

President's Message

January 2008 - what a month and it is running without a slow down into February.....

January - Auction for Parkinson's, although a small turnout, we sold \$1,502.00. From that IAA received 20% commissions which we donated to Parkinson's along with another donation totaling \$362.00 plus donations from artist's Parkinson's North Texas Chapter received approx \$ 862.00 for Respite care for the North Texas area. Since this is a first for IAA I truly feel it was a great success. We also honored a retired IPD officer BJ Browning and Mayor Herbert A Gears presented him a plaque for recognition for his service to the Irving community. There are many to thank for their help and support and contributions: Applebee's; Outback Steakhouse; Fast Signs-Beltline Store; Plymouth Park Church of Christ Pastor Travis Stanley; IPAR; Judge Bob Whitney; Mayor Herbert A. Gears; David Blaylock and Beth Moody with APAD North Texas Chapter; Dr Neil Dugger and Dr. Alfred "Buzzy" Green with the IISD Fine Arts, who after the auction brought in the IISD Fine Arts Staff to finish out January with an extraordinary exhibit of their works. Of course a special thanks to Connie Jordan who put the auction on and pulled it all together.

We had in our members' gallery Liz Olsson in her first solo exhibit. She had a great reception and her exhibit was fun and unique. From paper mache sculptures to drawings and colorful collages and paintings. Great show Liz.

Connie Jordan also gave a free 2 hour seminar January 19th on Selling with Passion. She gave excellent tips on selling your art work, contacts, what to do and not to do and inexpensive ways to accomplish it. The seminar was taped and we will have a tape soon for our library.

We finished off January with an awesome watercolor demo by Jo Williams.... In conjunction with all of these events behind the scenes the Texas & Neighbors 23rd Regional Art Exhibition competition was kick started and we had Angie Vangalis and Sharon Giles helping us with two digital clinics to help us transition into the digital age of art competition.

Angie Vangalis is an awesome lady and setup the site and program to bring this all together and presented an outstanding slideshow presentation February 1st to view entries to the 23rd Annual Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition, with music no less. Popcorn and drinks and dead silence as everyone took in the awesome artwork and styles. I think everyone would have loved to have a repeat; it was such a sensory overload. Afterwards Angie still had to put together the final package for the judge to be delivered the 7th. When the judge received it she was blown away by the professionalism of the entire package. I hope everyone gives Angie the thanks and appreciation she deserves for this monumental task and achievement, as well as Sharon Giles who got the links and info on our website and also for the extraordinary job she has done in the revamping of our website. I have gotten awesome comments from other organizations and individuals regarding it. Sharon is Webmaster extraordinaire.

The February demo will bring us Cecy Turner, a great preview to her 3 day workshop February 27-29...Hurry there is still room.

We also have an awesome Gallery for February...Members Gallery brings Ron Stephens and his rustic Watercolors and in the Main Gallery Pastel Society SW Members Show.

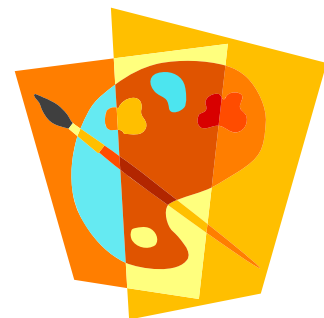
Our Thursday painters TAO had an outstanding show at IAC and I hope everyone got over to see it, If not I did and I took pictures Brandy Thomas had some fantastic pieces and Jan Reynolds the TAO president had some fine pieces as well. Jan; Patricia and Brandy maintain the Gallery on Thursdays. Brandy has a Spring 2008 workshop she will be doing February 28; March 13, 20, 27; April 3 & 10. For more info check the IAA website.

Now I make my Plea to the members....To be able to continue to have the fine facility with great gallery space and workshop venue, we need help. Every art organization depends on volunteers. IAA is unique in that we have a space to meet have workshops and a members gallery and an open gallery, but if no one volunteers to help work the shows, the bookings, the business end of IAA, I'm sure you know what will happen. We are currently in need of volunteers to be on the nominating committee for the 2008-2009 IAA board officers and committees. This nominating committee must be named at our February 26th Members meeting. The new 2008-2009 Officers and committees must be named at our March 25th Members meeting and voted on at our April 22nd Members meeting. Our last Members meeting is May 27th and our year-ends May 31st. The new year starts June 1st and although the members do not meet again until September 23rd, the board officers and committees work maintaining programs, gallery and shows. Please step up and volunteer for the nominating committees and or consider what you can do in a volunteering capacity for IAA, the oldest cultural arts organization in Irving. Call me at 972-254-5049.

Beverly Fuqua
2007-2008

January Artist of the Month

Frankie Sieloff Couch – 1st Place
Ernie Benton, Jr. – 2nd Place



Calling All Artist Members

IAA CAAP program has a unique opportunity to display artists work at a high profile corner in Irving. They are asking for sculpture, inside and outside; paintings from abstract to traditional and contemporary. Call Victoria Robinson, 972-554-6167 if you would like to participate in the CAAP program. There are other places for IAA members to display their work.

We Are Proud to Announce That...

Amy Ehrlich received the Winsor & Newton Merchandise Award at the 44th Annual SWS Membership Exhibition last October for her painting "The Critic".

Ernie Denton was accepted into the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival in Denton, Texas, April 25 - 27, 2008. Everyone is invited come out and support their fellow artist, indulge in delicious food, and listen to some wonderful Jazz music.

Ernie Denton will have an exhibition titled "The Blues and Jazz Experience" with friend and fellow artist Daggi Wallace at the Irving Arts Center in the Carpenter's Hall Lobby, located at 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. in Irving, which will run from April 5 thru September 21, 2008. A reception will be held on April 27, the same date as the reception for the Texas and Neighbor's. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ernie Denton was accepted into the Texas Visual Arts Association's 2008 Digital Art Exhibition held at their gallery in "The Plaza of the Americas Building", Feb. 1 - March 19, 2008.

Synne Ferguson and the Aurora Images Art Studio have been accepted as a participating vendor at the 2008 NORTH TEXAS IRISH FESTIVAL February 29th, Mar 1st and 2nd. The Festival is held annually at Fair Park in Dallas. Come enjoy the live music and dance and of course visit Synne at her booth where you will find all of her most recent works of art! For more information about the 2008 North Texas Irish Festival visit <http://www.ntif.org>

Carolyn Kilgo Weinman had four of her abstract paintings accepted into the 2nd Floor Gallery's "Paper or Plastic Art Show" that runs February 11 - March 7th. The gallery is located at 2918 W. Berry Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76109 (the gallery is on the 2nd floor of the Panther City Coffee Shop).

Ron Stephens had about 20 or more people that came out to view the combined shows of the Pastel Society of the Southwest and Ron Stephens at the galleries of the Jaycee Center for the Arts on a beautiful Sunday, February 3rd. Guests were treated to refreshments at both shows and also enjoyed the beautiful paintings displayed. The Pastel Society displayed a variety of styles from over 15 artists. Ron's show was entirely watercolors he has painted over the last 20 months as a relatively newcomer to painting. He displayed a range of subject matter in some 26 colorful paintings.

Beverly Fuqua is showing her work at the Remington Retirement Village in Valley Ranch for the IAA CAAP program.

Dot Blalock is showing her work at the Women's building in Grand Prairie through February.

Frankie Sieloff Couch has won First Place in Oils at the Trinity Arts Guild Show for New and Emerging Artists.

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

Basic Calligraphy Classes with
Angie Vangalis
February 7, 22, & 28th

Are you looking for a space to hold for summer workshops... call Beverly @ 972-254-5049

Membership Update

Put these add the following information to your Yearbooks:

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Things of Interest

Hostess for the February Members Meeting..... Ron Stephens and Doris Vail. Doris will be unable to attend so we need someone to take Doris Vail's place and help Ron out. Contact Beverly or Dot.

Our own Darlara Bostick - Ghost Ranch Art Retreat/Workshop in Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 25-29, 2008. Call Darla @ 940-320-5660 or Email: darla6000@yahoo.com for more information.

Get ready – not much time left – for our May 2008 Juried Members Show. Paint, Draw, Create.....

Check out this website: <http://www.primacolor.com>
 Prismacolor 1st Inaugural National Art Competition, "For Arts Sake". You could win up to \$5,000. (This isn't just color pencils)

IN OUR GALLERIES

East Gallery

Pastel Society 1/26-2/22
 Texas Letterin Arts Council
 2/22-3/28

West Gallery

Ron Stephens 1/25-2/22
 Jane Kahler 2/22-3/25
 Reception – March 2nd
 2:00 – 4:00 pm

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Associated Creative Artists
 Marilyn Todd Daniel
 Oil – February 6-8
 CANCELLED

Texas Lettering Arts Council Workshop
 February 16-17
 CANCELLED

Cecy Turner
 Watercolor - February 27-29
 Email Mary Treadwell:
mary@treadwell.biz

TAO Oriental Artists
 Phyllis Case-Bennett Workshop
 March 7-9
 Call Pat at 214-534-9501

Kaligrafos Workshop
 Textured Lettering - March 8-9
 Teacher – Barbara Close
 Email Linda Jones:
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Desmond O'Hagan
 Pastels and Oils – March 14-16
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At the Center

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Painters Group

Non-members are Welcome
Bring art supplies and a sack lunch
Lots of fun every week

Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

All mediums welcome

(for more info – Mittie @ 972-721-8063)

Thursdays 10:00pm – 3:00 pm

Hosted by the Oriental Painters

(for more info – Patricia @ 214-534-9501)

Artists with Allergies Studio

Dry & water media ONLY (no chemicals)

Fridays 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

(for more info – Beverly @ 972-254-5049)

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Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm

www.acartexas.org

Please join us for our
February 26th Meeting
7:00 pm
Jaycee Park Center for the Arts
2000 Airport Freeway
Irving, Texas

Gallery Hours

Mon - Thurs

12:30 - 4:30 pm

Sunday

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Closed Holidays

Contact us:

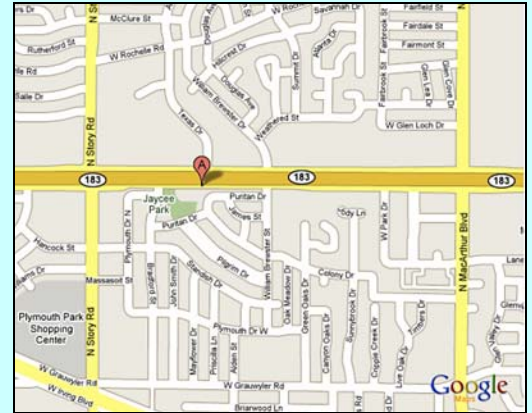
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