

NEWS from the PALETTE



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Message from the President

Spring has finally sprung! I hope we have seen the last of the cold weather. Guild committees and the Board have been busy. The workshop committee is tying up the loose ends of what looks to be an exciting 2015 schedule. Don't forget to check out the opportunities on the website.

Proposed revisions to the Bylaws have been completed by the governance committee in order to bring them into compliance with recommendations for nonprofit organizations. These will be presented to the membership for approval at the next membership meeting.

The finance committee has prepared the preliminary budget for 2015 and will work with the individual committees to fine-tune the projections.

Lane Downs and Amy Dellinger have been refining the new online membership renewal procedures to provide better communication with our members and much needed information to committees.

I am grateful for our volunteers who accomplish so much. Thank You!

We are always looking for new faces to join these teams. Please consider volunteering!
Claudia LeJeune, claudiale@aol.com, 225-292-2004

Money in the Bank

LAAG is in need of a volunteer to prepare bank deposits one day a week or less.

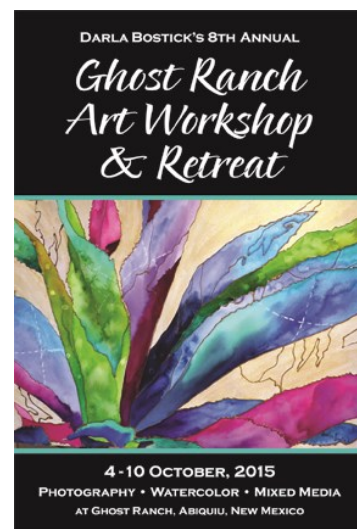
- No experience necessary.
- Excellent training program.

Interested? Contact Claudia LeJeune at claudiale@aol.com or 225-292-2004

Art Opportunity

Ghost Ranch Workshop

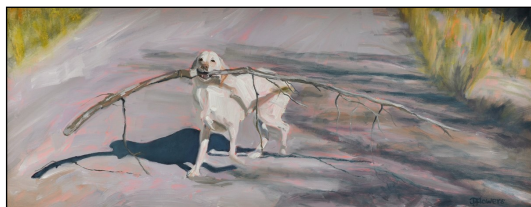
You are invited to Darla Bostick's 8th Annual Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreat 2015 in Abiquiu, NM on October 4-10. Includes digital photography, watercolors/acrylics, pencil, incorporating text and mixed media work with opportunity for plein air painting and comfort of a group activity room (floor to ceiling vista views). For 7 days/6 nights you can relax, enjoy, and create. Lodging and meals included at Ghost Ranch property. The Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour takes you where she painted from the magnificent area scenery. Visit the O'Keeffe studio/home on tour. Space is limited to 14 participants. Bring materials you love to work with (or try something new) and join us! The workshop fee is \$495. Room and board at the Ranch are per their rates. Come and see for yourself why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch! More details at www.darlabostick.com
Darla Bostick at 940-320-5660 or darlabostickart@gmail.com



Brush with Burden

The following LAAG members were juried into the Brush with Burden Art Show: Patti Bailey, Ginnie Bolin, Marge Campana, Arlene Earhart, Betty Efferson, Jane Flowers, Cheri Fry, Louise Hansen, Ellen Jenkins, Vera Judycki, Claudia LeJeune, SuEllen Lithgoe, Katie McGarry, Joel McLain, Dana Mosby, Lisa Pope, Marilyn Price, Wilma Roy, Patricia Ryan, Kathy Miller Stone, Pat Wattam and Laure Williamson. What an impressive list—Congrats to ALL!!

And a big congratulations to LAAG member Cheri Fry for winning First Place in Art with her painting *Connected*. Other Guild members who won awards are Jane Flowers for *Walk Tall and Carry a Big Stick*, and Marge Campana for *Radial Symmetry*.



Walk Tall and Carry a Big Stick,
Jane Flowers



Radial Symmetry, Marge Campana



Connected, Cheri Fry

LAAG Exhibits

2015 Winter Members Show

The LAAG Members Exhibit was on display at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery on January 9 through March 12. At the Artists' Reception on February 8, Larry Downs was presented with the People's Choice Award for his painting, *Birth of a Star*.

Spring Judged Show

The LAAG Spring Judged Show is currently on exhibit at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery until May 14 and is free and open to the public during their regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The exhibit is comprised of 37 paintings in a variety of mediums, submitted by 21 artists from Baton Rouge and the surrounding area.



Birth of a Star, Larry Downs

Be sure to “save the date” and join in at the Reception and Awards Presentation at Independence Park Theatre on April 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm, when LAAG will present a total of \$500 in cash and awards to the winners. Well known and talented New Orleans artist, William Crowell was the judge for this show. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Support your organization! Invite your friends and family and join your fellow artists for an afternoon of friendship and art.

Call For Art - Mayor's Office Exhibit

Don't miss the opportunity to have your artwork on exhibit in the Baton Rouge Mayor's Office downtown. There are only 11 available spaces for the exhibit at the Mayor's Office on April 10th. Minimum size artwork for the Mayor's Office exhibit is 22" x 28". Paintings for the Mayor's Office should be dropped off at the Studio in the Park on open studio days - April 7-9. Paintings will remain on exhibit until July 24 and may be picked up at the Studio in the Park after that date.

Recent Workshop

Elayne Kuehler - Portraits of Trees in Oils

On February 20-22, local artists gathered at the Studio in the Park for three days of oil painting in Elayne Kuehler's workshop, "Portraits of Trees". Everyone had a good time sharing and painting. Here is what a few of the participants had to say about their experience:

"This workshop provided information and guided practice in a relevant, relaxed manner. Elayne furnished notes and photos to be used at home in addition to class time. She also brought in books and other materials to enhance instruction. She shared her expertise generously in meaningful and lasting ways." ... *Sarah Fergus*

"Elayne gives you lots of time to paint and she provides great guidance and feedback. Loved the handouts." ... *Anonymous*

"This workshop was very informative. Elayne is very knowledgeable and could explain things very well. I would definitely take another workshop with Elayne." ... *Janet Ardoin*



Upcoming Workshops

LAST CHANCE to REGISTER

Steve Shamburger - Drawing Caricatures

April 6, 13, 20, 27; Mondays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$80 LAAG member / \$80 nonmembers

To register contact Steve Shamburger at steve@steveshamburger.com or 225-226-8990

We have all had the opportunity of being at a festival or art event and seeing and artist set up drawing those wonderful "fun" and comedic caricature portraits... with lines of people waiting their turn. You too can learn how to make those quick renderings and amaze your friends and family with a caricature of themselves!!

Students will learn the definition of caricature, and how to identify and capture the variations in facial features that make each of us unique. You will study the "average" face, and then practice capturing the likeness of the subject by exaggerating those features in caricature drawings.



Steve Shamburger - Drawing Pet Portraits from Photos

May 4, 11, 18, & 25; Mondays, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$150 LAAG members / \$150 nonmembers

To register contact Steve Shamburger at steve@steveshamburger.com or 225-226-8990

Everyone enjoys capturing favorite moments of their beloved pets with photographs. Here is an opportunity to create a memorable portrait of your adorable pet or the pet of a friend or family member. What a wonderful gift! Working from a favorite photograph, Steve will guide you through the process of composing, editing and rendering a black & white portrait of any animal in pencil or charcoal.

Steve Shamburger - Portraits from Photos

June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; Mondays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$150 LAAG members / \$150 nonmembers

To register contact Steve Shamburger at steve@steveshamburger.com or 225-226-8990

After demonstrating the drawing process himself, Steve will lead you step by step as you render a charcoal or pencil portrait from your favorite photograph.



Alison Adams - Recreating Masterpieces: Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night **Acrylics**

May 16-17; Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$100 LAAG members / \$110 nonmembers

Ages: 16 and older ; Skill level: Intermediate

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

Students will learn how to paint in the style of one of the masters of art, Vincent Van Gogh. The class will demonstrate various brushstroke styles used by the artist and also the use of colors and how to mix color. The painting will be created using acrylic paints on canvas. By recreating a masterpiece painting; the student has the opportunity to learn from one of the "Old Masters".



Roberta Loflin - Glazing Acrylics

June 5-26; Fridays, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$80 LAAG members / \$100 nonmembers

Ages 14 and older

To register contact Roberta Loflin at rloflin@gmail.com or 225-803-6785

Learn to alter hues in subtle ways. Increase drama and brightness that can't be achieved without glazing. Experiment and achieve rich colors that you lost when adding white or the wrong glazes to your mixed colors. We will work with water and acrylic mediums to obtain the effects we are looking for and learn what mediums and substrates work and which ones are not as effective.

Roberta Loflin - Focus on Color - Watercolor

June 6-27; Saturdays, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$80 LAAG members / \$100 nonmembers

Ages 14 and older

To register contact Roberta Loflin at rloflin@gmail.com or 225-803-6785

Alison Adams - Basic Photography

June 13 & 14, 2015; Saturday - Sunday

Fee: \$90 LAAG members/\$100 nonmembers

Ages: 16 and older

Skill level: Beginner

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

Alison is a Baton Rouge artist with over 12 years of teaching experience and is a certified art instructor. She is the owner of Art Escape Studio, LLC and is an active artist in art exhibits in the Baton Rouge Community. She was awarded 1st Place winner of the 225 Photography Contest. Be sure to visit Alison's website at www.krop.com/alisonadams. Also visit Alison on her facebook page at www.facebook.com/artescapestudio.

Students will learn basic photography techniques along with the use of their camera. Topics that will be covered are lighting, composition, editing and many more! The second day will be used for shooting photographs both inside and out. If you've been inspired to photograph but not sure where to begin...then this class is for you!

Larry Downs - Drawing With Color

June 15-17; Monday - Wednesday, from 9 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$120 LAAG members / \$130 nonmembers

To register contact Barbara Andrepont at

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Larry will give you a great start in this workshop on colored pencils - everything you need to know - including basics on drawing surfaces, tools and accessories. He'll get you started with basic strokes and various techniques. And, he'll help with insights on color sketches to finished paintings.



Member News



LAAG member, **Ronnie Mulligan**, who is also a member of legendary clarinet player Pete Fountain's "Half-Fast Walking Club of New Orleans," presented Pete Fountain with a mosaic portrait of himself over the Christmas season. Ronnie is a member of the "Half-Fast Walking Club," along with 42 other gentlemen from the Baton Rouge Chapter. The club has 220 members who all march together dressed in tuxedos at Mardi Gras and the St. Patrick's Day parade. Way to go, Ronnie!



Congratulations to **Denice Cyrex Ducote** who has been juried into the 2015 Watercolor Missouri International. Her painting, *Connected*, will be exhibited in the Missouri Watercolor Society Gallery in St. Louis, MO from April 3 - May 2. The Reception and Awards Ceremony will be on April 12.

Denice also had a painting juried into the 30th Annual Texas and Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition. This is her 4th time to be juried into this exhibition. Her painting *It's About Time* will hang in the Irving Arts Center from April 18-May16.



"Kudos" to **Roberta Loflin** who exhibited "Garden District Poseidon" at the Women's Caucus art show at the Jazz Fest Gallery in New Orleans during the month of March. She also has an exhibit of 15 paintings at the Jackson Antiques festival, the weekend of March 28-29.