



Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA Christmas Party/Volunteer Recognition: Monday, December 5, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. Ellis County Art Museum

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF TALENT!!! The Membership Show and Holiday Sale is, absolutely without question, the finest collection assembled by ECAA members in a long time...congratulations to the exhibitors...in my book, you're ALL winners! Our gallery rooms look great. The Saturday evening Wine and Cheese reception was a success with more than 60 in attendance. Sunday afternoon had a nice "come & go" crowd too. Several guests commented on the professionalism and quality of the work on display. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped to hang the juried show as well as the mini show on Friday. **Special thanks: DeBob Jacob, Linda Schindler and Jill Parr** for serving as jurors and putting the show together.

We have a new PA system! I purchased it on eBay and I'm looking for "partners" to help with the \$160 cost. Any amount will be accepted...just place your contribution in an envelope and put it in the Treasurer's box outside the office. This system will be great for all our meetings, events, and workshops. We'll "break-it-in" at the Christmas Party with the Volunteer Recognition program.

We plan to do a "little" decorating at the Museum for the Christmas Party. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please call Tina Bohlman at 972.937.3414 or 972.937.6797.

HELP WANTED

PFSSAM WORKERS. (Print, Fold, Stuff, Stamp And Mail). Apply to ECAA office. Ask for Tina. Experience not required. Great working conditions. Friendly people. Credit for Volunteer Hours.

ECAA Christmas Wish List

Please consider adding the Art Center and Museum to your holiday gift list this year. We need:

Paper Shredder, CASH, Ink Cartridges for printer, CASH, Fire-proof file and/or safe (for important documents and files), CASH, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags, CASH, Area Rug for Library (5' x 8'), 2' step ladder, 6' or 12' Aluminum Ladder (multi-use folding with scaffolding would be great!), CASH, Thermostat controlled oil filled space heater for office and Library area, and.....CASH!



December Hostesses

Chairpersons for our December 5th Christmas Party are Helen Lundberg, Nettie and Roy McHone.

All current members are asked to bring food for the party. So we can coordinate the menu, please call Helen at 972.723.6508 to let her know you will attend, your covered dish, and how many in your party. We're expecting about 40 extra guests, so please plan accordingly.

Kudos to the Cooks

A special "thank you" to Helen Lundberg for the November Show and Sale reception table...

it was magnificent!

As usual, everyone (too many to list) contributed to the success of the show and my hat's off to all of you!

MEMBERSHIP SHOW & MINI SALE

DeBob and I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Juried Show and our new Miniature Sale. This was a major project and with everyone's help it went really well. Friday's painters group painting looked beautiful on the program. The building looked beautiful with all the new improvements. And I must say, all the members looked especially good since I usually see everyone in painting clothes. DeBob, Jill and I were really impressed with the art work in the Juried Show and awarding ribbons was really a difficult decision. — Linda Schindler



Best of Show - Jane Jacobs

All participants should be proud of the exhibition. Winners are listed as follows:

Best of Show: Jane Jacobs

Portraits: 1st-Rita Hanson, 2nd-Jane Richardson, 3rd-Peggy Rawland

Animals: 1st-Jane Jacobs, 2nd-Davonna Moegelin, 3rd-Roy McHone

Honorable-Marzelle Parish, Honorable-Peggy Rawland

Mixed Media: 1st-Margaret Youngblood, 2nd-Helen Youngblood,
3rd-Ramona Murphy

China Painting: 1st-Nettie McHone, 2nd-Ouida Borders,
3rd-Nettie McHone

Landscape: 1st-Jan Delipsey, 2nd-Marzelle Parish, 3rd-Jan Smith,
Honorable-Jane Jacobs

Watercolor: 1st-Joyce Wright, 2nd-Ramona Murphy,
3rd-Judy Stockton, Honorable-Claudia Parsons

Floral & Still Life: 1st-Jane Jacobs, 2nd-Betty King, 3rd-Jan Smith,
Honorable-Lindy Nobles

People's Choice: Tie - Rita Hanson and Lindy Nobles
(because of the tie we were short a ribbon and will order another for placement at a later time)

Save the Date ...

In conjunction with our recognition of Past Officers for voluntary service, we will have our annual **Christmas Party at the Museum on Monday, December 5th** following the recognition ceremony beginning at 6:30p.m. Bring your significant other, a covered dish, and a wrapped White Elephant gift (if you wish to participate) and join us in celebration of the season. Dress is Holiday casual.



In order to make sure we don't end up with 15 greenbean casseroles, **Helen Lundberg** is coordinating the menu. Please call Helen at 972.723.6508 or email her at helro@aircanopy.net to let her know you'll be attending, the dish you plan to bring and how many guests will be with you. There will be a list posted at the Museum of those who have already signed up in case you forgot what you were bringing. If you signed up to sponsor a table by providing the table settings and decorations please bring the following:

Card Table Table Cloth 4 Plates 4 Napkins

Small Centerpiece 4 Favors (Approx. \$1.00 each)

Please have your table set up by 5:30p.m. on Dec. 5th

We need 20 tables sponsored. We will vote on our favorite table and the winner will receive a door prize. ECAA will furnish dessert plates, plastic flatware, cocktail napkins, ice, plastic glasses, styro-foam cups, punch, tea, coffee and a ham. Any questions, call **Nettie McHone** at 972.938.3322.

Priscilla Parker has volunteered to be our slightly off-key song leader for the evening.

Ellis County Art Association Newsletter Editor: Lindy Elkington Nobles. Articles for publication should be received by the 20th of each month. Information can be sent to: lyndle@aol.com or mailed to the museum at 501 W. Main St., Waxahachie, TX 75165



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ECAA to Hold First Volunteer Recognition Program

Over 40 past officers will be recognized for their voluntary service on the evening of December 5th. It will provide new members the opportunity to meet those who provided the Association with its vitality throughout the years. The occasion will give many of us the chance to match names with faces and we anticipate there will be a lot of hugging among friends who have not seen each other for some time.

Membership directories were used to identify the past position-holders. Then, with the assistance of current and former members and the internet, the past officers were located and informed of the event. We are excited and look forward to recognizing these loyal workers for their selfless dedication to Ellis County Art Association.

OCTOBER TOP VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Program records show that **President, Tina Bohlman**, logged in nearly 40 hours in October planning and conducting meetings and assisting with the Sales Gallery renovation and Fall Show. Applause also goes to **Artist-In-Residence, Linda Wacaster**, for donating over 20 hours of her time remodeling the Sales Gallery. Check-out the Sales Gallery—What a difference volunteers make!

Members, please remember to record the time you contribute. This information is of critical importance when preparing proposals for funding purposes.

Did you know...?

One of members has painted a portrait of Willie Nelson and met him in person? That would be one of our long-time members, Ruth Burton.



November Mini-Show Winners

1st - Ouida Borders

2nd - Ann Jones

Support our Mini-Show Sponsor...
buy your supplies from Asel Art!

December Birthdays



3	Tobin, Gwen	17	Hanson, Rita
4	LaRose, Lynn	17	Weatherly, Peggy
7	DeVore, Donald P.	19	Gaston, Margaret
12	Reese, Ken	24	Youngblood, Margaret
14	Jacobs, Jane	26	Nooner, Margaret
14	Wacaster, Linda	30	Cull, Carol
16	Lundberg, Helen		

US Mail vs. E-Mail

In an effort to save mailing and printing costs for our newsletter, ECAA is going to start e-mailing our monthly newsletter to those members who wish to receive it electronically.

The newsletter will be in a pdf format as it is on our website. Members will simply "double-click" on their e-mail attachment and the file will automatically download to their computer. You can then view it on-screen using Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free program from Adobe.com) and print it out at your leisure or keep it on your desktop for quick reference.

If you chose the pdf format you will no longer receive a newsletter by US mail. As always, there will be extras available at the Museum and on our website.

The Supply Box

by Jill Parr

Did you notice that the Supply Box has been empty several months in a row? Time has a way of racing by me without even a "How do you do?"

This month I'm going to discuss one of the best kept secret sources for supplies:

JO-ANN
229 E FM 1382, STE. 510
CEDAR HILL, TX 75104
972.291.6252

"How" you may be asking at this very moment, "does it keep itself such a secret?" *By disguising itself as a fabric store.* I'm not a seamstress...how was I to know? Like most of the guys I know, I groaned inwardly if someone mentioned Jo-Ann's, picturing snippets of lace and bolts of calico for aprons, and me, bored, holding someone else's packages, and possibly their purse, while they went on a touch and feel-a-thon in a fabric forest! GUESS WHAT! All of that is actually there, plus a mind blowing array of gifts, seasonal items, and a good inventory of common and not so common art supplies at prices that compete with or actually beat other art supply stores. They were offering a nifty brushed stainless steel art supply box that was sleek, beautiful, and indestructible in case you want to take it with you on a spy mission!

The customer service was terrific. The sales person who helped me actually opened products and let me put a drop on my hand to see the results for myself. I understand that the Store Manager is Fernando Chapa, and he will be glad to help you with any problems or questions you might have.

While I was there, I spoke with several gentlemen about their experiences shopping at Jo-Ann's. Henry Z. said he's been shopping at Jo-Ann's about two years, ever since he (accidentally) discovered it while he was run-

ning errands with his wife. Like me, he said he dreaded going in, but was surprised and pleased to see what they offer. He does military scrapbooks. He started with his own WWII service, and his son's service in Viet Nam, finally protecting and displaying medals, articles, photos, letters, and his own sepia ink drawings. He even embellishes the covers. When they are completed they resemble coffee table books. He said Jo-Ann's personnel has been responsible for introducing him to new techniques and materials. His scrapbooking has evolved so much he's now considering going back to the first ones he made and redoing them.

Mason B. received circulars from Jo-Ann's about 5 years ago inviting him to take advantage of 50% off on framing. He'd been thinking about putting together some old toys, photos, labels, and baby shoes into a kind of collage and he needed a shadow box. That project came out so well that he started making shadow box collages for friends, and now he sometimes gets commissioned to make them for weddings and family reunions. Mason said Jo-Ann's always has exactly what he needs whether it's supplies or advice on the best way of doing something. "You know it's a great store when they'll actually direct you to a *different* store if they think you can get it cheaper or a better selection!" he said. I asked him if he wouldn't let me put his name and number in my column, and he looked down at his shoe for a few seconds and, with twinkling eyes and a big grin, said, "Thank you kindly, but I'm retired and I just don't want to be that busy!"

It seems that Jo-Ann's is also a good place to meet interesting people.

I give JO-ANN'S five stars. ★★★★★

P.S. They couldn't give us a discount because it would have to come from corporate headquarters. But we love them anyway.