



President's Message

Dear Members Of IAA,

I return from my trip to Mexico with a completely new perspective on our southern neighbors. Their history is filled with hardship and their freedom was hard fought. Their land is beautiful and diverse in cultures and folklore. They are proud of their history and their roots. It was a pleasure for me to become immersed in this history by visiting the school children, the Tehucan and Tarahumara Indians inside the homes and villages. Our idea of plein air painting cannot be compared with the primitive method of how the Quezada family in Mata Ortiz still produces their beautiful pottery the same today as they have for a many years.

The beauty of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan desert is magical and both are different in vegetation and animal life. The species of cactus that covers these terrains have names like organ pipe, prickly pear, spider, deer horn, barrel, just to name a few.

The train to Copper Canon will leave you breathless as you are certain it will topple over the edge but fear not it was very safe! Copper Canyon is eight canyons in one and is around 7500 feet high. The canyon has many trees and sheer rocky cliffs making it dangerous to those unfamiliar with the terrain, so we followed our guide very closely. Beautiful sunsets and sunrises were awesome.

The Tarahumara Indians live in caves in this canyon and sell their colorful beads and baskets to survive as they continue to live in the old ways. These Indians are great runners and are known for their ability to run great distances. We were able to visit a Tarahumara family living in one of the caves on our way to Chihuahua, camping as we know it does not even come close to this way of life.

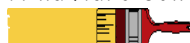
There are many Mennonites and Mormons living in Mexico especially near Copper Canyon, they are farmers raising peaches and apples as well as vegetables. We enjoyed a short visit to the Mormon community and lunch in an apple orchard. This part of Mexico has plenty of water and gets cold enough to raise apples.

Our last major city was Chihuahua a thriving metropolitan city with all the traffic and tall buildings an American could ask for. It was also clean with beautiful parks and lovely neighborhoods. We enjoyed visiting a Mexican family for dinner one evening. It wasn't long and we were back in Tucson and soon to be home.

It was wonderful to become reacquainted with my husband, Glenn, again during this trip! He loved it too! I hope you enjoyed my little snippet of our trip but there are pictures for proof, if you have the time! 😊

I have many great friends and members to thank for helping out during my absence and I am truly grateful for their hard work, Roberta, Dot, Victoria and Mittie, you're the greatest! Keep Painting!

Nina Hardison



IAA NEWSROOM

November Hostesses



Tom Norris
Mittie Weeks

Artists of the Month



Mary C. Strickland
Carolyn Parrish

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

November Members Meeting!

The November members meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 29, 2005 from Tuesday, November 22, 2005. Make a note of it!!

Holiday Activities

Christmas tree decorations are due to the gallery by Dec. 4th. Our annual Christmas party potluck will be on Dec. 13th. Please bring your favorite dish.

Greeting Card Project

Greeting cards will be spotlighted in our paid advertisement. A card making get together is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, from 10-2, at the Jaycee Center.

Gallery Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of gallery volunteers. You can paint while you serve as gallery attendant! Call Nina or Dot to volunteer at 972-721-2488 or 972-721-8063 (voice mail).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



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November Demo - Pastel Portraits

Doris Barks

November 29, 2005 7:00 pm

Doris' love of painting portraits started at an early age. she has studied portrait painting with Richard Goetz, a professional artist, in Oklahoma City, OK for several years. More recently, she has studied under the direction of Ramon Froman, a prominent portrait artist in the Dallas area. She is also a member of the Pastel Society of the Southwest.

Although she has painted many different types of paintings, she finds painting the face and personality the most fulfilling and joyous experience in painting. Serving God through her art is both a joy and honor for her. She believes that she has been blessed with the ability to paint. For Doris, painting a portrait is the highest form of art the human personality, face, and form are the most fascinating and enduring in their appeal. Doris states that she has a passion for painting portraits and it is an ongoing fascination and thrill to paint the portrait and capture the personality as well.

She feels that it is a privilege to be able to share her love of art and of portraiture in particular.

IAA Spring 2006 Invitational Workshops

Every year the Irving Art Association invites artist in to give workshops. These workshops complement workshops given by our local artists; which makes for a nice blend of continuing education. In October, Cecy Turner's oil workshop thrilled participants. They were given constant instruction and demonstrations for three full days. She instructed students on how to create interesting compositions. They painted back lit landscapes, still-lives and worked on individual projects. She also critiqued work brought in by students. Those who attended found her information invaluable. Future Invitational Workshops:

Janie Gildow March 22 - 24, 2006 Colored Pencil
2006 Texas and Neighbors' Invitational Judge
\$55 per day for non-members
\$50 per day for members
www.janiegildow.com

Lap Ngo April 10 - 14, 2006 Old Master Technique
Oil on Linen Canvas
3 day workshop - \$300
5 day workshop - \$475
www.worldpainter.com

Sign up today by calling the IAA office @ 972-721-8063 or Karyl Barbosa @ 972-262-3638.

IN OUR GALLERIES

EAST

10/29-11/25
Virginia Pate & Bill Gathering
Various Media

11/27-12/30
IAA Membership Non-Juried Show
Various Media

12/31-1/27/06
Ft. Worth Calligraphy Guild

WEST (members ONLY)

10/29 - 11/25-
June Holloway
Various Media

11/27 - 12/30
IAA Membership Non-Juried
Show! Various Media

12/31-1/27/06
Angie Vangalis
Calligraphy

AROUND OUR TOWNS!!

IAA ARTIST PAINT OUT

IAA's 1st Artist Paint Out had beautiful weather, was a little windy, and was great fun. Five dedicated IAA artist participated. We need more member artists participation to be more visible from the street in order to draw the public into the park. A big thanks goes to Marilyn Chandler, Victoria Robinson, Dot Blalock, Carolyn Parrish and Beverly Fuqua-Koehler.

Beverly Fuqua-Koehler

Beverly will be exhibiting November 7, 2005 through December 2, 2005, at the Grand Prairie Cultural Art Exhibit in the Woman's Club Building 3638 Racquet Club Drive in Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

ACAR's Special Pumpkin Painting class had the blessing of Super Saver's (at 183 and O'Connor) manager Mike Carrera by donating us 18 pumpkins. ACAR made presentations to IAA, Doris Vail accepting, Office Depot (183 & MacArthur) Herb Anderson, manager accepting and Super Saver (183 & O'Connor) Mike Carrera manager accepting. ACAR gives these presentations each year in appreciation to our local business supporters. Thank you for your support.

Beverly will be exhibiting in Nov. at the Women's Club of Grand Prairie Cultural Arts, 3638 Racquet Club Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

The Women's Club will feature IAA members January - May 2006:

- January - Dot Blalock
- February - Lee Baggs
- March - Mary Charles Strickland
- April - Jan Bateman
- May - Karyl Barbosa

Daggi Wallace

Daggi had one of her pieces accepted into the 24th Juried Membership Exhibition of the Pastel Society of the Southwest to be held at the Charles W. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr., Richardson, TX 75082, November 1 - 27, 2005.

Workshop Opportunity

Artists' Showplace presents a MILES BATT 5-Day Workshop, Mar 27-31, 2006. Visit www.artistsshowplace.com for more information.

Tuesday & Thursday Painters Group

Bring art supplies and a sack lunch
Lots of fun every week!
Tuesdays - 10am - 4pm

Free Basic Art Instructions

Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
7:00PM - 9:00PM
Basic Oil Painting
Dot Blalock, instructor

Ernest Benton

Ernie's painting "Nubian Warrior" was featured on the postcard used for the advertisement for the Artist's Showplace Associates Show.

Ernie is also participating in the Aurora Images Gallery Fall Juried Visual Arts Exhibition at the Allen Public Library in Allen, TX. Exhibition runs through the end of November.

Ann Hardy

Ann has been very busy. Here are a few items of interest for her:

Finalist in the International Artist's Magazine-finalist; Southwest Art Magazine-article; Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters in Jackson Hole; Merit award given by editor of "Art for the West" Magazine; One woman Show in October at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX, culminating with reception on October 21st at Homecoming; November Art Show at Whistle Pik Galleries in Fredericksburg, TX.

CAAP

IAA and CAAP would like to thank Karen Weatherford and the 12 Oaks Retirement Village for featuring Mattie Kenney during their "October Arts and Craft Fair." Fun was had by all.



Mattie Kenney and one of her paintings at the 12 Oaks Retirement Village October Arts & Crafts Fair.

June Holloway

June has an exhibit hanging at the Jaycee Park Center for the Arts in Irving from November 1st to November 24th. Three of her pastels were accepted into the Grand Prairie Arts Council Annual Juried Art Exhibition and one of them took a second place award. Two pastels were accepted into the Pastel Society of New Mexico 14th Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition and one of them, "Morgan" took an award.

Steve Ko

Steve is having a group show at the Victorian Gallery in Uptown Dallas. Miniature Masterpieces Exhibit & Sale, December 8 to January 5, 2006. Presale begins December 1st. Artist reception is December 8th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Sally Meding

Sally made the front cover of the Allen Image Magazine and also had an article published in the Oct. 29th issue. You can link to it at www.allenimage.com/archive/nd05/index.html. Sally also received a 1st place award for mixed media at the RCAS membership show and the "Color Q" award at the SWA membership show in Fort Worth. She also made the local news at the "Trick Art Treat" Fall Art Walk, where she demo'd for PAA outside the Old Town Gallery on 15th Street in Plano. And lastly, Sally and Mary Truelove share wall space at Interiors Galleria for art and art-cards, at 600 West 15th Street in Plano.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

EAST GALLERY

Nov. 5th
Angie Vangalis:
Texas Lettering Arts Council

Nov. 7th - 11th
Judy Morris - Watercolor

WEST GALLERY

Nov. 11th - 12th
Joanie Paul: - Pastel Society

2005-2006 TEXAS & NEIGHBORS Regional Exhibition and Competition

Janie Gildow, Juror

Slides Due Jan. 27, 2006
For information call
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