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Louisiana

Arts
and
Artists'
Guild



the News from the Palette

YOU'RE INVITED!

WINE AND CHEESE AND YOU!
Plus Tim Lloyd will be doing a demo in oils.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND
OUR FIRST ALL MEMBERS MEETING OF 2009
APRIL 26TH FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM.**

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION NEEDING YOUR INPUT WILL INCLUDE:

- 1) AN ANNUAL MEMBERS ART SALE "ORIGINAL ART IN THE PARK"
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3RD AT THE LAAG STUDIO. \$10.00 entry fee to register due to LAAG by 9/1/09.
- 2) THEMED SHOW ideas
- 3) LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOU THINK MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN
There will be a \$25.00 Door Prize to Co-op Bookstore**

GET READY, SET, PAINT and Save the Dates!
For the 40th Annual River Road Show

SEPTEMBER 14th
Slide/CD entry
DEADLINE

JANUARY 29th
Exhibition Ends

NOVEMBER 2nd
Acceptance/Decline
Notifications

DECEMBER 2nd
Exhibition Opens

DECEMBER 6th
Reception & Awards
Presentation

**40th Annual
River Road
Show**

Deadline for Entries
September 14th

Member News

Kaye Lee

Tyler, Texas is known as the Rose Capital of the country. Everyone has seen Tyler roses for sale at the sides of the road and along with the Rose Gardens. Tyler has an annual Rose Festival and Parade. The East Texas answer to Mardi Gras. Rose Queen, attendants, escorts, presentations, teas and of course balls and wonderful costumes.

In conjunction with this festival in October, The Palette of Roses Art League held it's 56th Annual Roses Art Show, opened by the Rose Queen and her court. **Out of town LAAG member, Kaye Lee was very successful showing her work in this venue.** The Rose Queen chose her picture "One Perfect Rose" as her customary gift from the Art League.

Kaye entered seven pieces of work in the show and received the following awards in the Professional category.

Watercolor/Animals	2 nd	"A Trio of Turtles"
Watercolor/Floral	1st	"Splendor No. 2"
	2nd	"Croton No. 3"
	3rd	"Lily Pond"
Watercolor/Still Life	1st	"Baubles and Beads"
	2nd	"Maui Pineapple"
Figural/Portrait	3 rd	"Tourists - Dreams in Denim"

CONGRATULATIONS KAYE!

Virgie Clark, Larry Downs, Roberta Loflin, Tara Mayo, and Jo McWilliams

exhibited at the Bluebonnet Library during the month of February.

The show was titled "Desirable Discoveries".

June Tuma

Has two works, Sacred Branch, a sculpture, and Persimmons, a 30 x 40 oil painting, accepted into the 43rd Annual Tom Peyton Memorial Arts Festival art competition. The competition is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church in Alexandria, LA. Juror is Gail Lynn Johnson Hood from Covington. Festival dates are April 24-May 3, 2009.

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE UPDATES ON THE LAAG SITE AT

<http://www.laag-site.org/>

Lane Downs, our President, has done an amazing job with our website. If you haven't seen it lately, be sure to do so. Also, if you haven't added your information for your Artist's Statement, get that in soon. There is an excellent calendar online so you can see what's going on all the time at the studio.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT - Greenwell Springs Library Exhibit

\$5 entry fee

2nd Annual Make a Statement Exhibit "People's Choice Award"

The public is invited to vote for their favorite painting. The award is the Peoples' Choice Award given at the reception at the end of the show.

“MEMBERS VOICE”



Judi Betts Watercolor Workshop was another huge success this year...

A word from a member: “I must thank my friend for telling me about Judi's workshop last year. It was so wonderful, I registered again this year and will next year, too. She's a brilliant artist plus she's a sweetheart. It's definitely worth me taking off a week of work to be there and feed that hungry right side of my brain. There were some similarities between the two workshops that I found comfortable, but also the excitement of learning new techniques and tips. I enjoyed networking with people I met before, but it was fun meeting new people this year. Just being in her class is a thrill for me and any positive feedback she gives me invigorates my soul and encourages me to keep sketching and painting. It's so therapeutic. I loved it and hated to see it end.” We also had the pleasure of celebrating her birthday with her and her husband as we sang “Happy Birthday” to her in class one day. Cindy Tullier

Byron Levy's Demo

A word from a member: Charlene Kling attended the demonstration by Byron Levy, as well as, over 40 members of LAAG. She was energized by his demo. Charlene said that Byron told them that you are never too old to learn. Byron told them not to take everything too seriously. He said if something doesn't come out good, “tear it up.” Try something and see if it works. He demonstrated how he felt by tearing up a sketch in front of them. Byron still enjoys experimenting with new equipment. This day he showed the members a new pen he had been using and how he used it. What an inspiration Byron was to everyone there! Byron told them



ALL THE TIME - DRAW

What does your voice say? Have you been to a workshop and would like to share what you learned or tell us about the artist. Anyone you admire as an artist and want to tell us about them. Send your info to Debbie Denstorff at debbiewd@mac.com and we will try to add your info in our next newsletter.

DENHAM SPRINGS ART GUILD

The Denham Springs Art Guild is looking for artists interested in doing a 20-30 minute program for their members at their meetings. If you would like to share your talent or know someone who will, contact Bonnie at myartandsoul@hotmail.com.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...



From AWA and Donna Kilbourne for letting us rent the LAAG facility and disrupt your calendar and routine. Having the use of the studio and some of the inventory made it so much easier. The workshop was a great success. A special thank you to Larry for his help.

Again thanks - Donna

FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

WORKSHOP SHOW – MEMBERS ONLY

Here is your opportunity to show your work that you have done in workshops or classes. (this is the only show these paintings may be submitted in).

LAAG members who are instructors, and teach workshops for LAAG, will be featured. There are instructors who are members but do not teach workshops for us, they are not included. The show will feature their work with a special section dedicated to LAAG instructors (who are members).

SHOW DATES: MAY 28- JULY 23
RECEPTION – JUNE 14th 2:00-4:00 pm

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Demo by Steve Shamburger

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

APRIL – MAY

Della Storms - Acrylic Classes - Painting from Photos

Every Tuesday April 21st through May 19th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Della is celebrating 40 years as an artist and instructor. Her art has been featured at the LSU Exhibition on Animals in Art, Louisiana State Archives, World Trade Center in New Orleans, Zigler Museum, Masur Museum of Art and other exhibitions. Della has worked with beginners, intermediate and advanced artists, as well as the mentally challenged and young incarcerated men.

To schedule for this upcoming workshop **contact Caroline Smack @ 225-925-5764**

\$150.00 members/\$200.00 non-members

MAY 6-8th

Elayne Kuehler - Oil Painting from Photos or Still Lifes

We are fortunate to have Elayne residing in Baton Rouge and offering her talents not only as an artist, but an excellent teacher. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, the Baton Rouge Art League, the New Orleans Art Association and Associated Women in the Arts. She has won many awards nationally and regionally. Her work is owned in private and corporate collections. She has had many one person shows and participated in many group shows. She is represented by the Elizabethan Gallery in Baton Rouge, Collette Fine Art Gallery in Highlands, North Carolina and the Monticello Gallery in Dallas, Texas and exhibits at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts.

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May 5th - June 9th

Steve Shamburger - Oil Portraits from Life

If you missed the last workshop, don't fret, a new class with freelance artist, illustrator and caricaturist, Steve Shamburger, begins again on May 5th. This six week study entitled Oil Portraits from Life, will begin with a color mixing exercise. Each class thereafter will introduce one step of world renown artist, John Sanden's portrait painting method, with a 15 minute video followed by class participation from a live model. This class is for intermediate and above students who wish to advance or expand their oil painting skills.

Lessons will be held at the LAAG Studio in the Park (2490 Silverest Ave.), every Tuesday starting May 5th through June 9th, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Class Fee for LAAG members - \$125/Non-members \$175.

JUNE Tony Couch - Watercolor

AUGUST Alan Flattmann - Pastel and Oil Painting from Photos

SEPTEMBER Larry Downs - Acrylic Revolution - Variety of Technique

NOVEMBER Pat Weaver – Watercolor

DECEMBER Don Andrews - Landscapes in Watercolor

Detailed information on each of the upcoming workshops can be found online at: www.laag-site.org/

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

MAY

Workshop Show - Members only show

May 28 - July 23

Reception, June 14

Demonstration by [Steve Shamburger](#)

JULY

SUMMER JUDGED SHOW

July 23 - September 17

Reception, August 2

SEPTEMBER

Art in Color - Members only show

September 17 - November 12

Reception, September 27

NOVEMBER

WINTER JUDGED SHOW

November 12 - January 7

Reception, November 22

Take-in and Pick-up of works occurs on the first day of each show:

Thursdays, 1 pm - 4 pm

Receptions are held on: Sundays, 2 pm - 4 pm

Exhibit Fees per painting

Judged Shows \$8 for LAAAG members \$10 non members

Member Shows \$5

2009 Board Members and Committee Chairs

President: Lane Downs

Vice-President: Howard Hershburg

Treasurer: Kay Bailey

Membership: Lane Downs

Workshop Chair: Caroline Smack

Gallery Director: Calvin Balencie

River Road Show: June Tuma

Publicity Chair: Tara Mayo

Secretary: Trish Poynot

Newsletter: Debbie Denstorff

Librarians: Eve Carmena and Irma Herzog

Webmaster: Lane Downs

Members-at-Large: Ralph Marino, Roberta Loflin, Sue Wang, Charleen Kling

DO YOU WANT LAAG TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER?

How do we do this, we need YOU!

The key to making an organization great are the people that make up that organization. We need volunteers.

What kind of volunteers? Do you like to entertain? How about serving on our reception committee? It's a great way to meet new people.

How about membership committee, we need new or past members to rejoin and volunteer.

"Serving on the Board or committees has its benefits" The board decided to extend free lifetime membership to all past presidents. Active members can hang paintings at the two Serop's restaurants and at the Mayors Office.

Please send any information or articles that you would like to see in the next newsletter to debbiewd@mac.com for Debbie Denstorff. We want to hear from you. Here is your chance to share what has inspired you or something new you have tried.