, check out the settings on your camera. For example, if you are shooting a photo at a pixel setting such as 1800 x 1200, divide each of those numbers by 300 and you will get a decent print about the size of a postcard. Don't take a web size photo and stretch it out to make it bigger for hard copy. The print will be blurry. Images, sized for the web, will print out thumbnails. Instead, increase the pixels.

We have many fantastic photographers in AHA: **Roy Okano, Robin Scanlon, Giovanni Reola, Amy Brown**, to name just a few.



Having Tea at 1024 Suzanne Marinelli, Priscilla Hall and Jennifer Rothschild

Mahalo!

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