

Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA Regular Meeting:
Monday, February 6, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.
Ellis County Art Museum

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Did everyone see the front page of the *Daily Light* on January 20th? Our **Friday Painters** were featured with a great color photo. The article was about their 8-piece painting and included a little history about ECAA. We are all so proud of you! **Well done, Ladies!!!!**

Thanks to **Priscilla Parker** for up-dating our "History of the Ellis County Art Association & Fine Arts Museum". We provide a copy to guests and visitors and they use it to take self-guided tours of the building. Several copies of the "history" are on the desk in the **Library**. Next time you're in the building, take a moment and read it. Our history is very interesting!

Speaking of the **Library**, doesn't it look nice in there? **Linda Wacaster & Linda Schindler** put in some long hours so be sure and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts. There's still more to come; books, tapes, and a bulletin board. This area is also our **Volunteer Center**. Thank you **Phyllis Shingler** for donating the area rug! It adds a lot to the room.

The Anderson Gallery Update!!!! It's moving ahead on schedule. 3-way spotlights in each of the alcove galleries will be installed by the time you read this! **Jill Parr**, our Gallery Director is working so hard in preparation of our opening reception on **Feb. 11th**. **Alice Hadley** has accepted the position of Jill's assistant and will handle paperwork, publicity and anything else that Jill can toss in her lap! Thank you both for all your hard work and we're looking forward to the opening. Press Releases, feature articles and a Ribbon Cutting are in the works...Stay tuned! Have you selected your pieces for the show?

BUSINESS EXPO MARCH 4th! This will be the 3rd year we have participated in this event and every year we're getting better responses. It gives us an opportunity to connect and network with other businesses in the area. This year, in addition to encouraging new members, we'll promote ECAA events such as our Anderson Gallery, the Youth Show, Gingerbread Trails Paint Out and our Art Academy. We'll need volunteers to help set up, take down, exhibit, & demonstrate. **Contact: Karen White 972-672-4242**

Our new ramp at the side entrance is under construction and should be complete by our next meeting. Ben Hanson is the "architect, engineer & construction foreman". Thanks, Ben....this will make it a lot easier for members AND visitors that use the side door.

MUSEUM DOCENT VOLUNTEERS: I'll be contacting you soon & set up a training session! There are still some time-slots available. 1day or afternoon a month... **Call Tina today! 972-741-6154.**

2005-06 Directory Now Available!!!

The 2005-06 Membership Directory is now available. Be sure to pick up your copy at the Museum if you haven't already done so.

ECAA Museum Hosts Premier Art Event

ECAA will host the grand opening of their rededicated Anderson Gallery along with a wine and cheese reception on **Saturday, February 11th from 6:30-9:00pm** in the newly refurbished former gift shop at the Museum. The public is invited.

The grand opening will introduce new works by Association members. The Anderson houses three smaller galleries with semi-permanent collections available for sales: the Miniature Gallery, the China Gallery and the Print Gallery. A portion of all sales will benefit the Museum. Jill Parr has accepted the appointment of Gallery Director for the facility. "We will host an opening once every three months," says Parr.

Art will be accepted for the February opening as follows: Sat., Jan. 28 - 10AM to 3PM, Sun., Jan. 29 - 12Noon to 3PM, Sat., Feb. 4 - 10AM to 3PM and Sun., Feb. 5 - 12Noon to 3PM.

Plan to spend enough time to fill out paper work. There is a contract, an inventory sheet of the art pieces you are contributing, and a bio sheet which, once filled out will be kept on record and not have to be done again. Work **WILL NOT** be accepted after February 5th because we will immediately begin to make price lists for the show and hang work. We don't want to wait until the last minute for any of the zillion tasks involved in putting on this show. We will have flyers available on all contributing artists for the opening on Saturday, Feb. 11th.

For additional information contact **Jill Parr** at 972-937-3414.

FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATOR

You're in for a treat at the February 6th meeting! Our demonstrator will be Dallas artist **Lucille Carter**. A native of New York, **Lucille Cole Carter** evolved from a very successful fashion and furniture illustrator into an outstanding fine artist, recognized regionally and nationally for her vivid oil, pastel and acrylic paintings.



© Lucille Carter

Carter is an associate member of Oil Painters of America and the Portrait Society of America. She is an award-winning member of Associated Creative Artists, the Pastel Society of the Southwest, and is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America.

Carter's work has been represented by galleries in New York, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina and Texas; and is included in many important collections in the United States, Canada and Mexico. She is a partner in The Artists' Showplace Gallery in Dallas, Texas.

"There is such great joy in transforming what many view as ordinary objects or elements into beautiful works of art, through skillful use of form, light and color. It is my goal to create paintings that draw the viewer in, so I may share my personal vision, experience and emotion. My hope is that the experience will be rich enough and compelling enough that the viewer, for a moment, becomes part of the story."

Lucille will be demonstrating in pastel and promises to bring a breath of freshness with her vibrant use of color in her still-life, landscapes and portraits.

In addition to Artists' Showplace, Lucille's work can also be seen at Carson Art in Dallas and Bent Tree Gallery of Taos as well as on her website at www.lucillecarter.com



January Mini-Show Winners

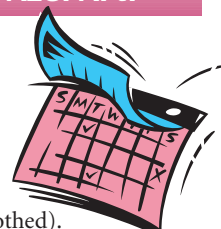
- 1st - **Bill Gathings**
- 2nd - **Ramona Murphy**

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

Save the Date ...

LIFE DRAWING GROUP EVERY THURSDAY, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

This will be a weekly, informal, life drawing group. We'll each take a 10-minute turn as the model (fully clothed). An excellent opportunity to improve your figure/people drawing skills. Free to members, visitors \$5 donation.



February Hostesses

Hostesses for the February 6th meeting are:
Karen White, Roy and Nettie McHone.

Kiss the Cooks

Thanks to last months hostesses - Jane Jacobs, Margaret Gaston and Mitti Bowren for the luscious snacks and cute table decorations. It was great!



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

DeBob's MRI results show a torn tendon in her right arm (her painting arm). Surgery is an option later on if needed, for now she won't be lifting anything heavier than a paint brush.

"Why should I paint dead fish, onions and beer glasses? Girls are so much prettier."

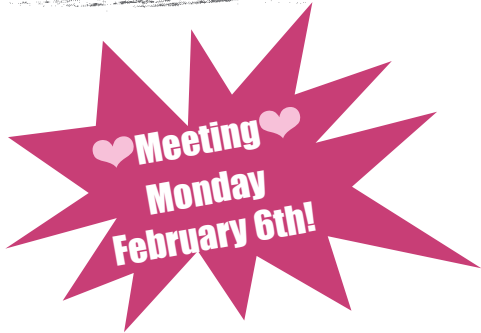
~Marie Laurencin



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The Supply Box

by Jill Parr

This month's contribution is by fellow member, *Marca Sue DeLacerda*. We need input from ECAA members for this column. Without suggestions, questions or topics for discussion, I have plum run out of things to say. Leave all suggestions/questions in the resident artists mailbox at the Art Museum or mail to my home address: Jill Parr, 403 Kaufman St., Waxahachie, TX 75165-3421. You can also email me at jillart2@juno.com

What's New or Coming to Hobby Lobby

The exciting news for painters wanting higher end brushes are three lines of Robert Simmons brushes, economy brushes by Loew Cornell, and Royal Langnickel. Coming sometime in the future are Winsor&Newton brushes.

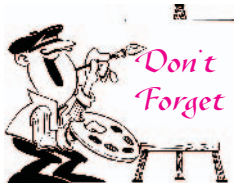
The drawing section now has Rembrandt pastels, several new sets of Derwent watercolor, drawing and pastel pencil sets and several new pencils from General. These are just a few I can remember off the top of my head.

In the paint area, we have the Grumbacher Pre-tested Oils, Daler Rowdy Georgian Oils and System 3 Acrylics, Liquitex Matt Acrylics and Winsor&Newton Galeria Acrylics (200ml tubes for just \$5.99).

If anyone hasn't been to Hobby Lobby lately, they may not know most of the art pads have been reduced in price. The D'Arches 22 x 30 - 300lb. paper has been reduced to \$11.99. It was \$15.99. A new D'Arches Watercolor Paper has been added to the lineup. The graphite and pastel artists aren't left out in the new paper line. Mi Tientes Pastel Paper in 25 colors, Canson Colorline Art Papers in 25 colors and Canson Art and Mat Board (acid free) in the 16 x 20 size are all available now.

We will be resetting the art department beginning next week so things may be a little topsy turvy for a few weeks, but all these products will still be available for purchase and you never know, a few long-deleted items may find their way to the Clearance wall.

Also, if you know anyone who needs glass show cases, the ones currently in the art department are for sale at \$175.00 each.



2006 Youth Art Exhibit

Can you believe it is almost time for the ECAA Youth Art Show? Please mark your calendars for April 1st - 7th. I will need help taking in artwork and hanging the show on the March 30th (10:00am-

5:00pm); April 1st will be the Opening Reception & Awards Program (5:30-7:00pm). We will need refreshments and help greeting parents.

The show will hang at the Museum April 3rd-7th, 10:00-3:00pm. Entries should be picked up between 3:00-5:00pm on April 7th; and there will be lots of help needed in taking the show down and putting displays up.

Hope you can all be a part of this exciting showcase of the future artists of Ellis County.

Linda Wacaster

"Feature Artist" on the Web!!!!

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Have you see the "Feature Artist" section on our website? (Go to www.elliscountyart.net and it is on the right section of our home page.) It's a great platform to feature our ECAA members and their art. The "Feature Artist" section is dedicated to an individual for 2-3 months. It includes a short biography about the artist and 5-10 pictures of the artist's work.

If you are interested in participating in the "Feature Artist" section, please contact Lynn LaRose at lynn@laroseart.com or call her at 972-567-0241.

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February Birthdays



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|----|---------------------|----|---------------|
| 3 | Ruth Burton | 17 | Polly Smith |
| 5 | Cody McMullen | 20 | Isaac Steele |
| 7 | Bill Alexander | 21 | Judy Burch |
| 12 | Karen White | 22 | Jill Parr |
| 13 | Marca Sue DeLacerda | 24 | Peggy Rawland |
| 13 | Mildred Lowry | 28 | Ella Johnson |
| 16 | Barbara McMullen | | |

NEW MEMBERS

Kathleen Fremouw
725 Briggs St.
Cedar Hill, TX 75104
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Betty Howard
221 Oleander
Waxahachie, TX 75165
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Dr. John Compton - Patron
201 Ferris Ave.
Waxahachie, TX 75165
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Five Receive ECAA's Top Honor

Five members of the ECAA were recently honored by unanimous vote with the membership's most prestigious honor, Lifetime Honorary Members. Honorees include Joy Elliott, Margaret Gaston, Mickey Hayes, Barbara McMullen and Phyllis Shingler. Each of the five recipients has made significant contributions to the organization over the span of several decades. ECAA's first president, Elizabeth O'Donnell (presiding in 1958), was the first member granted the title in 1966-67. Since that time, only 13 members have received the honor. Elliott, Gaston, Hayes, McMullen and Shingler join two other current members who hold the title — Ruth Burton and Ann Jones, who became Lifetime Honorary Members in 1998. Congratulations ladies!



Newly inducted Lifetime Honorary Members: Mickey Hayes, Barbara McMullen, Margaret Gaston, and Phyllis Shingler. Not pictured, Joy Elliott.

Cheers for Volunteers

There was a round of applause for **Tina Bohlman, Nettie McHone, Ben Hanson** and **Lindy Nobles** at the last general meeting. These individuals exceeded all expectations in the voluntary service they have provided. In November, President Tina Bohlman donated over 45 hours of service while Nettie McHone worked over 25 hours in her capacity as treasurer. Lindy Nobles was recognized for putting together the *Membership Directory*, developing the *Volunteer Recognition Program*, and publishing the organization's *Newsletter* within a 30-day period. Lindy has also agreed to serve as the Association's Vice-President for the remainder of the 2005-06 year.

Non-member, Ben Hanson has donated over 40 hours of his building enhancement/repair talents to the association. He is the first Non-member to donate sufficient hours (40 hour minimum) to become an official ACTIVE VOLUNTEER. (Ben will receive his name badge at next December's recognition program.) We truly appreciate your contributions!