

IAA Newsletter

January 2007



The Texas & Neighbors Regional Exhibition 2007

Happy New Year!

Margaret Jacobs Monetary Award

In memory of Margaret Jacobs, the Tuesday Painter Group has donated a monetary award to the Irving Art Association.

Upcoming Jaycee Park Art Center Gallery Exhibitions

Remember to visit the great exhibitions in the Art Center. For the month of January, Marie and T. Ray Maines will be exhibiting in the East Gallery. Reception is January 14th 2-4pm.

In the West Gallery is the exhibition themed "For the Love of Art" by Mother and Daughter artists – Eileen and Beverly Fuqua. Reception is January 21st 2-4pm.

See the "IN OUR GALLERIES" sidebar on page 3 for dates and details.

*Learning
Teaching
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*Monthly
Meeting
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*January 2007
Terry McGuirt
Lifecasting*

*February
Jane Jones
Watercolor*

*March
Maureen Brouillette
Mixed Media*

*April
Soon Y. Warren
Watercolor*

*May
Francys Flanagan
Oils*

The Texas & Neighbors Show

Slide deadline is Jan 27th, 2007
Apr. 22 - May 12, 2007. The exhibit is open to artists 18 and older living in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. \$5,000 in prizes! Up to three slides may be entered by an artist for an entry fee of \$35. Juror is Naomi Brotherton, nationally-known watercolorist. Check the Irving Art Association website for more information, www.irvingart.org.

Calendar for 2007

Jan. 27th Slides due

Mar. 23rd Shipped deliveries

Mar. 24th Hand deliveries

Apr. 22 - May 12 Exhibit at the Irving Arts Center

Remembering Margaret Jacobs

For those of you that were unable to attend the service on Wednesday, Jan 3rd, it was lovely. Margaret was cremated and her service was simple and without complication. Her family nicely hosted a reception after the service at the Summerville Retirement Home where Margaret had lived the past year. IAA sent a beautiful flower arrangement designed by Janette Chwae. It was beyond gorgeous, Margaret would have loved it. I would like to thank all of you that attended, as I know it would mean a lot to Margaret. She was a dear friend and a wonderful painter. Our love and sympathy goes out to the family. She will be greatly missed by all. Again, thank you for being there. -- Nina

Thanks from ACAR

ACAR wants to thank the Irving Art Association for their support and gracious donation. It has been a great year for ACAR, being in the IAA Gallery, students are inspired by the wonderful artwork and their 3rd Annual art exhibit was a great confidence builder. ACAR looks forward to a great 2007. If you know of anyone who is disabled physically, mentally or emotionally and is wanting to make their life better by learning fine art as therapy to help them have a better life. For more info call Beverly Fuqua 972-254-5049.

Free Basic Art Instruction

Basic Oil Painting, Thursdays, 7-9pm, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, instructor Dot Blalock. Contact Dot at 972-255-9337 for more information.

Basic Calligraphy, Thursdays, 7pm, Feb. 1, 8, 15, instructor Angie Vangalis. Contact Angie @ 972-745-3698 for more information.



IAA Christmas Party 2006

2006-2007 Invitational Workshops

*May 28 - June 1, 2007
Francys Flanagan, Oil*

*Sept 21 - 23, 2007
Desmond O'Hagan, Oil / Pastel*

Contact Mary Treadwell for more information by email at mary@treadwell.biz, or call the center at 972-721-2488 / 8063



President's Message

"doing" and "being". The nonactive members of IAA need to be doing more for the organization and the community, they need to be there more often helping those active members "get ur done". Seriously, we are in need of new ideas and new faces to keep our association active as an art source for Irving.

Dear Friends, time has passed us by and another year has escaped without any warning! Did we accomplish our goals? Did we do everything we resolved to do? My year has been somewhat lacking in the "got ur done" category. But isn't it nice we have a brand new canvas to start painting the year away!

Several key members of the board will be leaving this year and will need to be replaced. It is the membership's responsibility to have in mind a nomination for these positions. At the January membership meeting I hope to announce the positions available and your opportunity to serve IAA and the Irving community.

Today I am writing to you with a heavy heart from the loss of a good friend, great artist and joyful person, Margaret Jacobs. She died peacefully after a short illness. Margaret and I suffered through North Lake Senior aerobics and enjoyed many laughs at each other! Tuesday Painters will miss her most as she often made our Tuesday's fun and constructive with her knowledge of painting. Her passing is much like the old year turning the corner into the New Year, time just gets away and suddenly it's lost forever.

I look forward to a New Year in IAA. We have a lot of exciting events coming up so attend the meetings, read the newsletters and check out the web site at www.irvingart.org. See you at the Jaycee Center for the Arts.

Your fellow artist,

I know we can resolve to do more and be better at it this year but the key words are

-- NINA HARDISON, President

January Hostesses

Marie Maines
Meg Smith

Lifecasting Demo by Terry McGuirt



Lifecast
by Terry McGuirt

Terry McGuirt was born in Tyler, Texas. He grew up in Tyler, Shreveport, Louisiana and in and around Beaumont, Texas. He attended Lamar University in Beaumont. Terry is a self-taught artist who became interested in lifecasting in the late 1990s. He began doing simple plaster castings of faces and hands, then quickly moved on to more complex and detailed lifecastings of the human form. Terry was drawn to lifecasting by its unique ability to capture a precise moment in time, and he seeks to create that same sense in his own work.

bellies as a way to preserve one of life's most special times. Terry has done a wide variety of castings, and enjoys the unique challenges each one presents.

Lifecasting is the art of creating sculptures by taking molds from the human body. Lifecasting can be done on just about anyone: faces, bodies, even pregnant

Terry is very active in the arts community. He has won many awards and his work has been shown in several local exhibits, including the Plano Art Association 2004 Members Show, where his piece "Migraine" won 1st place in the 3-dimensional category. He is a charter member of the Association of Lifecasters International, as well as a member of the Plano Art Association, the Visual Arts Coalition of Dallas and the Visual Arts Society of Texas. Visit Terry's website at <http://www.facetofacestudio.com>.

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Members About Town

Dot Blalock

Dot will be doing a scratchboard demo for TAA January 7, and be teaching the basic oil painting class each Thursday evening in January at the Jaycee Center for the Arts.

Ann Hardy

Ann won a merit award in the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society (NOAPS) National Show in Cincinnati, OH. She also participated in the NOAPS Signature Membership show in FL, the Gilcrease Museum Miniature Show in Tulsa, OK, and the Whistle Pik Miniature Show in Fredericksburg, TX. Ann sends thanks to those who came and supported her recent gallery and studio sale. It was a smashing success! She also went on a eight day painting trip in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Mary Treadwell

Mary won a Merchandise Award at the Plano Art Ass. Annual Membership Show.

Jane Kahler

Jane won best of show in the Association of Traditional Artists Show in Nov. Winning paintings will be on exhibit at the Thompson Gallery on Maple Street, Dallas, TX, in Jan 2007.

Daggi Wallace

Daggi's painting, "Lydia's First Day," is a portrait of a young girl she encountered in an orphanage in El Salvador during a trip there with the Airline Ambassadors Int'l non profit organization to deliver humanitarian aid. Lydia had just arrived at the orphanage. Unlike the other children, she would not smile for the cameras and her expression deeply effected Daggi. The painting will be auctioned off at a later date, prints are available for sale and part of any award money will also be donated. Daggi is planning to go back to El Salvador on Jan 26th to find Lydia and make sure that all funds raised will go directly to her education and to the orphanage. If you would like to help or read more about this activity, go to Daggi's website at www.daggistudio.com.



"Lydia's First Day"

She is looking for donations of paintbrushes and liquid acrylics (preferably the jars, not the tubes), and partially used paints will be just fine. They also need DVDs, books, magazines, games in Spanish to help complete the fix-up of a recreational room for 60-80 girls ages 8-17.

Carolyn Bell

Carolyn received two ribbons at the Farmers Branch Carrollton Art Ass. Members Exhibit at the Farmers Branch Manske Library in Nov 2006. Her painting "Arches at Xavier" was accepted into the Women Artists of the West Show at the National Arts Foundation in Skokie, IL, in Nov '06.

Marilyn Chandler

Marilyn is doing a monoprinting demo on Jan 11th at the Irving Garden & Arts Club meeting, 906 Senter Rd, 10am. All are welcome. If you will be staying for lunch (\$3), contact Marilyn in advance at mjcsws@aol.com.

Janet Chwae

Janet sends thanks for all the help during the receiving and handing of the IAA Wildlife Show. Special thanks goes to Mary

Treadwell, Shirley Griffin, Tom Norris and in particular Ron Stephens and Troy Ford who did a wonderful job in hanging the paintings.

Adina Cicort

Adina had one of her acrylic paintings "Fiesta de la Noche", 20" x 16", stolen while on exhibit at the Dallas Elbow Room.

Synne M Ferguson/Aurora Images Gallery

Synne's gallery is presenting their 1st artist Exhibit/ Reception of the year on Sat, Jan 13th, 6-9pm at the gallery at 803 E. Main St, Allen, TX. Featured artists is Melissa Anderson. For more information go to www.auroraimagesbysynne.com.

Ernest Benton

Ernie and four other local and regional artists were invited to participate in the Irving Black Arts Council's "Boundless Expressions" exhibition in the Main Gallery at the Irving Art Center 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX., Feb 1-28, 2007. Reception is Feb 3, 2007, 5-7pm. All are welcome!

In Memory of...

Fred Miller, past IAA president, 1978-1980 and 1981-1982, recently passed away. Our condolence to the family and friends.

Rob Erdle, 1949-2006

Rob Erdle, UNT Regents Professor of visual art, and an acclaimed watercolor artist, died Dec. 30 after battling cancer for two years. The UNT School of Visual Arts will have a service for Erdle at noon Jan. 24 in the Light Well on the first floor of the Art Building. Private services will be held in Silver Creek, N.Y. Erdle juried the 2002 Texas & Neighbors Exhibition for the Irving Art Association. Many have their own rich memories and wonderful stories about the impact of Rob's teaching and his expansive view of life that he generously shared with thousands of university students and hundreds of painters over a thirty-year professional career.

IAA Corporate Art Appreciation Program (CAAP)

The Irving Art Association coordinates free exhibits at businesses and organizations around Irving on behalf of its members. Some of the participating businesses are: Cendant Mobility, Farmers Branch Manske Library, ICTN TV, Irving Public Library, Summerville of Irving, Irving Chamber of Commerce, Blue Star Title, and The Remington at Valley Ranch.

If you would like to join as a member artist or as a participating organization to sponsor exhibits, please contact CAAP Chair Victoria Robinson at VLrobinson@fedex.com. Volunteer help is appreciated also!

Visual Arts Society of Texas (VAST) Gala - Jan 19th

Gala Honoree is George Cadell, local sculptor and educator, widely known for his bronze sculpture of figures and wildlife. Internationally renowned artist Kevin Locke will provide a music, dance, and storytelling element to the evening. He is one of the world's premier Native American performers. He is known internationally as a visionary Hoop Dancer, the preeminent award-winning player of the indigenous Northern Plains flute, a traditional storyteller, and an educator. For more information visit: www.vastarts.org.

IN OUR GALLERIES

East Gallery

Marie & T. Ray Maines
Jan 2 - 26, 2007
Jan 14, 2007 Reception

Association of Oriental Artists
Jan 26 - Feb 23, 2007

Virginia Jenkins
Feb 27 - March 30, 2007

West Gallery

Eileen & Beverly Fugua
Jan 2 - 26, 2007
Jan 21, 2007 Reception

Sharon Giles
Jan 26 - Feb 23, 2007

Nina Hardison
Feb 25 - Mar 30, 2007

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Lucille Patterson / AOA
Jan 10, 2007
9am - 12pm (West Gallery)

Gail Delger/ SWS Watercolor
Mar 12, 2007
9am - 5pm (West Gallery)
Mar 13-15, 2007
9am - 5pm (East Gallery)

Naomi Brotherton TBA
March 2007