

President's Message

WOW... already into March and another busy...busy month. Please read the entire newsletter and take advantage of getting it via your email. If you are not getting it then we do not have your email or current email. Please make sure that we have your current information if you have moved, changed your phone number or email. Since January 2008 we have had 19 additions to our member's base. Check within this newsletter for additions to insert in your members yearbook.

February ended with a wonderful Demo by Cecy Turner and did it in short order, too....Artist of the month was 1st place Wayne Hindman and 2nd place Mary Treadwell. February finished with Cecy Turner's 3 day workshop. We also had illness, Amy Ehrlich had pneumonia but recovered in time to go to Japan, Dot Blalock had gall bladder surgery and is back in the saddle again, I myself had nose surgery (although no improvement to my face) which kept me home bound and unable to speak. I'm sure many were thankful for. And Carolyn Kilgo Weinman, whose niece, suddenly died from complications of Lupus. Keep her and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult healing time.

March we have 2 great shows in the East gallery the Texas Lettering Arts Council a unique mix of art, color and calligraphy...and in our Members West gallery Jane Kahler, has given us a Plien of fresh air...

March 13th Desmond O'Hagan will give a slide demo from 7-9pm. Then he will have his 3-day Workshop March 14-16, 2008. There is still room for a few more in his workshop, so come March 13th and check him out you just might not want to miss his workshop.

I hope everyone remembered to Spring forward their clocks and speaking of Spring Easter is early this year. March 21st is Good Friday so AWA will not meet, nor will it meet March 14th, because of O'Hagan workshop, center will not be chemical free. Easter Sunday the Center will be closed March 23rd.

We also look forward to our March members meeting. We will be voting on our 2008-2009 IAA Board and then will have a demo by Judy Gelfert in Oils. Remember to bring your latest works to be voted on as artist of the month.

April 5, 2008 Irving Art Center will have their annual Spring Fling. This year is different, as I explained at the February members meeting. Their theme is Wild about Art - wildlife/Safari type artwork. Any members who have works in this genre and can work in showing/selling and have something that they can work on while there (no chemicals) call me at 972-254-5049. Space is limited and we are almost filled. We need artists mostly from 2pm to 7pm. IAA will receive 10% commission on all sales. This is a great opportunity. We hope IAC continues on this venue, supporting our local artists.

Our prospectus for our 53rd Annual Members juried show is ready and will be available to members shortly, thanks to our illustrious Ron Stephens, show chair, who has worked diligently on it. It will be available on our website and will be mailed to those without email. Good luck and go forth and create great works.

Beverly Fuqua
2007-2008

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.

February Artists of the Month



“Great Horned”

1st Place – Wayne Hindman



“Reflections of Burano”

2nd Place – Mary Treadwell

Check It Out

Take a look at IAA's newly revised website. Sharon Giles has done a fantastic job with new things to see in a new format!

www.irvingart.org

Irving Art Association's 2008-2009 Proposed Board List

President - Beverly Fuqua

Secretary – Maricela Lewkowski

Scheduling – Vacant

Publicity/Wildlife/Members Show –

Ron Stephens

Treasurer/Membership/Yearbook – Vacant

Member at Large – Dot Blalock

Newsletter – Carolyn Kilgo Weinman &

Reporter- Dot Blalock

CAAP/Hannah House –

Frankie Sieloff Couch

Scholarship – Vacant

Webmaster – Sharon Giles

Workshop Chair – Mary Treadwell

Texas & Neighbor Chair – Angie Vangelis

Hospitality/Membership Assist – Doris Vail

Historian – Mittie Weeks - Unconfirmed

Property – Bob Shriver - Unconfirmed

Librarian – Doris Shields - Unconfirmed

Please step up and volunteer to be on the nominating committee to find people to fill these vacant positions for 2008-2009...or better yet volunteer for one of the positions.

A Painting a Day...Keeps the Doctor Away

“Creativity links to good health in older brains.”

by Dr. Gene Cohen who has been a pioneer in studying the link between creativity and its effect on the way the human brain ages.

So....Keep being creative and painting to stay young!

THE 23RD
Texas & Neighbors
 REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

submitted by Angela Vangalis, Chairman

The juror for the Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibit has made her final selections for the show. With 400 images submitted by 147 artists, Pamela Nelson faced the challenge of selecting 79 paintings for a final count - 11 finalists are IAA members! The number of artists who submitted entries from other states is 15.

If you submitted artwork, but your entry was not selected, please understand that Pamela had her own criteria in mind (as every juror does). Just because the art you submitted was not accepted, just means it wasn't quite right for *this year's* show. There are other shows to enter this year and next year is a new year. Congratulations on making the artistic effort to be in a position to enter the show!

Our next step for the exhibit is to unpack the shipped entries and receive the hand-delivered pieces on March 29, 2008. So far we have a wonderful team of volunteers who have agreed to receive the pieces. Special thanks for volunteering your time to make this show "shine!"

Dot Blalock - member
 Marilyn Chandler - member
 Amy Ehrlich - member
 Beverly Fuqua - member
 Mattie Kenney - member
 Jean Knauber - member
 Glenn Martin - honorary member
 Birta Shubin - past member
 Meg Smith - member
 Mary Treadwell - member
 Angie Vangalis - member

Be sure to mark your calendars for the opening reception and awards ceremony from 2:00pm - 5:00pm on Sunday, April 27, 2008.

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).

Things of Interest

Hostess for the March Members Meeting are Barbara Rogers and Mattie Kenney.

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.....

Membership Update

Put these add the following information to your Yearbooks:

Changes/Corrections/Additions

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IN OUR GALLERIES

East Gallery

Texas Lettering Arts Council

February 22 – March 28

Northlake College Art Students

March 28 – April 25

Reception

April 6, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

53rd Annual Irving Art Association

Juried Members Competition

April 27 – May 29

Reception & Awards Ceremony

May 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

West Gallery

Member Jane Kahler

February 22 – March 28

Member Darla Bostick

March 28 – April 25

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May 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Desmond O'Hagan

March 13, 7 – 9 pm

Free Slide Show

Desmond O'Hagan

March 14, 15, 16

Three Day Workshop

Oil/Pastel

Contact: Mary Treadwell

mary@treadwell.biz

972-745-1700

TAO Meeting and Calligraphy Demo

April 12

Contact: Pat at 214-534-9501

Roberta Ferguson

May 16

1Day Silk Painting

May 17

1Day Silk Painting (Repeat of day before)

Contact: Roberta at roberta@txcnx.com

We Are Proud to Announce That...

Nancy Medina

Watch for the March 2008 issue of Society Life Magazine (www.societylifemagazine.com) to see artwork by IAA member Nancy Medina. As the featured artist for the issue, Society Life will print a center-spread article on her work along with images of her original oil paintings. Society Life Magazine mails to 30,000 homes in Southlake, Keller, Trophy Club, Westlake, Grapevine, and Colleyville.

Nancy's artwork will be featured on the cover of the April issue of the Journal of Emergency Nursing (www.jenonline.org). Nancy's painting, "Bountiful," will appear on the cover of this nationally circulated medical journal and her biography will appear inside the publication.

Nancy's work is on display this month in a one-woman exhibit at the Red River Regional Hospital in North Texas through the Creative Arts Center in Bonham, Texas. Her painting "Summer Retreat" appeared on the cover of May-June 2007 issue of Science Editor Magazine (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org) and the magazine featured a story on her passion for art as well as her volunteer work in animal rescue.

A portion of all proceeds from Nancy's art sales goes to animal rescue. You can see Nancy's work on permanent display at Sandella's Cafe and Art Gallery in the Southlake Town Center, at Farpointe Wine Bistro in Southlake, at Tolbert's Restaurant in Grapevine, at the Creative Arts Center in Bonham, Texas, and on her web site at www.nancymedina.com.

Darla Bostick

Darla has a new website (designed by Angie Vangalis) at www.darlabostick.com

Darla also has a piece "Agave" accepted into the Society of Watercolor Artist's 27th Juried Art Exhibition. The show runs during the month of April at the Fort Worth Central library downtown.

A new magazine, "Life Images" by Somerset Printing hits the stands in April. Darla has a photograph "The Blessing" included in the premier issue. The photo is one taken at the Wild Good Pagoda outside of Xian in China. This is also one of the photographs included in an exhibit which will be visiting the IAA gallery beginning March 28. The "First Impressions of China" exhibit encompasses five very different areas visited in China and includes 17 large photographs and several accompanying watercolors. It has been well received in Frisco, Dallas, and Irving with several photographs being individually recognized with awards in juried competitions. One piece from the exhibit appeared on the front page of the travel section of the "Dallas Morning News."

Ann Hardy

March Exhibition at OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM located 510 Third Street in Graham, Texas. Phone 940-549-1470. Thirty-Five new paintings will be exhibited.

Show at Whistle Pik Galleries in Fredericksburg, Texas, the month of April entitled "Streams of Life".

Ann has been accepted into 2008 Oil Painters of America Exhibition in Missoula, Montana and into the International Salon of Contemporary Art at Greenhouse Gallery in San Antonio.

Ron Stephens

Ron was one of 24 artists invited to participate in the 3rd annual Bluebonnets & Blues Festival – Paint the Town event in Marble Falls, Texas March 28 – 30, 2008. The Plein Air event will have artists around downtown Marble Falls painting and then have their painting entered into a competition highlighted by a reception Saturday evening with cash prizes awarded. The paintings will also be eligible for a silent auction on Sunday. Artists will be able to exhibit three paintings in an Arts area during the event beginning Friday.

Ron Stephens' painting "The Rock Texaco" was chosen to be entered in the 2008 Texas Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition.

Ernie Benton

Ernie will be participating in an collaborative exhibition with the Denton Poet's Assembly which will be held at the North Branch Library, 3020 N. Locust Street, and at the Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland, in Denton, Texas.

**Simultaneous reception will be held April 5, 1 - 4pm at North Branch Library and Emily Fowler Library. VAST (Visual Arts Society of Texas), will be the host at the North Branch Library and the DPA (Denton Poet's Assembly) will host the reception at Emily Fowler.

Ernie will also be exhibiting his work at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe' in Denton Texas, October 6 through November 17, 2008.

Opportunities for Artists

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artsgroupdfw.com

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 hold summer workshops...
 call Beverly @ 972-254-5049**



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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 – 3:00 pm
(for more info – Beverly @ 972-254-5049)

ACAR

Art for Children & Adults at Risk, Inc.

Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm
(www.acartexas.org or Beverly @ 972-254-5049)

Please join us for our
March 24th 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:

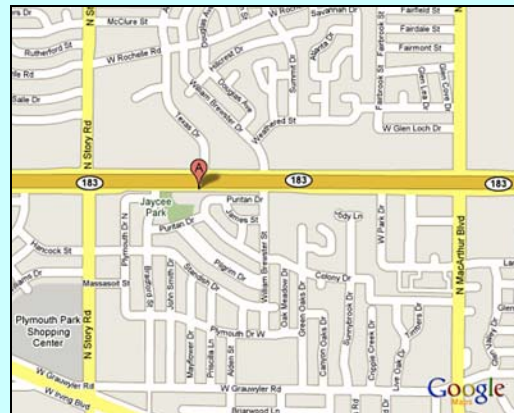
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