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**ELLIS COUNTY ART CENTER
 GENERAL MEETING: 6:30 PM**

April 5, 2010

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings from the President:

Our exhibit at the Lifestyle Expo was fabulous. Ed and Gwen Tobin were great Hosts and their volunteers and demonstrators did a wonderful job. We received so many compliments on your beautiful paintings.

I also want to thank Ed for the delicious refreshments he provided for our last meeting. It was kind of Gwen and Nettie McHone to help him! Ha!

I know Mary Rabien and Jimmy Wharton will have a delightful show at the Master Gardeners Expo March 27th. I can't wait to see all the unique decorative items from the garden they will use to draw attention to our gallery.

The 21st Annual Youth Art Show is approaching quickly on April 9th. Linda Wacaster will need an army of volunteers on Wednesday the 7th to receive art from Teachers and men to carry art screens upstairs. She will need help to hang and judge art on the 8th. I hope many of you will try to attend the show on the 9th. It is amazing how much talent the young artists have and we hope will someday be members of our art association. Be prepared to assist Linda Wacaster in any way you can. The Show will require members to act as hosts the following week as visitors come to view the abundance of art. We had over 1000 entries last year. It was an awesome show.

ECAA has a unique opportunity to host the OUTDOOR PAINTERS SOCIETY April 22,23,and 24th. We will provide lunch for our guests. Contact Tina Bohlman to assist in this endeavor.

It's hard to believe that Spring is here and Summer will not be too far behind. That means it's "PLEIN AIR 2010 PAINT HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE TIME"! The deadline to enter is April 23rd. The event begins May 28 through June 6th. Tina Bohlman will provide

more specific information on the daily events and how you can participate.

We desperately need a Vice President and Recording Secretary for next year.

Please contact any of the officers or board members if you are willing to consider a position or want more information.

Board Meeting Monday March 29th
 April 19th

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS			
		6:00 PM	
April 19	2010	“	
May 24,	2010	“	
June 28,	2010	“	
July 26,	2010	“	
August 30,	2010	“	

Sadly, we have news that Shawn Davis is resigning as Social Director/Special Events as of April 1. A replacement will be needed as soon as possible.

Monthly meetings are covered until July. Special Events is a Special job and includes Anderson Openings, Plein Aire, Fall Show, Christmas Part and Youth Show.

April 5, 2010

DEMONSTRATOR: .

Robert Burke Burns

Burke is a native Texan, born in Dallas, Texas. He grew up in Texarkana, Arkansas, and was always “drawing things”. As a young man he studied advertising and fine art at Harris Art School in Nashville, Tennessee.

His life’s work career wasn’t spent “doing art”, but he always desired to someday become a painter. He continued to study art over the years, focusing on watercolors and oils, and taking lessons from various artists in New Jersey, Texas, New Mexico and North Carolina. He has traveled extensively in Europe and visited many galleries and art museums studying the “old masters” and especially the “impressionists” painters, who are his favorites.

Burke’s art works reflect his love of God’s creations, whether it be flowers, animals, outdoor scenes, people, or things people have designed and built. He enjoys time in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico and Colorado, and studies and paints there with artist friends. He has a residence and studio in Red River, New Mexico, as well as Texas.

His work has won numerous awards in local and regional shows, and is in numerous private collections. He is currently represented by galleries in New Mexico and Texas.

Burke has been painting seriously since 1992, conducts painting workshops, and is available for commissions. In addition to his fine art paintings, he has designed many houses over the years, both for himself, builders and Others.

WAXAHACHIE WESTERN HERITAGE WEEKEND

MUSIC—FOOD—BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE

CONTACT:

MARK MILLER 972-921-1509

Www.texasmusictheater.com

PO Box 272
Maypearl, TX 76074

April Hostesses:

Betty King— Shawn Davis

Thank you to our March refreshment Committee:
Nettie McHone and Gwen Tobin and Eddie Tobin

EVENTS

2010

YOUTH ART SHOW	Apr. 9-15
PAINT HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE	May 30
SUMMER ART ACADEMY	July 12 thru 23

SCHEDULE OF DEMONSTRATORS 2010

April 05	Burke Burns	Watercolor
May 3	Pending	

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP
FROM: TINA BOHLMAN

Re: 5th Annual Paint Historic Waxahachie!

ECAA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The growth of Ellis County is bringing a higher appreciation of fine arts to the area and our Fine Arts Center and Museum is a popular attraction. Visitors to the Art Center have steadily increased and every month we gain new members. Every year we sponsor major events that collectively bring hundreds of visitors through our doors. The Youth Art Show in the Spring always “packs the house”!

It takes a huge volunteer effort on behalf of ECAA membership to maintain our Art Center. **The cost to maintain our building and provide benefits to our membership averages over \$1500 per month.** Our Art Center is open 5 days per week for classes, member activities and special events. We enjoy the privilege of having a place to paint whenever we want to. We enjoy the privilege of exhibiting our art FREE with only a small amount retained by ECAA when we sell. Our major source of funding comes from a percentage of tourism tax revenue, and the balance of our funding is from membership dues, private donations and FUNDRAISERS.

If you volunteer regularly, and participate in every way you can, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

If it's been a while since you last helped with fundraising efforts.....

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED AGAIN.

Bottom line : THE SUCCESS OF ANY EVENT IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON VOLUNTEER HOURS BY MEMBERS. Over the past couple of years, member participation has amounted to only a handful of people doing ALL the work for the benefit of the rest of the membership. Of course, in every organization that is the normal volunteer ratio most of the time. There are leaders and there are followers, and your leaders need followers! Paint Historic Waxahachie is a HUGE fundraising project and your help is needed.

As you know, the Plein Air event scheduled from May 28th to June 6th is a major Fundraiser for 2010. In order for this event to be successful, many tasks must be completed over the next 8 weeks. Thus far, the “core committee” has been laying the foundation and putting plans in motion for the event. The time has now come for more workers.

The goal is to raise \$5000 after expenses. An event such as this in other towns across the nation averages as much as \$20,000. **I KNOW WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO THIS.**

Won't you get involved today? With your help, 2010 will be a landmark year for our Association.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Larke Davis	3 Jim Shivers
7 Brenda Styron	10 Jason Jenicke
15 DeBob Jacob	16 Donald Wharton
16 Melinda Kocian	18 Andrea Almond
20 David Tripp	25 Sassy Lisinger
27 Jan Smith	

CEDAR HILL REGIONAL ART EXHIBIT

The deadline for entering the Third Annual Regional Art Exhibit , sponsored by Visual Artists of Cedar Hill and the City of Cedar Hill, is fast approaching. Get your copy of the prospectus at www.thevach.org and enter soon. For more information contact show chair, Judy Burch at 214-641-3831; or Sandy Reese 972-217-1546.

Over \$2,000.00 cash and prizes will be awarded.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING
ARTISTS

Paint Historic Terrell March 22—27

TINA BOHLMAN

2nd Place

RAMONA MURPHY

Honorable Mention

42nd ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

If you are interested in reserving a booth or tent space June 5 and 6, 2010—
There are print-outs available at the Art Center with all information and application forms.

MICHAEL CHESLEY JOHNSON

APPLICATION FOR WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER ATTACHED

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PAINT HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE

PLEIN AIR 2010

May 28 through June 6

\$30.00 for Members #60.00 for Non-Members Entry Deadline— April 23

More information at ECAA Art Center.

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Michael Chesley Johnson, MPAC, PSA, PSNM

Michael is a Master Pastellist of *Pastel Artists Canada*, a Signature Member of the *Pastel Society of America* and the *Pastel Society of New Mexico*, as well as a juried member of *Oil Painters of America* and other prestigious groups. His award-winning work has been in shows in both the US and Canada and has been published in *The Artist's Magazine*, *The Pastel Journal*, *American Artist* and *Fine Art Connoisseur (Plain Air Magazine)*.

Primarily self-instructed, he has studied under master artists such as Albert Handell, Doug Dawson, Bob Rohm, Ann Templeton and Ray Roberts. Michael is noted for his strong sense of color, his use of expressive strokes and his ability to capture the mood of the landscape simply. Michael teaches throughout North America and also conducts intensive workshops at Friar's Bay Studio Gallery on Campobello Island in the Canadian Maritimes. All students, from beginner to professional artists, praise his relaxed but helpful manner of teaching.

He has taught at workshop centers and for art groups such as: *Acadia Workshop Center (ME)*; *Sedona Arts Center (AZ)*; *Old Forge Arts Center (NY)*; *Sunbury Shores Art & Nature Centre (NB)*; *Pastel Artists Canada (ON)*; *New Hampshire Plein Air (NH)*; *Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod (MA)*; *York Art Association (ME)*; *Springfield Area Pastellists (IL)*; *Los Reyes Gallery (AZ)*; *Bay River Art Guild (AL)*; *Roswell Museum (NM)*; *Hubbard Museum of the American West (NM)*; *ArtCenter Traverse City (MI)*; *Lawrence Academy (MA)* and *Cloudcroft Art Workshops (NM)*.

Michael is the author of the books, *Backpacker Painting: Outdoors with Pastel & Oil*, *Through a Painter's Brush: A Year on Campobello Island* and *The Art of Ann Templeton: A Step Beyond*. He writes regularly for *The Pastel Journal*, *The Artist's Magazine* and *Watercolor Artist*.

Michael and his wife Trina live on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, in the Canadian Maritimes and in Sedona, Arizona

Michael is one of 30 nationally-known artists invited to paint in the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Sedona Plein Air Festivals. Don't miss this opportunity to join him for an intensive 3-day plein air oil workshop in Waxahachie, Texas, October 18, 19, 20, 2010.

The workshop is for all skill levels and will include plenty of critiques and "art talk".

Class meets 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily

Lunch, snacks & bottled water included

The maximum number of students is 12 - this workshop will fill quickly!

WAITING LIST

**If the workshop is full, you may request to be placed on a waiting list. If you should so choose, you will be notified and your registration and payment will be held pending a cancellation. In the event that a space does not open, your payment will be returned.

PAYMENT/REFUND POLICY

To register, fill out the form and mail it with your payment. A deposit of \$100 is required to hold your place in the workshop. Payments will be deposited upon receipt. Once a space has been reserved, there will be a \$35 non-refundable cancellation fee prior to October 1, 2010

Absolutely no refunds will be given after OCTOBER 1, 2010

Unforeseen personal emergencies do happen, but we must adhere to this policy. Drop-outs or no shows will not receive a refund no matter what the circumstances.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Ellis County Art Association
Attn: Tina Bohlman - MCJ Workshop
501 West Main Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Contact: Tina Bohlman
admin@elliscountyart.net
972-741-6154

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
October 18, 19, 20, ~ 2010

ECAA MEMBERS: \$225 ____

NON-MEMBERS: \$275 ____

IF WORKSHOP IS FULL: (PLEASE SELECT AN OPTION)

YES! PLACE ME ON WAITING LIST and hold my registration and payment pending a cancellation. Notification by email (or phone)

NO-PLEASE RETURN MY PAYMENT

Please print clearly

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL WORKSHOP FEE: \$ _____

*** DEPOSIT \$** _____

BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

- A deposit of \$100.00 is due at time of registration.

WORKSHOP LOCATION

Ellis County Art Association Fine Art Center,
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