



News from the Palette

Art Guild of Louisiana agl@artguildlouisiana.org 225-930-7542
laag-site.org facebook.com/LouisianaArtandArtistsGuild

December 2017



Ponderings from the President

Oh my! Oh my!! Where does the time go?? Halloween came and went; then came Thanksgiving. And here we are, with Christmas knocking on our door.!

In this season of thanksgiving and reflection I am grateful for many things in my life. But, artistically speaking I am thankful for my God given artistic gifts and the opportunity to go through life, seeing this world through the eyes of an artist. I think, as artists, we look at things ...“see” things ... a little differently than other folks. We seem to find a little “magic” in the most ordinary of things. And, through our artwork we can share that insight with those who do not see the world through “artistic vision”.

While I am giving thanks for the blessings in my life, I want to take a moment to say how much I appreciate all of you. I am grateful for the loyalty of our members year after year. I truly appreciate your support of the Guild; your donations of time and money, for we could not bring the joy of art to our community, without your participation. Being able to count YOU amongst our dedicated members is something for which I am grateful. I am especially thankful for my very supportive and dedicated fellow Board members who make my Presidency a pleasure.

Being part of the ART GUILD of LOUISIANA has given me many new friendships.. I personally wish each of YOU, your family and friends a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. In the blink of an eye we will all be greeting a brand new year. I look forward to sharing another year of fun, friendship and creativity with you in 2018.

Your President
Leah Schwartzman

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!!



Heather Ricard, became a member of AGL in 2017. She recently participated in the White Light Night festivities this October, with an exhibit at Elizabethan Art and Framing. Heather is represented by Elizabethan on a regular basis. Participation in the twice a year event has been an inspiring event for her. Heather is a very versatile oil painter. As a result of the exhibit; Heather sold a total of 9 paintings. Yaaay, Heather !



It's all about getting your art "out there"... sharing your joy and artistic vision for other's to enjoy!



Guild Member Betty Efferson

In October, we congratulated Betty on having 2 pastels, *Spring Fling* and *The Gardener* juried into the Degas Pastel Society's 64th Membership Exhibition held at the State Archives Building on Essen Lane, November 2-29. We congratulate Betty once again for taking an Award of Excellence for her pastel *The Gardener*. Be sure to stop by and check out this exhibit, it is sure to be a beautiful show.

The judge, master pastelist, Richard McKinley awarded Betty an Award of Excellence for her pastel *The Gardener*.

Way to go Betty!



Acadian Art Show

The annual Acadian Art Show at the Iberville Parish Library in Plaquemine is an event that many of our members look forward to each year and 2017 was no different. Several AGL artist members who entered the exhibit walked away with awards. Congratulations ! ... to the following AGL members who took awards in the Professional Division: Bing Zheng's "Halloween Girl" won Best of Show; SuEllen Lithgoe— 2nd Place for "Red Stick"; Larry Downs — Honorable Mention for "Family Outing". In the Non-Professional Division: Suzanne Lamotte — Honorable Mention for "Vermillionville"; Larry Downs' watercolor, "Family Outing" - Honorable Mention

EXHIBITS

Goodwood Library Exhibit

The AGL member exhibit at Goodwood Library was installed December 1. The show will be on exhibit during regular library hours until December 29, 2017. The show is comprised of 34 paintings in a variety of media submitted by 15 AGL members.

So if you are in the area or visiting the library be sure to go up to the 2nd floor to check out the work of your fellow members. Thank you, to all of those artists who submitted paintings and the volunteers who helped get the exhibit up.



Winter Judged Show



The Winter Judged Show is currently on exhibit at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery, 7800 Independence Park Boulevard, until January 11, 2018. We thank Cathy Sherburne, owner of the Acadian Frame and Art Shop in Baton Rouge, for agreeing to judge the show. Cathy provided us with some insightful comments regarding the award winning pieces. And the award went to:

1st Place – Cheryl Caro - “Traveling Trio” – colored pencil

2nd Place – Jo Ann Smith - “Grooming Egret” – acrylic

3rd Place – Claudia LeJeune - “Ca C'est Bon” – watercolor

Merit Award – Sara Fergus - “Avery Island Landscape” – oil

Honorable Mention – Betty Gravois - “Autumn Reflections” – watercolor

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!! HAPPY PAINTING!

WINTER JUDGED SHOW (cont'd)



Grooming Egret



"Ca C'est Bon

CALL FOR ART!!

Calling all LAAG members!!! Now is the time to "show up". Art Guild of Louisiana (formerly Louisiana Art and Artists Guild) will be sponsoring a WINTER MEMBER'S ONLY ART EXHIBIT, January 11, 2018 through March 8, 2018!!!

Artists must bring their entries to the Independence Park Theater on January 11, 2018, between 11:00am and 1:00pm. All Art must be picked up on March 8, 2018, between 11:00am-1:00pm. Maximum size of artwork should be 48"x48".

A People's Choice Ribbon will be awarded at a reception on January 28 between 2:00pm -4:00 pm, at Independence Park Theatre. We encourage exhibiting artists to attend the reception and to bring a snack dish for the table. An art demonstration is planned for the reception. Details will be announced at a later date.

The hanging fee for this exhibit is \$5.00. All regular hanging/exhibit requirements apply. Please, follow the hanging requirements available on LAAG website at laag-site.org/exhibits to ensure that your painting will be accepted at the take-in.

DVD Lunch n' Learn ... watercolor

The Guild recently purchased a large screen TV and camcorder system to improve the workshop experience of our participants and instructors. It was first used, with great success, for the Lian Quan Zhen demo and workshop.

With a vision of optimizing the use of our new educational setup and an eye toward the possibility of fund raising for the guild, workshop committee member, Betty Gravois facilitated a "Lunch n' Learn" event at the Studio in the Park, on Saturday, November 4 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. For a minimal cost of \$20 to cover lunch and basic supplies 20 participants spent the day "painting along" with a Terry Madden DVD. All proceeds exceeding the cost of lunch/basic supplies went into the Guild's operational budget. Thank you Betty for volunteering your time for this event ...everyone had a great time!



Participants completed a series of 4-5 (depending on how fast one painted) watercolor postcards.

Carol Nelson

Participants in the Carol Nelson workshop "Experiments in Mixed Media" spent 3 full days having fun with a variety of unique materials such as dry wall mud, Tyvek (construction insulation materials) stucco repair materials, burlap, corrugated cardboard and many more too numerous to name. They ironed, glued and painted their way to fabulous abstract mixed media pieces.



Richard McKinley

The Richard McKinley's pastel workshop was a full house of 20 artists, drawing participants from Baton Rouge and the surrounding area as well as several artists from out of state. Each day after in studio demos, the participants ventured to a different location on the inspiring grounds of the Burden Plantation.

McKinley commented about how impressed he was with our studio space, the lighting and openness". He said it is "one of the best" he has had the pleasure to teach in and that we should be very proud to have such a space.

Heather Ricard

Heather Ricard is a relatively new member to the Guild , however, she has jumped right in with both feet and presented an impressive proposal for after school art classes for children age 7— 13 . She is currently teaching her 2nd series of classes on Thursday evenings from 4;30 -6:00. Here is some of the fantastic work from her students.

Look for details on future classes by Heather, for children, after school by keeping an eye on the 'workshop' section on the website.



GUILD NEWS

Tuesday Open Studio

On any given Tuesday, there 5-8 artists gather for open studio at the Studio in the Park. The artists had a fun time this Halloween when several artists showed up in ghoulish costumes and all who were present shared in pot luck lunch brought by the Tuesday "regulars". Several "visitors" stopped by also to drop off paintings or tend to other Guild business.

If you have never visited an open studio session we invite you to stop by sometime and see what is going on...check out the reference library, the photo booth and studio painting space available to members. Even if you don't come to paint, there is always a pot of coffee on and visitors are always welcome..



NOTICE: DUES INCREASE

AGL due for membership year 2018 will be \$40 per year beginning January 1, 2018.

With the ever increasing cost of operating the studio and providing services to our members it was a prudent business decision. We have not had a dues increase in 15 years.

Anyone who joins or renews for 2018 before January 1, 2018 will enjoy a discounted rate of \$35.00. SO JOIN/RENEW NOW !

2017 Christmas Party

Lots of good food , warm apple cider and fun gift exchanges....with a big helping of holiday spirit abounded at the annual Christmas Party. Several artists and their spouses jointed together to celebrate the holiday at Studio in the Park. There was lots of “stealing” going on in the gift exchange and participants in the painting exchange were excited to find out whose painting they received.

President Leah Schwartzman, awarded Lifetime Membership Certificates to long time members, Jo McWilliams and Trish Poynot. Art Guild of Louisiana recognizes Jo and Trish for their many years of meritorious service on the Board and/or committees, and their going volunteer services in general support of the organization. Thank YOU! Trish and Jo for the many years of dedicated service to the guild.

Also, the Guild raised \$85 from the sales of the hand painted mini-canvas Christmas ornaments, painted by several of our members and hung on our Christmas tree!



PREVIEW OF 2018 WORKSHOPS

As we near the end of 2017, and look to 2018, we look forward to a new year of learning and growing our artistic abilities. In keeping with the one of the missions of the Guild ... “to provide education opportunities... to artists of all proficiency levels,” the Workshop Committee has been busy during the year working to bring you new and exciting workshops in 2018.

Here is a peek-preview of what is to come. Mark your calendar NOW to save the date!!

ROBERTA LOFLIN – Break Out the Paints – Basic watercolors

January 8 – 22, Mondays, 9:30am – 12:00 noon

Early Bird until December 29, 2017: \$60 AGL members / \$75 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$75 AGL members / \$90 nonmembers

To register, contact Barbara Andrepont at bandrepont@bellsouth.net or (225)773-8020

ROBERTA LOFLIN – Luminous Landscapes – Watercolor or Acrylic

March 5 - 26, Mondays, 9:30am – 12:00 noon

Early Bird until February 26, 2018: \$60 AGL members / \$75 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$75 AGL members / \$90 nonmembers

To register, contact Barbara Andrepont at bandrepont@bellsouth.net or (225)773-8020

BETTY EFFERSON – Fun with Pastels - Soft Pastel

March 29 – 30 Thursday/Friday, 9:30am –4:00pm

Early Bird until March 8, 2018: \$90 AGL members / \$110 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$110 AGL members / \$130 nonmembers

To register, contact Barbara Andrepont at bandrepont@bellsouth.net or (225)773-8020

ROBERTA LOFLIN –Break out the Acrylics - AAARP Basic Acrylics

May 7 – 28, Mondays, 9:30am – 12:00 noon

Early Bird until April 28, 2018; \$60 AGL members / \$75 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$75 AGL members / \$90 nonmembers

Contact Barbara Andrepont at bandrepont@bellsouth.net or 225-773-8020

DON ANDREWS – Landscape Color and Composition –Watercolor

June 20 – 22, Wednesday – Friday, 9 am – 4pm

Early bird until May 8, 2018: \$300 AGL members/ \$350 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$350 AGL members/\$400 nonmembers

To register contact Linda Pace at lpac588@gmail.com or 225-247-1309

LOUISE HANSEN – Capturing Your Vacation in Pen and Ink

July 14, 2018, Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Early Bird until June 13, 2018; \$40 AGL members/ \$45 nonmembers

Regular fee: \$45 AGL members/\$50 nonmembers

To register, contact Betty Gravois at elizabethgravois@gmail.com or (732)216-1095

IAIN STEWART – From Sketchbook to Studio - Watercolor

September 7 – 9, Friday - Sunday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Early Bird until July 22, 2018: \$350 AGL members / \$400 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$400 AGL members / \$450 nonmembers

To register, contact Nikki Spencer at nspence@lsu.edu or (225) 928-0018

BILL FARNSWORTH – The Value of Three Values – Oils

October 16 – 18, 2018 Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Early Bird until September 1, 2018: \$375 AGL members / \$425 nonmembers

Regular Fee: \$425 AGL members / \$475 nonmembers

Contact Betty Gravois at elizabethgravois@gmail.com or (732)-216-1095

The following workshops are tentatively scheduled, pending paperwork:

Billie Bourgeois – Acrylics

February 7 – 9 Wednesday – Friday, 2018

Judi Betts – Sketchbook

April 28 – 29 Saturday – Sunday, 2018