



IAA Newsletter

September 2007

*Learning
Teaching
Art Appreciation*

Letter from the Editor

What an exciting year is on the way! First thing is the wildlife show which promises to be truly **WILD.....EVEN WILD ANIMALS**, plus the best wildlife paintings anywhere.

The free classes are already underway, with Mary Treadwell teaching watercolor. This is an important outreach to the community and encourages artists of all ages to begin enjoying the benefits of painting. IAA is very community minded, taking seriously our challenge of learning, teaching and art appreciation. There will be plenty of opportunities to participate this year. Join in.

Dot Blalock

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Ernie Benton has met blues legend Buddy Guy at Billy Bobs in Ft. Worth where he presented Buddy with a painting to commemorate his 71st birthday. Ernie says that meeting and talking with Buddy was an experience he will never forget.

Also in collaboration with fellow member Daggi Wallace, Ernie will present a new exhibition "The Blues/Jazz Experience." Go to Ernie's website www.strictlyearnest.com for more information. Click on the "new" link.

And if that didn't keep him busy his painting "Precious Moments" won an award at the Visual Arts Society of Texas Members Exhibition at Meadows Gallery Center for the Arts in Denton. Sept. 21-23 he will be in "Jazz by the Boulevard" at Will Rogers Center in Ft. Worth.

Amy Ehrlich will be traveling to Japan for a three week study tour with other educators across the United States. Amy is the recipient of a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship and will be drawing, painting and photographing her way around Japan. She is an art instructor for Covenant Christian Academy and was selected from a national pool of over 1700 participants.

Congratulations to Ernie and Amy.

EXHIBITS

Board Members Show – East Gallery Thru 9/28

Beverly Fuqua & ACAR West Gallery Thru 9/28

Annual Wildlife Show East and West Galleries 9/28 thru 10/26

WORKSHOPS

Desmond O'Hagan
Pastels and Oils

Has been rescheduled

Call Mary Treadwell
972-745-1700

FREE BASIC DRAWING

October 4, 11, & 18

Call Dot Blalock 972-255-9337

September – Shug Jones, Mosaics

October – Linda McCall, Oil

November – Missy Lamb Sofey – Collage

December – IAA Christmas Party

President's Message

Dear Members,

The summer has been very productive for the Irving Art Association and your board members have been busy. We anticipate the 6th Annual Wildlife Show will be a success and that it has a great future.

It has been my pleasure to get to know these hard working individuals of the board, who over the summer have contributed so much time and energy to our organization. They deserve much gratitude and appreciation. They are Dot Blalock, Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Eagan, reasurer, Beverly Fuqua, Assistant Treasurer, Amy Ehrlich, Scheduler, Ron Stevens, Member Show Chairman, Mary Treadwell, Workshop Chairman, Doris Shields, Interim Secretary, and many others who contribute on a daily basis to Irving Art Association.

I am very sad to say that I can no longer participate in IAA as PSresident. Over the past two months I have developed a condition which prevents me from getting the sleep my body requires to function. This has made it impossible for me to work full time at my job, take care of my home and family, and in addition fulfill the many responsibilities of the presidency of the Irving Art Association. I therefore, must regretfully resign.

On a positive note, I feel we have made a good start o the new season. We can look forward to many excellent demonstrations, workshops, shows and our artists of the month competitions. I wish all of you the best, and keep painting!

Carolyn Parrish

----- DON'T MISS THIS

The annual wildlife show will be even more exciting and educational this year. Ron Stephens and his committee have many events scheduled in connection with the exhibit. Look for the announcements about a children's safari to be held on September 30 from 1 to 4. There will be instruction by Amy Ehrlich, teaching the children how to draw animals, face painting and live animals to entertain everyone during that time.

On October 7 from 2 to 4 the show will officially open with a reception and awards ceremony. Come and find out who won.

IAA members who have entered the show are asked to bring finger food for the reception.

MOSAIC DEMO BY SHUG JONES

Shug Jones works with Julie Dilling to work with designers, architects, builders and homeowners to develop a project that they then execute in their studio. Using glass, stone, ceramic and smalti they work together on each mosaic. Shug will demonstrate for IAA September 25, 7:00 PM.

IN OUR GALLERIES

East Gallery

*IAA Board Members
Jul 27 - Sept 23, 2007*

*Annual Wildlife Show
Sept 28 – Oct 26, 2007
Reception & Awards Ceremony
Oct 7, 2-4 PM*

West Gallery

*Beverly Fugua/ACAR
Aug 31 - Sept 23, 2007
Reception Sept. 9, 2-4 PM*

*Annual Wildlife Show
Sept 28 – Oct 26*

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

*Desmond O'Hagan
Oil/Pastel
Has been rescheduled
Contact Mary Treadwell
email at
mary@treadwell.biz,
or by phone at 972-745-1700*

IAA ONLINE STORE

Purchasing products from our IAA CafePress store will support the activities of the Irving Art Association. All profits go to IAA.

CafePress products have the IAA logo or Texas Neighbors design printed on them as well as designs donated by member artists.

Products currently include a selection of t-shirts, bags, magnets, buttons, calendar, mugs, journal, tiles, cap, mousepad, and postage. Two ways to order:

1. Online at www.cafepress.com/irvingart. Be sure to check for new items online!

2. By phone toll-free at 1-877-809-1659 Mon – Sat, 8am-8pm. An illustrated price list will be posted at the Jaycee Center.

Please email Sharon Giles at Sharon.giles@gmail.com for details if you would like to donate the use of an image of your artwork. Note: only high-resolution images can be used (200 -300 dpi).

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE ART CLASSES!

Mary Treadwell has started the year off right with free classes in watercolor, Sept. 6, 13 & 27. This is a switch from previous years which started with basic drawing. Mary will be out of the country in October, so she is teaching the watercolor classes first in September.

Dot Blalock will take up basic drawing October 4, 11, & 18 and basic oil painting January 3, 10, 17 & 31.

Angie Vangalis will teach calligraphy February 7, 14, & 28. Pick up a flier at the Center to remind you of the dates and times.



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Non-members are Welcome
Bring art supplies and a sack lunch
Lots of fun every week
Tuesdays 10am - 3pm
Thursdays 12:30pm - 3pm

Artists with Allergies Studio

Dry & water media ONLY (no chemicals)
Fridays 10am - 4pm

ACAR

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Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm
www.acartexas.org

Call for more information: 972-254-5049

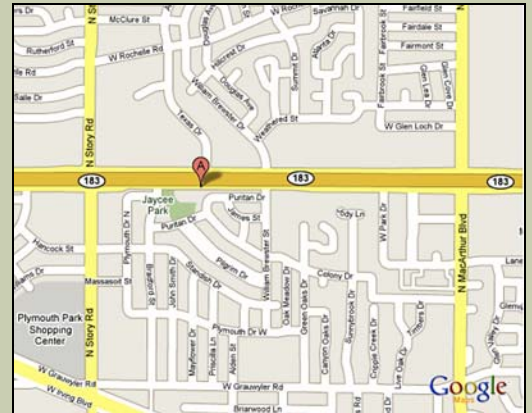
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Mon - Thurs
12:30 - 4:30 pm
Sunday
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Closed Holidays

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