



IAA NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 50 Years of Art!

Learning - Teaching - Art Appreciation

February 2006



President's Message

Dear Members Of IAA,

I am so excited! IAA has so many things going on that I don't know where to start! Our February exhibits are so beautiful that you will want to be sure and get by the gallery to see our member Karyl Barbosa's breathtaking show and the Oriental Artist's have hung their beautiful works so perfect so as to accentuate the beauty of the fans they have on exhibit. Don't miss it!

We have two great workshops by well known artist throughout the U.S. and internationally, Janie Gildow, Colored Pencil, March 22-24th and Lap Ngo, Oils in the Old Master Technique, April 10-14th. If you haven't registered get on the website to print out the form, or stop by and pick one up. Karyl Barbosa is the chairperson in charge of these workshops and will be glad to sign you up. Contact Karyl at 972 262-3638.

Synne Ferguson has managed to get Stephen Benezue, Prof of Art at North Lake College, to have his finest students exhibit in our gallery in April. Congrats to Synne! We are excited to get the young people involved in the process of exhibiting their work and look forward to making it an annual event. The reception will be on April 2nd so come and support the students from North Lake. I was

so privileged to be in a meeting with Barbara Fryrear, Pete Fernandez, Marilyn Chandler and Dot Blalock to discuss the 50th Anniversary of our organization. We sat around Marilyn's kitchen table munching on éclairs and drinking wonderful orange/peach tea out of an antique china tea set. These artist's shared with me stories of the beginning of IAA and I was enthralled with their clever ideas to share art with the Irving Community in the days when many of our present parks and main thoroughfares were only woods and pathways. Pioneer Shopping center was the hub for art shows and fund raisers. Our meeting was such a pleasure for me and the beginning of plans for our May celebration of this event! So May 7 will be an exciting day for your calendar, not only as a member of the juried show but as a member of an organization with a wonderful history that will be shared during this event.

So, it is not a mystery why I am so excited! Get your calendar marked up and your paintings finished so that you won't miss anything. Lap Ngo will be our demonstrator on Feb 28 membership meeting at 7PM. BE THERE!

Nina Hardison



IAA NEWSROOM

Happy 50th Anniversary IAA!!



February Hostess

Karyl Barbosa



Artists of the Month

Patricia Viscarra
Carolyn Parrish

Gallery Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of gallery volunteers. You can paint while you serve as gallery attendant! Call Nina or Dot to volunteer at 972-721-2488 or 972-721-8063 (voice mail).

West Gallery Available

The West Gallery is available for a member exhibit in June 2006. Contact Synne if you are interested at auroraimages@worldnet.att.net

Framing Workshop

The next scheduled Framing Workshop may be cancelled for lack of interest. If anyone is planning to attend they should contact either SynneMagarFerguson at auroraimages@worldnet.att.net or Sally Meding at sallymeding@yahoo.com

Directories and Membership Cards

Members that have not picked up their directories and membership cards should be reminded that they are not being mailed this year due to the cost.

Nominating Committee

At the next members meeting on Feb 28th, members will be asked to vote for members to the nominating committee which will begin the work of nominating officers for next season.

2005-2006 TEXAS & NEIGHBORS Regional Exhibition and Competition April 23 - May 13, 2006

Janie Gildow, Juror
Reception April 23, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Jaycee Park Center for the Arts
2000 West Airport Freeway, Irving, TX

This prestigious five-state competition pulls entries representative of the best of American art from artists living in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Approximately \$6,000 in prizes! We need volunteers to help with this wonderful show. Call Dot Blalock @ 972-255-9337 or 972-721-8063.

Portrait Society of America Conference

The Portrait Society of America is hosting the Eighth Annual Art of the Portrait Conference in Dallas, Texas at the Hilton Anatole (formerly the Wyndham Anatole) May 4-7, 2006. The conference features demonstrations, slide presentations, an international portrait competition with over \$25,000 in cash and prizes and a gala awards banquet. For more information Contact Christine Egnoski @ 877-772-4321 or on the web at www.portraitsociety.org.

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February Demo

Lap Ngo

Palette Knife Painting - Techniques in Oil

February 28, 2005 7:00 pm

From the islands of Halong Bay to the dusty back roads of south Texas, Lap Ngo has traveled the world. His paintings are an expression of his journeys. Lap captures life in all his paintings from all his worlds whether that is a European village or a forgotten castle in Morocco. His subjects take us to a place of peace and serenity while revealing a little of what we want, a glimpse of what our everyday worlds hide from us and perhaps reminds us in a small way that there may indeed be a much deeper meaning to our lives.

Lap Ngo is an international artist and a culturally diverse person. He is able to paint whatever he feels. His love and passion for his paintings is felt as one gazes upon his fields with waving grasses in Africa and in the roughness of his cowboy's hands. The subjects seduce us to take part in their life as portrayed on canvas by Lap's hand. He takes his time to paint a work of art...he buys the finest linen to make his canvas and stretches them himself. He mixes his paint as he prepares to impart to us...his sight. Mr. Ngo, a professional artist for more than 30 years, has a wide range of abilities. His students call him a master teacher.

Spring 2006 Invitational Workshops

Janie Gildow

Colored Pencil Workshop
March 22 - 24, 2006
2006 Texas and Neighbors'
Invitational Judge
\$55 per day for non-members
\$50 per day for members
www.janiegildow.com

Lap Ngo

Old Master Technique,
Oil on Linen Canvas
April 10 - 14, 2006
5 day workshop - \$475
3 day workshop - \$300
www.worldpainter.com

Perrin Sparks

Pastel Workshop
May 8-12, 2006

For information contact Karyl
Barbosa@972-262-3638.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

2005-2006

**TEXAS & NEIGHBORS
Regional Exhibition and
Competition**

April 23 - May 13, 2006

Contact Dot Blalock@972-255-9337 or
972-721-8063.

INSTRUCTOR OPPORTUNITY

Ann Gillespie, Recreation Specialist at the Heritage Senior Center in Irving, is currently seeking an instructor to teach any of the following: Ceramics, stain glass, jewelry making, painting, drawing, etc. The opportunity is on Monday mornings any time between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

Instructors are paid by contact and receive 80% of all fees taken in for the class. The fee is set by the instructor and the class lesson plans and length of the class as well. Classes that are at the lower end of the fee scale tend

to make more often since most of our customers are seniors on fixed incomes. There are also evening opportunities as well for instructors, but we are looking at Mondays first.

The craft room available is nice and spacious with good light. Also available are two large kilns for firing.

If you have any questions please contact Ann Gillespie at 972-721-2496.

IN OUR GALLERIES

EAST

1/29-2/24

Association of Oriental
Artists

2/27-3/31

Sherry Hornish

WEST (members ONLY)

1/28 - 2/24

Karyl Barbosa
Various Media
Reception 2/5, 2-4 pm

2/25-3/31

Roberta Ferguson
Water Color
Reception 3/19, 2-4 pm

AROUND OUR TOWNS!!

Judy Gelfert

Judy and husband Arne would like to announce the arrival of baby boy, Daniel Nikolai Gelfert, born February 2nd at 1:08 pm. Daniel is the couple's first child and they welcome the wonderful joys ahead of them! Congratulations to the family!

Carolyn Bell & Barbara McConnell

Carolyn and Barbara will have their "Two Local Artists" Exhibit from Jan. 28th to Feb. 17th, 2006, in the gallery of Farmers Branch Manske Library, 13613 Webb Chapel Road. Everyone is invited to view the exhibit and attend the "Meet the Artists Reception," Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006 from 2-4 pm at the Manske Library.

CAAP

Roberta Ferguson, and Margaret Jacobs were featured in a "Meet the Artist" and Mardi Gras festival in February at the Summerville of Irving Retirement Village at 820 N Britain Rd.



Left - Ernie and Roberta with one of her paintings.

Right - Summerville of Irving Village staff at the Mardi Gras festival.



Artists Now Showing

Dot Blalock	Irving Public Library
Mattie Kenney	Irving Public Library
Helen Cahill	Blue Star Title
Roberta Ferguson	Summerville Of Irving
Margaret Jacobs	Summerville Of Irving
Nina Hardison	Flight Safety
Mary Treadwell	Flight Safety
Beverly Koehler	Irving Chamber of Commerce

Synne Magar Ferguson

The new Aurora Images Art Gallery and Gifts opened for business February 11, 2006. This multi purpose facility is located at 803 E. Main Street Suite D, Allen TX. Business hours are Tues - Fri 12:00-7:00pm and Sat 11:00-7:00 pm. There will be a "Meet the Artist" reception on Saturday, Feb. 18th, 6:30-9 pm. On Saturday March 18th there will be a Grand Opening Reception, 6:30-7 pm. Currently, there is

Tuesday & Thursday Painters Group

Bring art supplies and a sack lunch
Lots of fun every week!
Tuesdays - 10am - 4pm

Free Basic Art Instructions

Feb. 2th, 9th, 16th, 23rd
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Basic Calligraphy
Angie Vangalis, instructor

Call for more information: 972-721-8063

not another gallery of its kind in the City of Allen that represents the original works of art by local artisans while offering art education, demonstrations and lectures. A wide variety of exquisite Art is being represented. Not only will you find Oils, Watercolors, Acrylics, Pastels, Colored Pencil and Graphite, you will find individually hand made greeting cards, Artists prints, stonework, pottery, glass work, Graphite, jewelry and more! If you are interested in exhibit space in the gallery or know someone who might be, please contact Synne for an appointment at 972-390-7943 opt. #3, or 214-803-7089.

Workshops begin in March 2006. A diicroic glass workshop will be offered by instructor Mary Tarver. A watercolor workshop will be offered by instructor Mary Treadwell. A multi-media workshop will be offered by instructor Sally Meding. Classes are available for all ages.

Synne's oil paintings, "A Mother's Prayer: Keep Him Safe" and "Memories of Poppa" were accepted into the 2006 Artists Showplace Juried Competition. Her oil painting "On my Son's Best Day", was accepted into the International "Animals in Art" Juried Competition at Louisiana State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations to Synne!

Lynn Kelly

Lynn had work accepted into The Upstairs Gallery @ 1038 W. Abrams Arlington, TX 76013, 817-277-6961.

Daggi Wallace

Daggi's first illustrations for children's books will be available after Feb 15, 2005 at Amazon.com. Daggi created the illustrations for the book by Neila Skinner Petrick, titled "Katherine Stinso Otero, High Flyer." Also, look for it in local bookstores soon.

Ernest Benton

Ernie is having a solo exhibition July 30 - August 25, 2006, at the Jaycee Center for the Arts in Irving, TX, 2000 West Airport Freeway. Ernie is also pleased to announce new gallery representation at the Aurora Images Gallery and Gifts, 803 Main St., Ste D, in Allen TX. In addition, he had a painting titled "Jazz Fusion," accepted into the Artist's Showplace 2006 Juried Exhibition held March 30 - April 28, 2006, at 15615 Coit Rd., Ste 230, in Richardson, TX.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Pastel

Instructor: Lynne Carpenter
Feb. 25, 2006
9:30am - 3:00 pm

Texas Lettering Arts Council
Instructor: Angie Vangalis
March 4, 2006

Karyl Barbosa

Free Art Workshop in February presented by Karyl, Feb 18th on Beginners Block Print at the Grand Prairie Police substation, 169 Grand Central, NE 19th Street off East Main St. For information contact Karyl @972-262-3638 or Paula Sugg @214-693-1039.

Mattie Kenney

Mattie gave an art demo for the DeSoto Art League in January at the DeSoto Presbyterian Church.

Ann Hardy

Ann will have a show at the Whistle Pik Gallery in Fredericksburg, TX entitled "Texas Artists" in March and April this year. She just completed a huge commission piece of three daughters, and will enter paintings in the 40th Annual Regional Juried Show for the Richardson Civic Art Society, March 2 - April 2, 2006.