



Ellis County Art Association, Inc.

Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA GENERAL MEETING REMINDER:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 6:30 P.M.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

BRRRRRRRR! I hope everybody is staying warm these past 2 weeks. When the weather is bad outside, just turn on every light in the house & get some painting done! I've taken advantage of being "cooped up" and have completed some great miniature paintings...how about you? Everybody bring something to the next mini-show.

The Anderson's "*A Glimpse of Love*" is a wonderful theme and I'm looking forward to seeing all the new work for the show on February 17th. We'll be doing a lot of publicity in an effort to have a good turnout. *Show your support for ECAA and be there!*

Speaking of "work"...Jill's note in last month's newsletter made me tired just reading it. Please consider taking time out from your ho-hum routine and help Jill prepare for the opening. There is a lot to do and she can really use the help. Roll up your sleeves & call her today!

Thank you Jill for all you do for us!

Just a short word about our *Youth Art Show* the last of March; this event is so important to the school kids of Ellis County. Last year, we had over 700 masterpieces on display! The reception was attended by more than 300 people in a short 1-1/2 hour time span. Linda Wacaster is in the process of preparing for another great show and she needs as many volunteers as can be rounded up to check in, set up, and hang up. We also need at least 15 members in attendance during the reception. PLEASE SAY YES WHEN WE CALL UPON YOU!

Have you signed up for the **Eric Michaels workshop May 18th**? The workshop is almost full. Contact Linda Schindler right away. If you've signed up but have not paid, better do it soon....the "real" list is the one that people have paid a deposit. This workshop is listed on several websites, including Eric's so don't be left out!

Lynn LaRose is getting cobwebs on her computer screen. Her mouse has gone to sleep. She tells me that NO ONE has sent her any photos to put on our website gallery page. If you don't have a digital camera, not to worry! Bring your painting(s) to the meeting and we'll take a photo for you. If you have digital photos, send them to Lynn as soon as possible.

ECAA has a lot of exciting & wonderful opportunities for 2007....your membership privileges include classes, exhibitions, workshops...there are very few art associations that own a building....we are so blessed! Make this the year that you take part in all ECAA has to offer you.

See you Feb 5th! Tina

FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATOR

Cynthia Padilla is a professional nature artist who teaches all aspects of the art form for major museums, prestigious universities, art centers, and botanical gardens across the United States, Canada and Central America. Known for highly detailed renderings of



plants and natural science subjects, she is frequently sought for research projects, book reviews, commissioned plant portraits, workshops, and as a travel leader on sketching tours. She has sketched rare orchids in Thailand, wandered abandoned courtyards in India, and sat quietly in the Central American rain forests documenting its natural beauty. Padilla's warm and encouraging presentation style has guided enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels, to connect to their inner artist by simply stepping out of doors with an humble yellow pencil, a sketch pad, and wide eyed curiosity.

Cynthia will be sharing her insights and tips on sketching in the field. This should be a very informative demo, especially with our Plein Aire Paint Out coming up in a few months.

Make a point of attending the February 5th meeting!

Recent Articles:

Cynthia Padilla. Dig It! Magazine feature artist, "The Wild Color of Insects"
http://www.dig-itmag.com/columns/goodies_story/262_0_18_0_M/

International Workshops: <http://artinstructor.blogspot.com/>

Portfolio: <http://cynthiapadilla.artspan.com/home>

How to Start a Nature Journal:

<http://www.gardenandhearth.com/SketchingandDrawing/Nature-Journal.htm>

Email: botanicalart@peoplepc.com

♥ February Hostesses ♥

Hostesses for the Monday, February 5th Meeting are: Carol Cull, Linda Schlinder and Lindy Nobles.

Thank You ...

Mary Beth Roye, Mary Rabien and Jane Jacobs for the great refreshments at last month's meeting.

Friday, Feb. 2nd, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, Sunday, Feb. 4th and Monday, Feb. 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, bring all your *Love* to the Anderson Gallery for preparation in the February 17 show called **"A Glimpse of Love"**. For those of you who have never shown with us before, or those who need a refresher, here are some guidelines:

- Your work should be framed and wired properly; works on paper must include a mat. It should be recent work, preferably within the last year.
- We will accept works on paper including collage and photography; oils, and acrylics will be accepted unframed if they are done on wrapped canvases with the sides and bottom painted; sculpture; assemblages; stained glass; mosaics; miniatures; prints, framed and unframed but presented in a way that will keep them clean; hand painted porcelain and china; artistic one of a kind jewelry; remade books; mobiles; paintings on three dimensional objects.
- All works shown in the Anderson are for sale.
- All works shown are original to the artist.
- Every artist entering work, without exception, will sign a contract with the Anderson agreeing to leave the work on display for a specified amount of time - in this case, until next Sept., unless it sells; stating the price for which they expect their work to sell; signifying that they understand all terms and conditions affecting the display of their work in the gallery; agreeing to be available for publicity, if necessary. This includes attending the opening, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Agree to pay a 25% commission on all works sold in the gallery.
- Every piece of work entered into the Anderson must be described by the artist on an Artist's Inventory sheet.
- Every artist showing with the Anderson must fill out (one time only) an Artists Bio Sheet so that their work can be intelligently promoted.

These protocols apply to works hung only within the Anderson space and it's three smaller galleries. The Anderson is not aware of or responsible for any art works hung in the Daniels or Burton galleries.

Unclaimed works not picked up from the "Summer Vacation" show will be stacked along the wall in the Burton room and artists may pick them up any time.

We are so proud that for the past two years the ECAA has expanded dramatically in membership and number and quality of



events. The Anderson openings are but a small part of the efforts being made to reach out to our community, raise money, multiply opportunities for artistic expression and learning, and offer variety and inspiration to our members. This is an awesome circumstance, but it also bears a consequence: the same number of volunteers who have always produced ECAA events are now being called on to increase the number of hours they give. The newer events tend to be more complex, requiring a higher number of volunteer hours to produce. It is like rewarding a hard worker with more hard work!! It was hoped that more of you would step up to the plate to volunteer. We are still hoping that our new members, excited by the vision of what we are attempting to create for both our members and the community, will step in to fill some of our most vital gaps.

In the mean time, some of our volunteers are experiencing burnout. Now, when we need them most, they are tired and somewhat disheartened. With so many members, if each gave just a tiny amount of time, it would make an enormous difference. In an effort to alleviate the current "energy crisis", The Anderson Gallery is going to present only two openings a year. Our next show, opening in February, will be the last until September. With six months to prepare for each opening we ought to be able to make each one a real Artapalooza!

I deeply appreciate all the acts of spiritual generosity, large and small, so many have shown toward the production of the Anderson shows this year. I invite everyone else who is reading this column to give just a little of your time, talent and energy. Your contribution would put this organization over the top as being the most happening, innovative, and successful arts organization in North Texas. We have that kind of potential. I've been a professional artist for over 30 years and I have never seen an arts organization with such an exquisite building, diversity of talents, large membership, and well developed teamwork skills.

Change is an inevitable feature of life. The only control we have over the direction of those changes is the investment of energy we make today. If every action has an equal and opposite reaction, then that which is given today becomes the impetus of the future.

I look forward to seeing you at the opening of "A Glimpse of Love". But, actually, I hope to see you before that, at the board and committee meetings that direct all our energies toward the production of the new year's calendar of events.

"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong."
~ John Singer Sargent

Are you taking advantage of the offers by Daniel Smith?

Have you noticed Daniel Smith has been advertising in our newsletter? Each month Daniel Smith Art Supply has a great special offer for ECAA members and it usually includes FREE shipping! Check out the back page of this newsletter. Be sure to patronize Daniel Smith and let them know how much we appreciate them. Go to danielsmith.com or call 800-426-6740 to order a free catalog. You can also click their link on our website!

Project Valentine

I'd like to invite members of Ellis County Art Association to make a difference in the life of an area senior by participating in a Valentine program organized by the women of Texas Ladies Networking (Ellis County Chapter).

During the first part of February, Texas Ladies Networking will be collecting Valentine cards and gifts to be distributed to area nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and assisted living communities.

Ellis County Art Association members can participate by making Valentine cards and gifts. You can also help by spreading the word to your children's and grandchildren's Scout troop, day care center, or church youth group to make handmade Valentine cards. Adult Sunday School classes and other organizations can join in the fun, as well. In addition, you can help spread the word by forwarding this email to all persons in your address book that live in the Ellis County area.

Then bring those handmade and/or purchased cards and gifts to one of the following drop off locations by **Friday, February 9**, for distribution by Texas Ladies Networking members to area seniors the week of Valentine's Day.

- NOW Magazine office located at 413 West Main Street, Waxahachie
- Donut House off 342 in the Main Street Plaza Shopping Center, Red Oak
- Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio located at 401 Hwy. 77 North, Waxahachie
- Trinity Abstract & Title located at 613 Ferris Avenue, Waxahachie

Please contact me for more information or if you would like to volunteer to distribute the cards, decorate one of the collection bins, or suggest a senior community as a recipient.

Thank you for your help with this project!!

Jennifer Howell

Have you see the ECAA Website ???

Lynn LaRose has updated and renovated our ECAA Website and it's awesome. Be sure to check it out @ www.elliscountyart.net



This year's Youth Art Exhibit will be here before we know it. Take in for the show will be March 21 (Wednesday) from 10:00 to 5:00. Work will

be hung on March 22 (Thursday). On that Friday night, the 23rd, we will have the Opening reception from 5:30 until 7:00. The show will hang in the museum that following week (March 26-30). We will need a lot of help in hanging the show and we will especially need a large number to meet and greet the public during the reception. Thank you all for your past help and looking forward to working with you again.

Linda Wacaster

Plein Aire Clinic with DeBob

At the last general meeting, Mary Rabien announced she was forming a Plein Aire group for interested members to get together and paint outdoors. Mary wants to let everyone know that we are moving forward. DeBob Jacob has agreed to help us get started. We have decided on Saturday, March 10th as the first date to meet with DeBob.



We will meet at the Museum, rain or shine at 8:30 AM. The cost will be \$35 for a full session. (Check with DeBob if you cannot attend the whole clinic.) DeBob will go over subjects such as equipment, color theory, and composition. If we have inclement weather DeBob will do an in-house demo, otherwise we will work some outside.

Mary Rabien will be calling those who initially signed the "interested list", but if you have any questions, you can contact Mary at 972.937.7567 or merabien@aircanopy.net; or DeBob at 972.978.5762 or debob_54@msn.com

Save the Dates . . .

Information about the next Plein Aire Paint Out is now on the Website. Entry deadline by April 25 to be in the Guide. May 15 deadline for Artists that are planning to participate. There will be a Quick Draw, show & sale again this year.



February 5, 2007 - GENERAL MEETING at 6:30pm. Demonstration will be Field Sketching by Cynthia Padilla.

March 3, 2007 - LIFESTYLES: HOME & FAMILY EXPO @ Waxahachie Convention Center.

March 5, 2007 - GENERAL MEETING at 6:30pm. Demonstrator will be Jeanette Curry with handpainted photographs.

March 5, 2007 - ELLIS COUNTY LAWN & GARDEN EXPO @ Waxahachie Convention Center.

End of March 26-30 - ECAA Youth Art Show.

April 2, 2007 - GENERAL MEETING at 6:30pm. Shelia Cunningham will demonstrate Polaroid Transfers.

April 9-15, 2007 - Outdoor Painters Society will have "Paint Out Dallas".

May 7, 2007 - GENERAL MEETING at 6:30pm. Oil demonstration by Lynn Rushton.

May 18-20, 2007 - Eric Michaels Workshop. Lecture and slide show on Friday, May 18, workshop May 19-20 at the Museum. **Info now available on the ECAA Website. Be sure to sign up! CLASSES ALMOST FULL!!!!**

May 24-June 3, 2007 - "Paint Historic Waxahachie", Plein Aire Event.



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2006-2007 MEMBER DIRECTORY

New membership directories are now available in the Museum Library. To insure we have enough directories, please take only one copy and check your name off the

MASTER COPY.

February Birthdays



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|---------------------|------------------|
| 3 Ruth Burton | 17 Polly Smith |
| 5 Cody McMullen | 21 Judy Burch |
| 12 Karen White | 22 Jill Parr |
| 13 Marca DeLacerda | 24 Peggy Rawland |
| 14 Dena Petty | |
| 16 Barbara McMullen | |

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