



Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA Regular Meeting:

**Monday, August 7, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.
Ellis County Art Museum**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Everybody!

Since the last newsletter, June & July were two very busy months!

If you haven't already heard.....the Plein Aire event (formerly the Gingerbread Show) was a huge success. The Quick Draw & auction on the Square was so much fun! The Friday night backyard Bar-B-Que was a great way for artists, volunteers & art patrons to meet & socialize. The Saturday evening reception & opening exhibition was very well attended and sales were brisk. The artists and art were absolutely top quality! Every artist sold at least one painting and several artists made multiple sales.

The show made a nice profit and the favorite "buzz word" around Waxahachie is *PAINT OUT*....for several months, we had to explain over & over again what happens at a "Paint Out" event. All during the event week, when people started seeing artists painting on location throughout downtown & in the historic districts, everyone started to "get it". The end result is a new awareness of ECAA and our place in the fine art community. Comments from participating artists indicate our event is one of the finest and best organized shows this year and they all asked to be invited back! If you want to be a part of next year's exciting art event, sign up at the August meeting; there's a job for everyone, & work begins in December.

For two weeks in July, the 2nd Annual Summer Art Academy had another group of super-talented kids! **Jane Jacobs, Linda Schindler,** and **Linda Wacaster** were the instructors, classroom aids were **Margaret Gaston** and **Lindy Nobles**, volunteer helpers were **Rita Hanson, Barbara McMullen, Joyce Wright.** Thanks to **Shawn Davis** for setting up the reception table with cookies & punch. The special exhibition of paintings and sculpture was well attended and the proud smiles on kids & parents alike was proof that this project is well worth the time spent each summer.

The rest of the year is full of special events and we need all members to consider helping on one or more of the up-coming projects: *Anderson Gallery opening, Garage Sale, Bob Phillips Festival, Membership Holiday show & sale, and the Christmas Party.*

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this past ECAA year a huge success.

Tina Bohlman

 *August Hostesses* 

Hostesses for the August 7th meeting are:
Carol Cull and Lindy Nobles

NEW MEMBERS

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| Ramona Freeman P.O. Box 147 Italy, TX 76651 972-483-6155 | Jennifer Howell 507 W. Second St. Waxahachie, TX 75165 972-923-2357 |
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IT'S A GOOSE! IT'S A SNAKE! . . .



No. . . it's just a lit'l ole' gourd that's been transformed into a beautiful work of art or birdhouse. Growers and gourd enthusiasts, Walt and Jan Friis, will present a short presentation on how to decorate and convert gourds into birdhouses, covered dishes and such. They have loaned us a book which shows myriad ways to decorate them. It is clearly ART not a CRAFT. They can sell for \$100's!

Linda Moxley and Jane Jacob recently brought about 100 gourds to the museum from Walt and Jan. As a money maker for the museum, members are being asked (if the wish) to "check out" a couple of gourds to paint and decorate for our upcoming September Anderson Gallery show. We will display the gourds during the show as a "tie-in" to the theme, *"What Did You Do on Your Summer Vacation?"* Walt will also bring his tools for making holes for birdhouses and cutting the gourds, so anyone who has already picked up and completed their gourd and wants to convert their's will have the opportunity to do so at the meeting. **There is a clip board near the gourds for you to sign when you check them out.** Of course, you will need to complete the necessary Gallery paperwork when you have completed the gourds (including title and price—artists get their percentage and the Museum its cut).

It was like Christmas when the Friday Painters saw the gourds...“This looks like a goose”...“This is a snake....look at the tongue”. We can all have a good time with this. Let your imaginations go wild and use your best skills to continue to show the community the talent that resides at the Museum! Check out the gourd book (on the phone table in the main room - Please be gentle with it.), bring your completed gourds to the meeting for drilling and cutting, pick up gourds at the meeting for decorating for the upcoming Anderson show...for more info, check out websites: <http://www.gourdsbyjeanie.com> or <http://www.rusticacres.net/index.html>

ECAA Garage Sale



The annual ECAA Garage Sale will be the weekend of October 6 and 7. It's not too early to start gathering those unwanted items. Let's make this the best sale yet! Remember to donate large items like furniture and appliances—you can get them out of your way, and you'll be helping the art association at the same time!

Priscilla Parker will chair the event again this year and is looking for a co-chairman to share in the FUN! **Call her at 972-937-8365** if you can help out with this event.

ECAA Officer Installation

The new officers for 2006-2007 year will be installed at the August 7th meeting. Along with the installation, 27 people will be recognized for contributions. *We are also in need of a Treasurer* for the association in that Nettie, unfortunately, will not be able to continue for the coming year. Anyone who might be interested in assuming her responsibilities is encouraged to contact Tina Bohlman, ASAP. Nettie will be glad to help with the transition.

ECAA Member Dues now Due!

Membership dues are now due for the 2006-2007 year. Be sure to fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail with your check or bring to the meeting. Your membership must be paid by the September meeting in order for your information to be included in the 2006-07 Membership Directory. Don't miss out on all the exciting events for the new year!



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Association to hold Bridal Shower for Alice Hadley

It isn't often that we get a chance to show someone how much they mean to us or how much their presence has enriched our lives. We are privileged to be able to do that for our own Alice Hadley, whose efforts have been indispensable in various ECAA events, including the Anderson Gallery openings.

Alice is marrying her long-time beau, Lee, right here in our beautiful building in October, and we are going to "shower her" with our love and appreciation, Saturday, September 23rd, at 3:00PM.

The event is being produced and hosted by Rita Hanson and Jill Parr. All suggestions, contributions and pledges for food or service can be directed to:

Rita (972) 937-2267 cell (2145) 707-2207
Jill (972) 938-2869 jillart2@juno.com

We are looking for support for this event from among our membership: Petty Cash for minor purchases - decorations, stamps, etc.

Decorations

Help putting up decorations the 22nd and 23rd

Refreshments

Cleaning up

Anyone wanting to buy and donate decorations or food, please call Rita or Jill for coordination.

Look for formal announcement in the September ECAA newsletter.

Be Sure to Record Your Hours

Don't forget to record your volunteer hours in the Volunteer Book located in the library. Linda Moxley will soon be making her year-end tally of volunteer hours for recognition at the December Volunteer Recognition event. Make sure you get credit for all you've done throughout the past year to contribute to the growth and success of the Association and Museum. We want to make sure everyone receives their deserved recognition.



Art Class schedules have been updated on the website. There's a class waiting for you—check it out at www.elliscountyart.net

June, July, August Birthdays

June

- 9 Darlene Fuller
9 Mary Proffitt
11 Joy Elliott
14 Mitti Bowren
16 Lou Reynolds

July

- 3 Linda Moxley
4 Tina Bohlman
7 Ellie Abbott
7 Marlene Steele
11 Kathleen Fremouw
13 Ann Jones
20 Roy McHone

August

- 3 Ramona Murphy
10 Julie Morrison
11 Bill Gathings
12 Cynthia Phifer
15 Joanne Taylor
15 Phyllis Shingler
19 Alice Hadley
26 Elida Vidos



Outdoor Adventures Expo

Friday, September 29, 5:00-8:00pm
Saturday, September 30, 8:00am-5:00pm
Ellis County EXPO Center

Hwy, 287 Bypass, Waxahachie

Vendor Booths, Special Presentations, Contests and Prizes

Expose your art to hundreds of attendees. Host your own booth or booths. Rental rates for a basic 10' x10' booth start at \$100, for businesses; \$50, for non-profit organizations. Booths are rented on a first-pay, first-choice basis. So reserve yours now! Make a Presentation, Do a Demonstration! Have an Event! Spotlight your work by making a special presentation on stage or hosting a contest or holding a demonstration. There are numerous possibilities! Subject matter at the event includes hunting, fishing, sailing, horseshoe pitching, motorcycling, tennis, golf, kite flying, bird watching... Several of you might want to go in together and rent a booth for a chance to display and sell your creations. For more information or to reserve your booth contact: Jennifer Howell at Howell Agency, 972-937-8552 or Jennifer@howellagency.com

"Color is my day-long obsession, joy and torment."

Claude Monet

Membership Registration & Dues form with fields for Date, Name, Address, City, Zip, Birthday, E-mail Address, Web-Site, and Type of Membership (Active, Junior, Friend, College, Patron, Sponsor, Benefactor).

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Thank you to active and supporting members alike for your involvement with the Ellis County Art Association and Fine Arts Museum! Your contributions to ECAA are tax deductible