



January  
2005

Learning - Teaching - Art Appreciation

## Message From the President

**WOW!** What a holiday season! Oh the parties! The art decorations! Oh the weather! Oh what fun! Well, I guess you've got the idea! Enough Thank You's cannot be said for all the volunteers that worked hard to make our holiday activities fun and a great success. All of you deserve a gold star!

Happy 2005! Our organization now starts another year filled with the anticipation of great things to come. I think of the New Year as a blank canvas. At times it is difficult to get the creative juices flowing but once they are flowing that canvas takes on a life of its very own. As does IAA! We have two great workshops in the spring, John Pototschnik and Doug Dawson. Pick up a brochure and get registered as the class sizes are limited.

Our next membership meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> we will vote on raising membership dues to \$30.00 a year beginning in June 2006. We will also vote on making the West Gallery a "membership only" gallery.

Many plans are being made for fund raising so get involved with those. A garage sale, art auction and art fest are a few being discussed, all ideas are welcome. Fun raising is also planned!

A note of appreciation goes to Doris Vail for the excellent paintings shown in the Arnie Vail in Retrospect exhibit this past month. Thank you Doris, we have enjoyed them so much.

Texas & Neighbors Competition will fill a large portion of our canvas this spring and Dot Blalock will be painting that picture. So get your entries registered! This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Texas & Neighbors Competition. Time flies when your having fun!

Even though I have no life of my own I have enjoyed being your President this past year. I can hardly wait for things to come! So, Get your 2005 canvas ready, on the mark, get set .....Go!

**Nina Hardison  
President**



### Scheduling Chairman Needed

Although we are now into our fifth month of the season, we are still in need of a scheduling chairman!!! Anyone interested should contact Nina Hardison or Dot Blalock.

### IAA Non-Juried Members Show

The show was a big success. Thanks to all the members who participated.

### IAA Christmas Party

A Big Thanks goes out to all the members who worked so hard to make our Christmas Party a big success. Also we would like to thank everyone for all the delicious dishes that were brought, and wonderful gifts contributed for our Chinese gift exchange.

### January Hostesses



Nina Hardison  
Marilyn J. Chandler

## IAA NEWSROOM

### Nov. Artists of the Month



Marilyn Chambers  
Rose Mary Baggs

Each month's first place winner will help Member Show Chair Jan Bateman by handling the voting for Artist of the Month the following month. Winner paintings will be on display at the Center for the following month if artists choose.

IAA member Earnest Benton will have a Solo Exhibit at The Irving Community Television Network in Irving, TX. , Feb. 25 - April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005. Also, his painting "Big Sticky Sax" was accepted into The Artist Showplace Gallery's Juried Exhibition to be held in Dallas, TX, Feb. 28 - March 21, 2005. Congratulations go out to Earnest.



Newsroom cont'd

**Aurora Images**, representing IAA member Dot Blaylock, is exhibiting her work at Prime Source Mortgage in Murphy, TX, Dr Greg Coronado's office (Perspective Eye Care) in Allen TX, and Paradise Tan, Allen, TX.

Also **Aurora Images** is representing IAA member Mary Treadwell, exhibiting her work at Paradise Tan, Allen, TX. IAA member (and our President) Nina Hardison at Paradise Tan, Allen, TX. IAA member Jean Knauber at Paradise Tan, Allen, TX. Congratulations to the members and a big thank you to Aurora Images and **Synne Magar Ferguson**.

#### Other News..

Let's wish these Irving Art Association members good luck! They are participating with 6 other North Texas Area Artists in the Murphy Chamber of Commerce Celebrity Charity Gala benefiting the Murphy Chamber Education Fund by donating a painting for the Minimum bid auction.

Synne Magar Ferguson – Wildlife  
Mary Treadwell - Pending Category  
Beverly Koehler-Fuqua – Seascape  
Nina Hardison – Stillife

They have set a minimum price for their paintings. Each painting will be auctioned off and any amount collected over the artists minimum bid will go to the Murphy Chamber of Commerce Education Fund. The Gala is being held January 22, 2005 at Southfork Ranch. A BIG Congratulations , and Good Luck to all our members.

## Featured Artist

### Jane E. Jones

Jane E. Jones has studied with over 60 of the country's leading instructors and is in demand herself as an instructor, lecturer and juror. Winner of innumerable prestigious awards in local, regional, and national juried exhibitions, Jane is a signature member of Southwest Watercolor Society, Associated Creative Artists, Texas Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Oklahoma and Western Federation Society. She has served as lecturer and juror for more than 80 different art organizations throughout the country and Europe. Jane has taught workshops in Guatamala, Mexico, Canada, Germany, Holland, France, Hawaii, and throughout the United States.

Vibrant color, texture and fluid abstract design characterize the work of this prolific, creative watercolorist. Her subject matter ranges from impressionistic and

abstract landscapes, floral, buildings, and figures to non-objective acrylics, collages and mixed water media. Her dynamic use of color and design evoke powerful feelings in abstract forms.

Jane has participated in numerous exhibitions around the country, and won as many awards. Jane have also had multiple publications, such as Summer 1999 Watercolor magazine, Spring Watercolor 2000 issue of American Artist "Colorado Markings", North Light book Splash 5: The Glory of Color, and The Rockport Publishers books: The Best of Watercolor 2 just to name a few. Also several Gallery Representations, Artists' Showplace, Dallas, TX, Johnson Gallery, Gunnison CO, Rijks Gallery, Crested Butte, CO, Wyman Hotel, Silverton, CO, and The Lake City Art Gallery, Lake City, CO. The list goes on and on. ■

## 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Tuesday & Thursday** **Painters Group**

Bring a sack lunch  
Tuesdays - 10am - 3pm  
Thursdays - 12:30pm - 3pm

Slides for the **Texas & Neighbors Exhibit** are due by Jan. 28, 2005. Entry fee is \$30 for up to three slides. Juror will be Doug Dawson. To enter, please fill out the prospectus. \$6,000 in prizes!

The **IAA Annual Juried Show** will be held **May 1-27, 2005**. Members start painting, May will be upon us before you know it.

#### **Valentine sale**

IAA will be sponsoring a Valentine art sale at the gallery and park next month in February. Contact Doris Shields at [emily5@ev1.net](mailto:emily5@ev1.net) to volunteer or for more info.

### **JOIN IAA ONLINE** **GALLERY!**

[iaa@irvingart.org](http://iaa@irvingart.org)

#### **Other Online Interest!**

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# AROUND OUR TOWNS

**The Artists' Showplace Gallery** in Richardson, TX, is sponsoring a 2005 Juried Exhibition –Dates: Feb.28 - Mar.21  
Reception: March 4, 2005

“ **VAST** “ - **Visual Arts Society of Texas** 37th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition, in Denton, Texas at the Meadows Gallery Center for the Visual Arts, April 24 – June 2, 2005.

Our very own members, **Judy Emig and Mary Charles Strickland** have partnered with Suzanne Guillory, owner of **Art to Go Gallery** in Garland. The gallery contains one third of their paintings under \$50. Spaces are for lease. Call the gallery at 972-240-0989 to buy affordable art or to exhibit your own work.

And another of our very own members, **Synne Magar Ferguson**,

is doing great things with an online gallery, Aurora Images. She is looking for more painters. Check out her website at <http://www.auroraimagesbysynne.com>

**Members**, if you have any news items for the newsletter of exhibits, juried shows, etc., please email the news editor with info at [ernie@strictlyearnest.com](mailto:ernie@strictlyearnest.com) so we may post it and also congratulate you.

**Newsletters via Email**  
Members wishing to receive the monthly newsletter over the Internet should send your newsletter editor Earnest your email address to [ernie@strictlyearnest.com](mailto:ernie@strictlyearnest.com).

**Member Dues**  
All member dues are due at the end of the season May 31<sup>st</sup> or no later than Sept 31<sup>st</sup>.



## **John Potoschnik**

Oil Painting Workshop March 14 - 18, 2005

## **Doug Dawson**

Pastel Workshop March 21 -25, 2005

## **Mel Stabin**

Watercolor Workshop: Simple, Fast, and Focused (SWS) April 12 - 15, 2005

*Call Karyl Barbosa, 972-262-3638 to enroll*

**Free classes are held on Thursday evenings  
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**January 13, 20 & 27**

Basic Oil Painting: **Dot Blalock**

**February 3, 10 & 17**

Basic Calligraphy: **Angie Vangalis**



## IN OUR GALLERIES

**Jan 1 – 28, 2005**

EAST - Dallas Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild

WEST - Detha Watson

**Jan 29 – Feb 24, 2005**

EAST & WEST

Texas Calligraphy Show  
By Texas Lettering Arts Council  
Reception Jan 30, 2005,  
2-4 p.m.

**Feb 26 – March 25,  
2005**

EAST - Deanna Wood

WEST – Association of Oriental Artists

**Mar 26 – April 29,  
2005**

EAST – CPS of ASR Juried Show

WEST - Mary Emerson  
Reception Mar 27, 2005,  
2-5 p.m.

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

