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RIVER ROAD SHOW WINNERS!

Another year and another successful River Road Show and awards reception. The River Road Show, just finishing its 53rd year, is the Guild's premier event of the year. Many artists from across the state of Louisiana as well as the nation and local art enthusiasts look forward to the event every year.

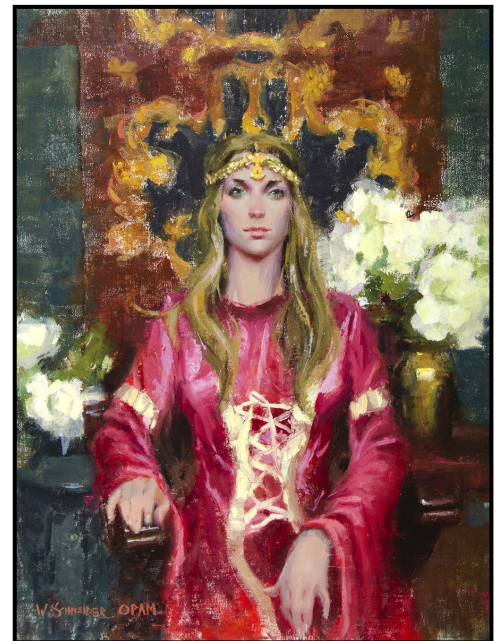
We received a lot of comments from people who visited the exhibit that "this year's exhibit was exceptionally lovely and diverse in media and subject matter." Sixty-three paintings from sixty-three artists were on exhibit. Four thousand dollars in cash and prizes are awarded to thirteen lucky and talented artists each year at an Awards Reception regularly attended by over 200 artists and art enthusiasts.

We were honored to have national and international award winning artist/instructor, Kim Casebeer as the juror & judge of this year's show. Kim paints both in oil and pastel and you can visit her studio online at www.kimcasebeer.com. Kim's dramatic landscapes are shown in numerous Western Art Galleries throughout Kansas and the Southwest. The judge's workshop sold out well before the "early bird" deadline. Kim enjoyed being introduced to Louisiana. The 63 painting in the final exhibit are selected by the judge via blind digital slideshow. The award winning works of art are selected by close in-person observation by the judge. And the winners selected by Casebeer for 2023 are:

1st *Joie de Vivre* - watercolor by Tracy Hebert - Port Allen, LA

2nd *All Spiced Up* - watercolor by Cindy Brabec-King - Palisade, CA

3rd *Red Queen* - oil by William Schneider - Naples, FL



MERIT AWARDS

Hope - charcoal by Theresa Beaubouef - Independence , LA

Fogged-in Shrimp Boats - watercolor by Herb Willey - Waveland , MS

Pink Dancing Shoes - acrylic by Donna McGee - West Monroe, LA

Elegy - oil by Linda Bowsher - Baton Rouge, LA



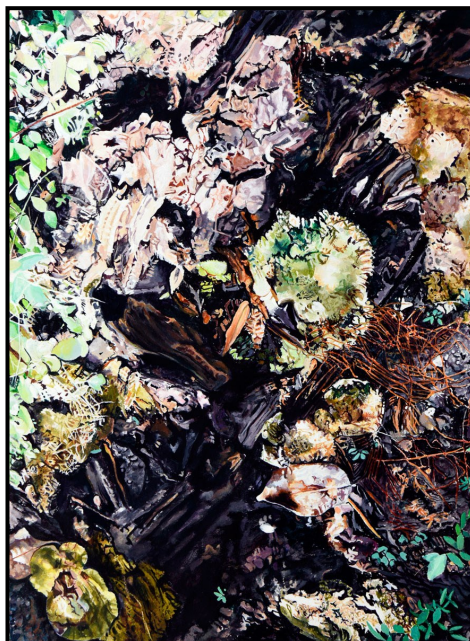
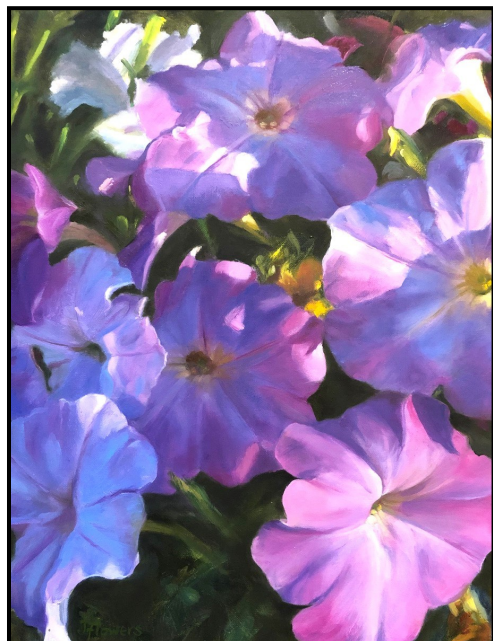
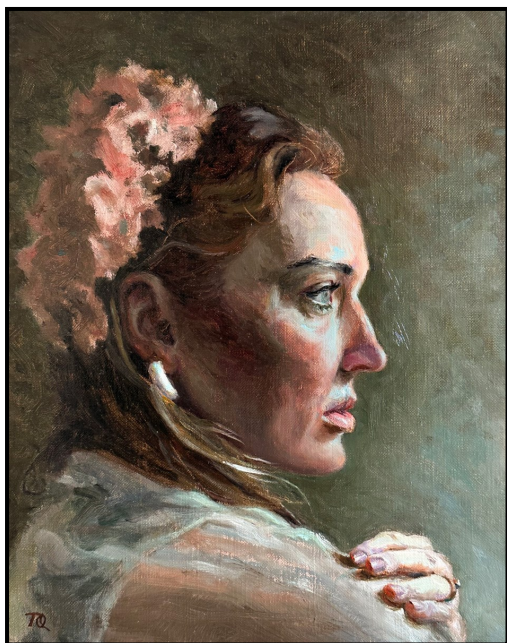
HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS:

Madeline - oil by Tom Quaid - Baton Rouge, LA

Ripples, Pass Christian - egg tempera by Chryl Casso Corizzo - Mandeville, LA

The Governor's Petunias - oil by Jane Flowers - Austin, TX

Reclamation - acrylic by Larry Downs - Baton Rouge, LA



PONDERINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally we say hello to fall, and hopefully better weather. In spite of the heat, AGL has had a busy summer! We've celebrated our past and we look to the future with optimism. We just took down this year's River Road Show—a spectacular exhibit, again. Thanks go to the co-chairs, Leah Schwartzman and Claudia LeJeune, and to those in charge of the reception décor, Kay Bailey, Bonnie Cooper and Karri Oakes and to all who volunteered and all who entered their artwork.



Also, I'm pleased to see that there's been an increase in participation in the Independence Park Theatre Gallery exhibits, and we've sold one painting out of the Workshop Show. The excessive heat might have prompted members to spend more time working in their studios, but the great publicity for these exhibits and for our workshops, thanks to Olivia Pass and Pat Wattam, may have had a lot to do with the success of these events.

Speaking of exhibits, please remember that we'll be showing our works at the Main Library in December again this year. For the "Deck the Halls" show at Independence Park, it might be fun to challenge participants to include one of the symbols of the Twelve Days of Christmas somewhere in their painting. A partridge in a pear tree would be easy. Ten lords a-leaping? Not so much. Just an idea.

The summer passed without scheduling the Member Appreciation Ice Cream Social. It seems people had places to go and people to see. So now is the time. Watch your announcements and don't miss out!

Hope to see you soon.

...*Marilyn Gensler*

When I'm no longer rapping, I want to open up an ice cream parlor and call myself Scoop Dogg.

--Snoop Dogg

ELECTIONS

The AGL elections process for 2023 has been completed. The slate of nominees for Vice President and Treasurer, Jennifer Cutrer and Claudia LeJeune respectively was presented to the Board. In accordance with the Bylaws, the Board voted to accept the slate of nominees as presented. Congratulations go out to **Jennifer Cutrer**, Vice President Elect and **Claudia LeJeune**, Treasurer elect. Their terms will become effective January 1, 2024.

Jennifer Cutrer joined the Guild several years ago while she was still a resident of New Mexico and served remotely as the newsletter editor. She also attended open studio sessions during regular visits to Baton Rouge. She moved to Baton Rouge in 2021. Since moving to Baton Rouge Jennifer has been a very active member and this past year joined the Board as Exhibit Coordinator. She brings to the table a wide range of administrative knowledge as a retired management professional.



Many of you know Claudia LeJeune who has been a member of the Guild since 2008. Claudia has served on the Board for a number of years in different capacities including treasurer, River Road Chair and Vice President (currently). In addition to her professional experience in accounting, she also brings to the table historical Guild financial knowledge.



SYMPATHIES

Toniolo

The AGL sends deepest sympathy and prayers to member, Lana Bernard Toniolo, as she faces the loss of her beloved husband and best friend Joe. Joseph Mark Toniolo passed away at the Point Coupee General Hospital on September 20, 2023 at the age of 75. Many of you know Lana and her fabulous art from AGL exhibits including the River Road Show. Lana was a regular at Picture Day Sundays and Joe was ever at her side supporting her art endeavors. Lana, we hope that you will find strength and comfort in all of your fond memories together.

Marchiafava

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Theresa Marchifava. Theresa passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the age of 92. Theresa was a very active artist and Guild member for many years in the earlier years of the Guild. Many of our long standing members knew and painted with Theresa. Although she was not able to personally attend, she was recently recognized as a participating artist in the Guild's 70th Jubilee exhibit. She will be missed by many friends and family.

2023 AGL Memberships Expire December 31 – Renew Early!!

Time to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2024. AGL 2023 memberships will expire on December 31. **We encourage you to please renew your membership early.** Also, if you know of other artists, friends, family who would like to join the Guild, now is the time to encourage them to join. New members who join in October – December may begin using their 2024 member benefits immediately. That is 3 months of free membership benefits for anyone who joins in October.

Pay
Dues

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT! October 22 - 2:00-4:00pm

AGL is an all-volunteer organization and we want to express our appreciation to YOU the members who support all the programs offered by the Guild. AGL offers the very important commodity of art and art education to our community. The Guild sponsors many exhibits and workshop opportunities for artists of all skill levels. We could not do it without your membership!

We can barely tell that fall has arrived as the summer temperatures continue. President, Marilyn Gensler, and the AGL Board invite you to an Ice Cream Social at the Studio in the Park, 2490 Silverest Ave, Baton Rouge on Sunday afternoon, **October 22** from 2:00–4:00pm. No LSU game - No Saints game! There will be lots of “fixins” for banana splits or ice cream sundaes or coke floats. Take a moment to come chill for a couple of hours and visit with your fellow AGL members.



SAVE THE DATE AGL CHRISTMAS PARTY— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 — 2:00-4:00pm



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OUT AND ABOUT

LSU Museum at the Shaw Center - Exhibit thru December

The opening reception for Judi Betts' 60 Year Retrospective exhibit was a huge success with people from far and near filling the venue. Many of the paintings on exhibit go back to the 60's and 70's. It was lots of fun to see how her unique style and technique evolved over the years. There is still plenty of time to visit or revisit this extraordinary exhibit of our very own Louisiana grown, internationally recognized and awarded artist. Little known fact: Judi was the first art teacher in Ascension parish in the 1950's.

Hammond - October 13

Margaret Hawkins, AGL member from Ponchatoula, invites everyone to take a drive out to Hammond for an evening of fun with a **Live Auction/Art Sale/Wine Tasting** at Jacmel Inn Courtyard from 4:00-8:00pm. Ten wine vendors will be offering tastings of their wares and 12 local artists from the surrounding region (Port Allen, Baton Rouge, Independence, New Orleans, Lafayette and more) will have original art for sale. The live auction is a fun opportunity to scoop up some original art at a great price, with emcee and auctioneer Roy Blackwood. All this fun for only \$20 at the door. The event is to benefit Louisiana Watercolor Society.

New Roads - October 6 thru December

Pop-Up Art Show at the Poydras Center, 500 W. Main in New Roads, LA featuring the artwork of AGL member, **Lana Toniolo** and former member Jo Busse. The Opening Reception is a free to the public event Friday, October 6 at 6:00pm. If you can't make it to the reception, there is still plenty of time to take a drive in the country, perhaps a "photo op" road trip, before the show comes down in December.

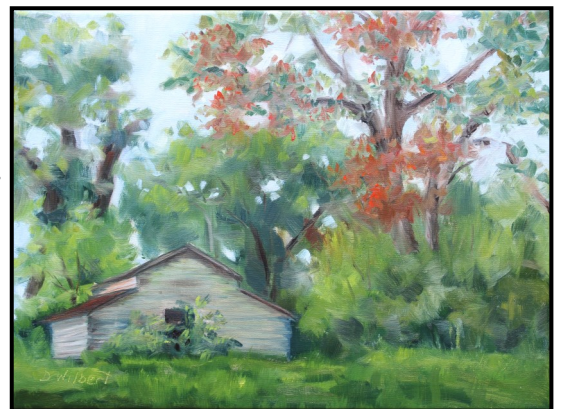
Acadian Art Show - Plaquemine - Thru October 7

Just over the bridge and around the bend in Plaquemine, the Iberville Parish Library's very popular annual Acadian Art Show has lots to offer. The exhibit is free and open to the public. You will recognize the names of several AGL member artists and discover some new artists. You can hurry on over to see the exhibit during the library's regular operating hours or you can wait and attend the closing awards reception on October 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded in each of three categories; professional, non-professional, and young artists.

MEMBER NEWS

Debora (Dee Dee) Wilbert participated in the 5th year of the Plein Air Marksville (PAM) event on September 23. The juror was Wangling Chou who is a Professor of Art at Louisiana Christian University. Participants included 13 artists from around the state - New Iberia, Alexandria, Opelousas, BR and the greater New Orleans area. At the reception and exhibit that evening at the Gallery on the Square in downtown Marksville, Dee Dee received one of the two Awards of Merit for her oil painting *First Day of Fall*. This was her first time to participate in a juried Plein Air Event.

Plein Air Marksville is hosted and organized by member **Marjorie Shanks** and her husband David Shanks from Effie, Louisiana. We wish them continued success in bringing artists opportunities to rural Louisiana.



Pat Wattam is excited to have been invited to be part of a group show "Louisiana Perceptions: Art-Culture -Environment" at The Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope, AL put together by Mark Nikoff. The Opening Weekend was the Friday Art walk, Sept 1.

Dana Mosby and **Betty Efferson** are also participants in the show. The exhibit is a collection of Louisiana based artists in various mediums. The exhibit runs through October, so if you're up for a weekend jaunt this is a fun destination.



Canal Streetcar, oil by Pat Wattam

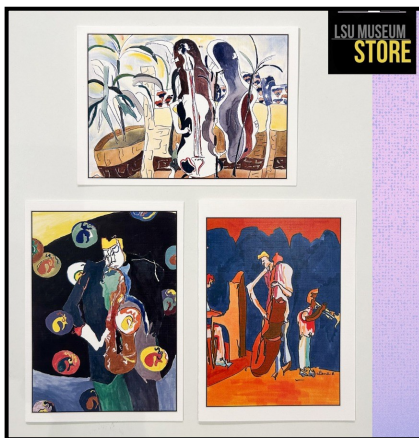


Shotgun Houses, pastel by Dana Mosby



Long Hot Summer, mixed media by Betty Efferson

Lana Toniolo shared that her series of 'whimsical musicians' notecards is now available at the LSU Museum Store in downtown Baton Rouge. The fun and lively cards are blank and appropriate for any occasion, waiting for a special message to be written.



Also, congratulations go to **Lana** for selling her watercolor painting *Brewing Storm* in her recent solo exhibit at the Backwoods Gallery in St. Francisville.



Members **Emily Efferson**, **Jennifer Cutrer**, **Judy Campbell** and friend Agatha Just returned from a wonderful Alaskan Cruise and visit to Seattle. We understand lots of photos were taken, so now we will be waiting to see some of those photos come to life in paintings. Perhaps we will see a little Alaskan influence in the upcoming Twelve Days of Christmas exhibit.

Workshop Show Winner – July–September

We had a very nice turnout for the workshop show and the reception. Kay Bailey took top honors with the People's Choice Ribbon for her watercolor painting *Makin' Apple Pie*. The painting was done in a class with local artist/instructor Carol Creel. Congratulations Kay!



CURRENT EXHIBIT - Autumn Judged Show

Take a break from the heat! Take a stroll through the cool quiet halls at Independence Park Theatre and enjoy 42 original works of art in the AGL Autumn Judged Show. The show is a really good representation of regional talent, featuring art from 19 artists from Baton Rouge, Prairieville, St. Francisville, Metairie, and more. The exhibit at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery is open from Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 – 5:00 until November 9, 2023.

We are very happy to announce the judge for the exhibit is Cynthia Nicholas of Studio de Chene, the Framing Boutique and Gallery on Perkins Road.

You are invited to attend an Awards Reception from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on October 15. It is a fun afternoon to share with friends and family and an opportunity to visit with the artists. Exhibiting artists are encouraged to attend the reception and to bring a finger food for the refreshment table.

CALLS FOR ENTRY - Two Exhibits Coming Up

Winter Member Show - The Twelve Days of Christmas

Soon we will (hopefully) be feeling the crispness in the air that welcomes each fall. As thoughts turn to the holidays ahead: Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, AGL is looking forward to the December member exhibit at Independence Park Theatre from November 9, 2023 – January 11, 2024. From the Partridge in a Pear Tree to the 12 Drummers Drumming, the Twelve Days of Christmas provides a wide array of inspiring subject matter. AGL invites and encourages you to get in the spirit, get inspired, get creative with the Twelve Days of Christmas!

Although other subject matter may also be entered in the exhibit, we hope that you will take the journey and submit artwork inspired by the Twelve Days of Christmas. All artwork must meet the AGL Exhibit Requirements at www.artguildlouisiana.org/exhibit-requirements.

The entry fee is \$10 for the first piece and \$5 per each additional piece. Up to five pieces may be submitted.

A People's Choice Ribbon will be awarded at the reception on December 10. Once again a random drawing for \$25 will be held for exhibiting artists. Each exhibiting artist will earn one "chance" for each entry submitted. Exhibiting artists are encouraged to attend the reception and to bring a finger food to contribute to the refreshment table.

Main Library Exhibit - December 1 - December 29

The exhibit at the EBR Goodwood Library is a member only exhibit. Paintings should be delivered to the EBR Library at 7711 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge on December 1 between the hours of 11:00–1:00 pm. All artwork must meet the AGL Exhibit Requirements at www.artguildlouisiana.org/exhibit-requirements.

You are invited to enter up to 5 paintings. The entry fee is \$5.00 per painting. The exhibit will be displayed on two floors and a People's Choice Ribbon will be awarded for each floor.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

NOTE: Early registration for workshops is the KEY to whether or not a workshop actually gets to take place. Instructors have schedules and arrangements that must be taken into consideration. So please take advantage of the early bird discount and register early!

Larry Downs – Drawing Anything and Everything – Intermediate Drawing

October 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thursdays), 3:00 – 6:00pm

\$75 members / \$90 nonmembers

Workshop Coordinator: Karri Oaks: karrilouwho@gmail.com or 225-405-3988

The beginning drawing workshop is not required to register for this workshop. However, participants of this class should have knowledge of basic drawing skills. Larry will lead the class through more advanced discussion of elements and principles of design. Using those principles, participants will compose their own still life drawing. Participants will finish the class with a completed work of art.



Roberta Loflin – Negative Painting with Positive Results – Watercolor

October 14, 21, 28 and November 4 (Saturdays), 9:30am - noon

Early Bird Fee thru September 29: \$60 members / \$75 nonmembers

Regular Fee begins September 30: \$75 members / \$90 nonmembers

Workshop Coordinator: Barbara Andrepont: bandrepont@bellsouth.net or 225-773-8020

Positive painting – painting an actual subject or object, like painting a tree.
Negative painting – painting the background around an object, like painting the sky around the shape of a tree or a building before you paint the actual object. Both of these techniques are critical to the watercolor artist. In this class you will paint-along with Roberta using a variety of washes, building up the painting, watching the main object emerge from the background.



Kay Bailey & Betty Gravois – A Child's Christmas

Monday, November 20, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Early Bird Fee thru October 31: \$25

Regular Fee begins November 1: \$30

Workshop Coordinator: Betty Gravois at elizabethgravois@gmail.com or Kay Bailey at kaybailey048@gmail.com

Start the holidays off with a creative project ... or two ... or three! This fun one day workshop is open to children, teens and adults. Schools are closed for Thanksgiving. Betty and Kay have the perfect solution to help keep those active children occupied for at least one day. Aunts, grandparents, parents, neighbors, start the Holiday Season teaching a child about creating and giving. Each child must be accompanied by an adult; the participating child must be 7 years or older. Get inspired with paint, glitter, glue, holiday papers, and other fun decorating materials that will be available for sharing.

Each person will receive a kit of project materials that includes a cup, mini pallet, shadow box and card/envelope. Examples of finished projects will be on display at the workshop. Each finished project can be a great personal gift for a teacher, friend, neighbor, parent, sibling, bus driver, or yourself.

Participants should bring their own age appropriate scissors, apron, paper towels or baby wipes and a brown bag lunch.

Roberta Loflin – Spreading Cheer (Christmas Stuff) - Watercolor

December 2 & 9 (Saturdays), 9:30am - noon

Early Bird Fee thru November 17: \$30

Regular Fee begins November 18: \$45

Workshop Coordinator: Barbara Andrepont: bandrepont@bellsouth.net or 225-773-8020

This workshop is all about fun, fun, fun! The bright colors and the joyful holiday symbols and traditions – ribbons, snowmen and even Ole Santa. Whatever the holidays mean to you bring your ideas and have fun painting with Roberta. It is a great workshop to create original hand painted cards, ornaments, or a fun holiday painting as a special gift for a friend or family member.



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