

# NEWS from the PALETTE



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## River Road SHOW

### A NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

The Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild invites everyone to attend the 45th Annual River Road Show Reception and Awards Presentation held at the Louisiana State Archives on **December 12** from 5:30-7:30pm. This national juried exhibition was judged by [Morten E. Solberg](#) and features 75 pieces of art by artists from 16 states and will be on display at the State Archives from December 3 - December 29, 2014. You can preview the exhibit online at [laag-site.org/Gallery/LAAG\\_Galleries/River\\_Road\\_Shows/River-Road-Show-2014/](http://laag-site.org/Gallery/LAAG_Galleries/River_Road_Shows/River-Road-Show-2014/)

Congratulations to the LAAG members who have been accepted into the show.

Patti Bailey, Judi Betts, AWS, Marge Campana, Nanci Charpentier, Denice Cyrex Ducote, Rhonda Craven, Kathy Daigle, Terri Dakmak, Marylyn Daniel, Debbie Denstorff, Larry Downs, Betty Efferson, Emily Efferson, Jane Flowers, Cheri Fry, Brenda Legendre, Claudia LeJeune, Joann Mobley, Lisa Pope, Patricia Ryan, Alex Smith, Kathy Miller Stone, NWS, Pat Wattam, Sally Webb

## Christmas Party

**DECEMBER 14, 2014**

STUDIO IN THE PARK

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Come join your fellow Guild members for a Sunday afternoon of fun and merriment with an array of snacks and refreshments. Guild members and their guests are invited to take part in the fun and festivities. Contributions to the food or refreshment table are appreciated.

A "Yankee Gift Swap" always provides plenty of lighthearted fun and entertainment. All gifts will be placed in a "pile". As gifts are randomly opened they are subject to be "stolen" by the next participant, who may choose to open a new gift or "steal" one of the previously opened gifts. Each person who wants to participate in the gift swap should bring a wrapped gift (approximate \$10) that is suitable for either male or female.

There will also be a random "painting exchange" for members who would like to anonymously exchange one of their paintings with other participating members. Each member who wants to participate in the painting exchange should bring an unframed, signed painting, wrapped in plain brown paper.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PICKED UP AND PAINTED YOUR MINI CANVAS TO HANG ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE... you may pick up a mini canvas at the Studio in the Park during regular studio hours. Then return the mini work of art back to the Studio or bring it with you to the party.



## Message from the President

CHILLIN' OUT!!

The year always seems to speed up when November arrives!!

It's especially exciting, as the River Road Show will be underway by the time most of you read this.

And, don't ease up on your accelerator, because we have the River Road Show reception at the State Archives Building on the evening of December 12, and it's followed by the LAAG Christmas party on the afternoon of December 14 at the Studio in the Park. (I'm sort of reciting all of this to help get myself ready!)

All that celebrating will help me to wind down my tenure as the LAAG President. Claudia LeJeune, your incoming President, will have great fun moving the Guild forward to new things in the next two years.

I want to give special thanks to all of your Board members and committee members. They've been busy for YOU and for LAAG! Last month I gave special thanks for Lorie Dalton and Kay Bailey and the work they have done over the years. Now, I have to continue with the thanking!

First, I know I'm missing people...So, Calvin Balencie, you're a great helper! Thank you. Betty Gravois and the Workshops Committee bring in excellent workshop opportunities. Workshops happen because this team does the work—including Betty Klenke, Brenda Legendre, Betty Efferson, Joel McLain, Trish Poynot, Charleen Kling, and Nikki Spencer.

And, Roberta Loflin and Kay Bailey have kept the library in order...to the extent possible. Amy Dellinger and the Membership Committee are a super group, keeping our member information up-to-date, and arranging Members' Meetings. The group includes Amy, Lorie Dalton and Eleanor Henley.

Exhibits volunteers have been numerous!! Kay Bailey took over the Independence Park Gallery this year, and arranged for judges and awards. Jim Packard, Beth McLain, Claudia LeJeune, Leah Schwartzman, Beverly Heil, Mary Heckman, Lorie Dalton, Roberta Loflin, Cathy Sarrazin, Betty Klenke, and Jo Busse have all helped out in various exhibits activities...not to mention everybody bringing finger food for our receptions.

Lane Downs has been so busy with Picture Days, Newsletter, and serving as Liaison with Iberville and Feliciana groups, not to mention being our go-to guy for website work. Newsletter committee includes Trish Poynot and Leah Schwartzman. They bring together so much of our information for Newsletter and Publicity.

Claudia LeJeune and the River Road Show Committee have been so effective this year. Claudia will do a much better job at thanking them at the Reception, but I just want to mention the stellar work in getting online entry and payment to work for this year's show. Claudia and Lane worked hard to make that happen.

Cathy Sarrazin joined the team as Treasurer at the beginning of the year, and it seems like she's got us settled into the new QuickBooks software. Betty Klenke is fantastic as our Vice President. She keeps all our Guild things running smoothly. And, Beth McLain has been leading the Governance Committee to revise our Bylaws.

I thank the leaders and members of Feliciana and Iberville chapters for all their work. Both groups have grown their participation numbers, and their groups have held both exhibits and workshops.

You've all done so much! Please keep your hands up to volunteer for your organization! You make the difference.

Sincerely, **Barbara Andrepont** [bandrepont@bellsouth.net](mailto:bandrepont@bellsouth.net) cell: 225-773-8020

## Joe Lackie

The Louisiana Art and Artist Guild extends their condolences and wishes for wellbeing, to the family of Joe Lackie. A long time member of the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild, Joe Lackie, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at the age of 83. Joe was an avid, local artist who also belonged to the St. Francisville and Gonzales Art Galleries. Joe was a genuinely caring and kind person to all he met; always willing to unselfishly share his knowledge about his art techniques to anyone who wanted to learn or just to sit and talk. Joe has been painting for 70+ years and has brought joy and beauty to all who knew him, and some who never met him, through his art works and his "joie de vie." He has been an inspiration to many beginning artists (and some non-beginners, too) and was quick to offer encouragement during the frustrations of learning. He was young in heart and spirit and will be missed by many.

## Recent Workshops

### **Frank Frances - Legendary Landscapes**

In September several artists from Baton Rouge and the surrounding area, including New Orleans, gathered at the Studio in the Park for three days of painting with "Legendary Landscape" painter, Frank Francese.

At one time or another, we have all heard the phrase "I could do that with one hand tied behind my back". Participants in the Frank Francese workshop watched him do just that. Frank first draws a value sketch, using varying gray-tone markers, to use as a visual guide. Then, with one hand behind his back he begins delivering large loose strokes of saturated color onto the pristine white sheet of watercolor paper; referring only to the value sketch to guide where he lays in color on the blank page. After delivering demos each day; with plenty of individual guidance from Frank, participants were challenged to practice Frank's technique of painting on a blank sheet of paper using only the value sketch as a reference to apply the paint.



### **Ron Thomson - Luminous Passages**

The group of artists participating in the recent Ron Thompson, oil/ acrylics workshop enjoyed a lot of individual attention from Ron. It was a small intimate group of seven that gathered for four days of painting with the very talented artist from Alabama.

"I thoroughly enjoyed this learning experience! Ron's insights and painting tips were excellent." ... *Lori Dalton*

"Ron is an excellent teacher. Very encouraging, with loads of good information." ... *Danni Shobe*

"Ron was so 'hands on' ... helpful ... subtle with suggestions, but added to the learning experience. Having not painted with this method was eye opening." ... *Jo Busse*



### **Cheri Fry - The Excitement of Skin and Sky in Watercolor**

Cheri Fry's workshop on painting skin and skies was a fast paced, fun filled three days of watercolor painting. Participants enjoyed learning new techniques and exercises, and completed paintings that challenged them and ensured that they had fun with each piece. The comments from a few of the participants say it all.



"I enjoyed the workshop and got a lot of pointers for painting beautiful skies and skin. Cheri was very helpful and energetic. It was obvious that she spent a lot of time preparing for this workshop. She was eager to "pass on" her knowledge and is a wonderful teacher. Thank you Cheri!" ... *Patricia Ryan*

"I have been painting for a year and a half and taking lessons. I learned so much about color and letting myself enjoy what I'm doing rather than trying to be perfect or painting like someone else. Cheri is the consummate teacher! She encouraged me to be myself and not be afraid to make a mistake. Love her!" ... *Janis Tooley*

"The workshop was more than I expected Ms. Fry was patient; made one feel at ease with her sense of humor, while learning. I would have liked for her workshop to be longer; so much I wanted to learn from her. Thank you Cheri!" ... *Calvin Balencie*



## Upcoming Workshops

### **LAST CHANCE to REGISTER**

#### **Morten Solberg - Having Fun with Watercolor, Not Frustration**

December 6-8, Saturday - Monday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Regular: \$350 LAAG members / \$400 nonmembers

To register, contact Betty Klenke at [bjklenke@gmail.com](mailto:bjklenke@gmail.com) or 225-755-2449

Nationally recognized and award winning Master Artist, Morten Solberg, will be presenting this workshop in conjunction with the 45th River Road Show. While Mort is in Baton Rouge to judge the River Road Show, he will be teaching this three day workshop. If your passion is watercolor, don't miss this opportunity to paint and learn with Mort!!!



### **LAST CHANCE for EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

#### **Keith Andry - Strong Design and Bold Strokes in Watercolor**

January 15,16, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Early Bird (until December 14): \$150 LAAG members

\$200 nonmembers

Regular: \$200 LAAG members / \$250 nonmembers

To register contact Brenda Legendre at [plegend@cox.net](mailto:plegend@cox.net) or 225-769-2991



More info on the LAAG website at [laag-site.org/workshops/Andry/](http://laag-site.org/workshops/Andry/)

#### **Elayne Kuehler - Portraits of Trees in Oils**

February 20-22, Friday - Sunday

Early Bird (until January 19): \$150 LAAG members / \$200 nonmembers

Regular: \$200 LAAG members / \$250 nonmembers

To register contact Joel McLain at [jbmclainla@cox.net](mailto:jbmclainla@cox.net) or 225-766-2353

#### **William (Bill) Crowell - Painting with Acrylics: Exploring the Advantages**

March 13-15, Friday - Sunday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Early Bird (until February 12): \$200 LAAG members

\$250 nonmembers

Regular: \$250 LAAG members / \$300 nonmembers

To register contact Trish Poynot at [grannytrishp@yahoo.com](mailto:grannytrishp@yahoo.com) or 225-756-6635

More info on the LAAG website at [laag-site.org/workshops/Crowell/](http://laag-site.org/workshops/Crowell/)



Experience acrylics at their finest, utilizing a variety of techniques. Instructor, Bill Crowell, has taught acrylics at numerous locations in Louisiana. He specializes in Louisiana subjects and feels strongly about the spirit, culture, and uniqueness of the area. Bill is a member of the Society for Arts in Health Care and the Arts Council of New Orleans. His paintings have won awards in several states and appear in many public and private collections. In this workshop, Bill will be working with intermediate and advanced acrylics students, teaching them to paint in vibrant colors utilizing their own photographs for references. Bill is very friendly and has a comfortable, easygoing teaching style. Come join the fun while you learn!

## **DRAWING CLASS - CHANGE ALERT!!!**

**Steve Shamburger** has a new 2015 schedule and format for his Monday drawing classes. Each month Steve will present a "series" of four+ classes focused on a specific facet/topic of drawing. The registration fees below cover the whole month. Please note: If the participant minimum for a series of classes is not met, that series is subject to cancelation. To ensure the series you are interested in is not canceled be sure to register as early as possible. To register, contact Steve Shamburger at [steve@steveshamburger.com](mailto:steve@steveshamburger.com) or 225-751-1049.

January 5, 12, 19, 26 - 1 to 4pm BASIC DRAWING SKILLS - \$120  
February 2, 9, 16, 23 - 1 to 4pm DRAWING PERSPECTIVE - \$120  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING THE HEAD - \$150  
April 6, 13, 20, 27 - 1 to 3 pm DRAWING CARICATURES - \$80  
May 4, 11, 18, 25 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING PET PORTRAITS FROM PHOTOS - \$150  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING PORTRAITS FROM PHOTOS - \$150  
July 6, 13, 20, 27 - 1 to 4 pm BASIC DRAWING SKILLS - \$120  
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING THE HEAD - \$150  
September 7, 14, 21, 28 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING PERSPECTIVE - \$120  
October 5, 12, 19, 26 - 1 to 3 pm DRAWING CARICATURES - \$80  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1 to 4 pm DRAWING PORTRAITS FROM PHOTOS - \$150

## **Exhibits**

### **Mayor's Office**

LAAG members, Jim Packard, Beth McLain, and LAAG President, Barbara Andrepont had a great time hanging the exhibit at the Mayor's Office on Friday, October 24. The exhibit showcases 12 paintings by 9 artists, including Mary Heckman, Don Rast, Vera Judycki, Cathy Sarrazin, Jim Packard, Lisa Pope, Betty Gravois, Jo Busse and Joel McLain. There is a variety of media including 4 watercolors, 3 oils, 4 acrylics and one mixed media.



### **CALL FOR ART !!**

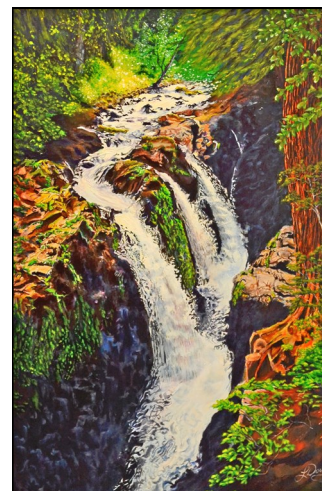
The next exhibit at the Baton Rouge Mayor's Office will go up January 23, 2015. The exhibit is open to all Guild member artists. Beginning January 1, paintings for the Mayor's Office exhibit will be accepted at the Studio in the Park on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday during regular Open Studio hours, until January 21. Artwork submitted for the Mayor's Office exhibit should be 20" X 28" or larger. The new exhibit will hang at the Mayor's Office from January 23 thru April 23. Paintings will be returned to the Studio in the Park, and artists may pickup their paintings during regular Open Studio hours, after April 23.

### **2014 Member Show**

Congratulations to Larry Downs! Larry's acrylic painting, *Three Finger Falls*, was awarded the People's Choice Award at the recent LAAG Fall Member Show which was on display from September through November at the Independence Park Theatre.

### **2015 Member Show**

This members exhibit will hang at the Theatre on January 8 and will be on display for public viewing until March 12. Members wishing to enter this show must bring up to 5 pieces to the Independence Park Theatre on January 8, from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. An artists' reception for this exhibit will be held on February 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Independence Park Theatre. We invite you to join us for snacks and refreshments, to view some wonderful art exhibited by your fellow members and to vote for the best painting for the People's Choice Award.





## Winter Judged Show

LAAG would like to thank Liz Walker, owner of Elizabethan Gallery, for being the Judge of our Annual Winter Judged Show. There's still time to go see the artwork, the show hangs until January 8. We send big congratulations to the following artists who received cash awards at the Reception and Awards Presentation on November 21:

First Place: Jim Packard, *Sugar Cane Road*, acrylic

Second Place: Patricia Ryan, *Jammin~on Royal Street*, watercolor

Third Place: Theresa Marchiafava, *The Family*, mixed media collage

Merit Awards were received by Lisa Pope for her watercolor titled *Bayou Retreat* and to Betty Efferson for her pastel titled *Sunlit Path*.



## Iberville Chapter Exhibit

Seventy-two beautiful pieces of art were exhibited in the 2014 Annual Art Show and Sale. The LAAG Iberville Chapter is very appreciative to Betty Labauve who judged the show. The Reception and Awards Presentation was attended by over 100 people. Congratulations to Larry Downs whose First Place painting *Waiting Their Turn* also won the Peoples Choice Award.

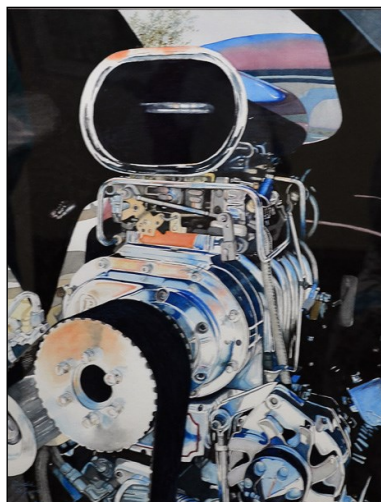
First Place: Larry Downs, *Waiting Their Turn*, acrylic

Second Place: Claudia LeJeune, *Super Chiller Engine*, watercolor

Third Place: Patricia Delk, *Topper and Aubrey*, pencil

Fourth Place: Jim Packard, *Sugar Cane Road*, acrylic

Four artists received an Honorable Mention: Kathy Miller Stone for *Man on a Mission* (watercolor); Calvin Balencie for *Chairs with a View* (watercolor); Randy LaPrairie for *Already Gone* (pastel); and Laurie Broussard for *Man with the Mirrors* (mixed media).



**Kathy Miller Stone**, LAAG member and artist instructor, is presenting "A Celebration of Art," an exhibit featuring the artwork of her students, many of whom are also LAAG members. The exhibit is at the Beauregard Gallery and Bistro located at 715 Europe Street (two blocks behind the McDonald's on Government Street, near downtown). It is a great place to stop in for lunch and take in some wonderful art.

**Featured artists** include: Kay Bailey, Ann Broome, Peggy Broussard, Pat Delk, Emily Efferson, Annette Ghre, Brenda Green, Margaret Gremillion, Beverly Heil, Eleanor Henley, Vera Judycki, Betty Klenke, Barbara Laudun, Joette LeBlanc, Glenda McGlothlin and Hope Troxclair.

There will be an artists reception on December 14, from 2-5 pm.

Also, we want to send our Congratulations!! to **Kathy Miller Stone**, for being presented "The Award of Excellence" by judge, Christine Cozic, for her watercolor titled *The Woods are Lovely, Dark and Deep* at the current Louisiana Watercolor Society Members Show. The exhibit is in Covington at the Christwood Retirement Village, and will be on exhibit there during the month of November and December.



**Cathy Sarrazin's** painting, *Peppermint Twist* took 2nd place in the Under-Glass category in the Metairie Art Guild Lakeside Show in New Orleans from October 5 through 12. The judge was New Orleans native, George Schmidt, who has a gallery on Julia Street.

The 39th Annual **Acadian Art Show**, held at the Iberville Parish Library in Plaquemine, attracts over 70 artists, exhibiting approximately 250 original pieces of art. The competition is open to all non-professional and professional artists, with prize categories for oils (includes acrylics), watercolors and drawing in each division. This year, the Show was on October 7th. LAAG has the distinction of having had several of its members place in the competition. "Congratulations!!" go to the following LAAG members who won awards in this competition in the non professional division:

1st Place - Oils/acrylics - Katie McGarry - for *Camp in the Marsh*

2nd Place - Oils/acrylics - Jo Smith - for *All Aboard*

2nd Place - Watercolors - Kay Bailey - for *Fragmented Caboose*

1st Place - Drawing - Suzanne Lamotte - for *La Playa*

Honorable Mention - Suzanne - Lamotte - for *Cooper's Place*

"Hat's off"!! To the following LAAG members, who participated in a group exhibit held at the Vanguard Gallery on Laurel Street. The exhibit "**Birds of a Feather**," sponsored by local stained glass artist Steve Wilson and his artist wife Claire Wilson and owners of Vanguard Gallery, is a fund raiser exhibit to benefit the Bethany Center Primary School in Jjungo, Uganda.

Carolyn Breau, Susan Cresap, Joel McLain, Beth McLaine, Kathy Miller Stone, Debbie Denstorff, Jane Flowers, Alice Kent, Donna Kilbourne, Wilma Roy, Leah Schwartzman, Joe Lackie, who recently passed away but completed his painting *Birds of a Feather* before we lost him. Joe's painting was honored with a memorial candle, on a pedestal beneath his painting, and a blank card for friends to send wishes to his wife.



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