

# NEWS from the PALETTE



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## 48<sup>th</sup> National River Road Show

Deadline for entry in the Art Guild of Louisiana (formerly the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild) sponsored 48<sup>th</sup> Annual National River Road Show is June 12, 2017. This national juried exhibition draws entries from all over the United States with cash and merchandise awards valued at \$5,000. The LA State Archives Gallery will host the River Road Show once again this year. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display at the Archives from September 5, 2017 - September 28, 2017.

Every year the Reception and Awards Presentation is well attended by over 200 artists, collectors and the general public. This is an excellent venue for showing art because people from all over the nation visit the State Archives.

Go to [www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-road-show-prospectus](http://www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-road-show-prospectus) for complete information and online entry. Or contact Michele Deshotels at [rrs@artguildlouisiana.org](mailto:rrs@artguildlouisiana.org) or 225-205-2942.

## Lian Quan Zhen - Judge, Juror, Instructor

Lian Quan Zhen is a watercolor and Chinese painting artist and teacher in the US and abroad. He is one of the most popular authors of North Light Books.

Lian holds a BA from University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Architecture from MIT. He has shown in the US, Hong Kong and China and developed an international following. His paintings hang in numerous institutional and private collections including the MIT Museum which has collected 14 of his paintings.

His art teaching credentials include the University of California at Berkeley where he taught watercolor outdoor sketching for 8 years; watercolor and Chinese painting workshops in the US, and in Europe, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, China, South Africa and Australia. Lian has been an invited juror for exhibitions in California, Colorado, New Mexico, Georgia, Arizona and Kentucky. His paintings have been featured in many magazines and books. Lian's four books published by North Light Books were distributed internationally. View Lian's work at [www.lianspainting.com](http://www.lianspainting.com)



## Workshop - Watercolor Journey with Lian Zhen

September 7-9, Thursday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Early Bird (until July 22) - \$350 LAAG members / \$400 nonmembers

Regular - \$400 LAAG members / \$450 nonmembers

To register contact Betty Gravois at [elizabethgravois@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgravois@gmail.com) or 732-216-1095



Work continues on the building of the new Art Guild of Louisiana website. Currently only River Road Show information and entry is available at the new website; all the other pages are noted as “under construction”. Although some of those pages may be complete, we will not open the website for public use (other than River Road) until all of the segments and testing are complete. What to look forward to ... a new brighter overall look to the pages for our previous information on exhibits, workshops, members gallery, and other general information pages; online registration and payment via PayPal for workshops, as well as membership .... Easy navigation.

On behalf of the Board members and myself, I would like to offer my personal thank you and note of appreciation for all of the donated materials for our members who were impacted by last year’s “great flood”. In addition to those donations, several families donated a large variety of art supplies/ accessories/art instruction books from guild members who, sadly, we have

lost this year due to their having passed on. After members impacted by the flood had opportunity to pick up supplies, the guild offered the remaining supplies/accessories/art books to all of our members for a “donation”. I am happy to say the guild collected over \$200, from those “donations”. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up the tables so supplies were easy to see and to all the members who made donations for supplies.

I want to thank Kay Bailey for her idea of an evening “open studio” session, and for volunteering her time to make that idea become a reality. We now offer Thursday evening Open Studio time from 4:00pm- 8:00pm. We have had a good response to the additional availability of open studio time. It is fun to see new faces and make new connections with member artists, who are not able to participate in the other studio times. COME JOIN US SOME THURSDAY!

*Life is a great big canvas ... throw as much paint on it as you can! ... Danny Kaye*

Leah Schwartzman, LAAG President

## Ruth McNaylor



We would like to acknowledge the recent passing of one of our most senior members of the Guild. Ruth McNaylor, age 91, passed away on May 6, 2017. Ruth was a frequent artist at Tuesday open studios until last year when medical issues prevented her from attending. She was a passionate pastel artist and a beloved personality at the studio.

Ruth’s spirit will live on at the Studio in the Park because her many boxes of pastels were donated to the guild and will remain at the studio. The pastels will be available to any members interested in “trying their hand” at pastels without investing in a whole new genre of supplies. We know that Ruth would be delighted to know others will experience the joy of “her” pastels. Her

enthusiasm for life and art was inspiring to everyone who met her.

Ruth was active with LAAG since the days of its very beginnings, in the 1950’s; when meetings were held at the old State Capitol and a variety of other “homes” the guild has known over the years. Ruth served as the guild secretary for several years and often spoke about how the guild was one of the highlights in her life. She will be remembered and missed by many.

## Members News

On May 6, West Baton Rouge Parish Library held their 22nd annual Spring Art Show reception in Port Allen LA. There were several Guild winners, way to go guys, keep entering shows...and winning!

**Trish Poynot** had an exhibit during the months of April and May at Beauregard Gallery & Bistro, and for the month of June, she will have an art exhibit on the first floor of Goodwood Library, and also a photography exhibit on the second floor. Way to get your work out there!

**Jo McWilliams** will be exhibiting her work at Ochsner Clinic on Bluebonnet-Summa for June.

**Sara Beth McLain's** painting of The Creek at the Valle Caldera sold at the Baton Rouge Art League Show. Congratulations, Beth!



Guild members **Patti Bailey** and **Patrice Brewer**, have been very busy in the Arts in Medicine Program at Baton Rouge General Foundation under the leadership of Kim Henderson. Patti as Artist in Residence, and Patrice as a part-time contract artist, spend their time visiting patients in the hospital, both children and adults with an "art cart" loaded with a variety of art supplies. They work individually with patients encouraging and assisting them with creating art. It is a well-established fact that art therapy has a positive influence in the healing process, both physically and mentally. Cheers to Patti and Patrice for spreading the Art!

Patti and Patrice also completed a 30" x 40" collaborative acrylic painting inspired by a photograph of Mike the Tiger 6, taken by LSU photographer Eddy Perez, with permission by LSU Strategic Communications Department. Giclee watercolor prints and gallery wrapped canvas prints are available in a variety of sizes from 8x10-30x40. All proceeds benefit Arts in Medicine. For purchase info, contact Patti Bailey @ 469-644-8148.

Patti says, "Volunteer artists are always needed to come share the joy of giving art to our patients!"

## Members Meeting

The Quarterly Louisiana Art and Artists Guild/Art Guild of Louisiana Members Meeting will be held on July 9 at the Studio in the Park, 2490 Silverest Ave, Baton Rouge LA, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Kathy Stone will present a demonstration in watercolor, as a prelude to her workshop "Help is on the Way". You won't want to miss this fun and informative demonstration by Kathy.

There will be refreshments and snacks provided. Contributions to the snack table are always appreciated. SHOW UP! BE PRESENT! HAVE FUN! COME LEARN!

## River Road Show

### Entry Deadline ... June 12

Picture day for the month of June, has been moved to June 11 for the convenience of members who need to have photos taken of their art work for the River Road Show. Please bring your completed entry form and check with your painting on June 11.



The Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild's members exhibit "It's All About Baton Rouge" was hung at the Independence Park Theater Gallery on May 11, 2017 and will be on display for public viewing, 10:00am-5:00pm, Tues – Friday, until July 20. Twelve artists submitted 27 paintings of various mediums including watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media.

An artists' reception will be held at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery on June 4, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. and a \$50 People's Choice Award will be presented. Please, invite friends and family to join you and your fellow member artists for an afternoon of camaraderie, refreshments and art viewing.

### CALL FOR ENTRY ... 2017 SUMMER JUDGED SHOW

Art Guild of Louisiana is seeking art/artists for the 2017 Summer Judged Show. The show is a non-juried, judged exhibit with awards of \$250 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$150.- 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$100 -3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. It is open to artists 18 years of age and older. All mediums of 2 dimensional art are acceptable; no photography, digitally enhanced art, giclee's.

Artists must bring their entries to the Independence Park Theatre on July 20, 2017, between 11:00am and 1:00pm. The exhibit will hang until September 14, 2017. The hanging fee is \$8.00 per painting for LAAG members and \$10 per painting for nonmembers. BREC takes a 20% commission on all sales.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Original art only, completed in the last 2 years (details on originality can be found at [laag.site.org/exhibits](http://laag.site.org/exhibits))

- Maximum size, including the frame 48" in either direction; maximum frame 3"
- Plexiglass required if larger than 18"x 24"
- All art must remain on display till the end of the show (September 14, 2017)
- Paintings must be framed (or gallery wrapped 1 ½ " minimum thickness and painted on all edges)
- Paintings must be identified on the back with artists name, phone number, medium, title of piece, price or NFS, with a stated value

All entries must conform to the LAAG hanging requirements, available on Guild website at [laagsite.org/exhibits](http://laagsite.org/exhibits). Entries that do not meet the installation requirements are subject to disqualification.

We encourage exhibiting artists, be sure to join us at an artists' Awards Reception at Independence Park Theatre on August 6, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm. So, "save the date" and invite family and friends to the awards presentation. Refreshment and snacks will be served, and any food contributions are welcome!

### \*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\* AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017 \*\*\*\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The artists' awards reception at Independence Park Theatre for the SUMMER JUDGED SHOW will be a "special" event that you won't want to miss!

In addition to award \$500 in cash prizes to the winning artists, the Guild will present a special slide show of art work selected by judge Lian Quan Zen to be in the 2017 River Road Art exhibit in September. Enjoy a "sneak preview" of a variety of fantastic art work from across the nation.

Don't miss it! August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Independence Park Theatre Gallery, 6700 Independence Park Boulevard from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

## Recent Workshop

### Kim Santini – “Getting Fresh with Color and Brushwork – Acrylics”

Kim’s own techniques in mixing and applying acrylics was unique to her credit. By design, she used live demonstrations of still life and personal reference photos to help participants with self-expression and to loosen up their brushwork.

Following this workshop, Kim noted in her comments, “It was an honor to share four days with committed, engaged, brave creators. Being invited back teaching my third workshop is also an honor. The Guild consistently draws a delightful demographic to its classes, which makes it especially joyful to come and teach!” Signed: XXXOOO Kim (Santini)



## Upcoming Workshop

### Roberta Loflin – “Starving Artist: Colors in Action” – watermedia

Saturday, June 3 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

Early Bird registration until May 18 - \$50 LAAG members / \$60 nonmembers

Regular Fee - \$60 LAAG members / \$70 nonmembers

To register or for more information, contact Roberta Loflin at [rloflin@gmail.com](mailto:rloflin@gmail.com) or 225-803-6785.

In order to stir the senses, Roberta will teach using various color combinations to create different moods and elicit a variety of emotions in your paintings.

### Maureen Killaby – “Drawing Realism: How to Draw Stone Statues in Granite” – CANCELLED

## Art Guild Open Studio Space ...

Seeks member artists who want a friendly, well-lit place to create art and network with other artists! The Studio in the Park is “the place to be”! There is a cabinet full of objects and lighting to set up still life arrangements and a variety of other art tools/accessories available for use; impromptu mini-classes by other participating artists and informal critiques and discussion if desired, or not ...

Frequent Open Studio attendee and occasional Art Guild instructor, Betty Gravois, recently conducted two (free) informal pastel practice/learning sessions during a Tuesday Open Studio and a Thursday night Open Studio. You never know what might go on in Open Studio! So come by and check it out—bring your paints, or just sit, visit and have a cup of coffee.

As a member of the Art Guild, you have access to this great studio space—at no cost—during any of the Open Studio times listed below:

Tuesdays - 10:00am – 4:00pm water media/drawing (no oils)

Wednesdays – 10:00am – 4:00pm (all media)

Thursdays – 4:00pm – 8:00pm (all media)

Sundays – 1:00pm – 4:00pm (all media)

Note: Open Studio may be cancelled due to workshops or other guild activities. cancellations are posted on the “calendar” on the website just as soon as we know about them. **Check the website calendar for up-to-date information about cancellations!**