



Ellis County Art Association, Inc.

Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA GENERAL MEETING REMINDER:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 6:30 P.M.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas! The annual ECAA Christmas party was wonderful and thanks to everyone that “cooked” for the special occasion. A **HUGE THANKS** to party organizers: *Margaret Gaston, Barbara McMullen, Shawn Davis, Nettie McHone, & Claudia Parsons*. Our entertainment was arranged by *Helen Lundberg*. Helen also made certain that we had plenty of “spirits” to celebrate the holiday season. The “decorated table competition” served as our theme.....(carried over from last year).....and after all the votes were cast, the winning tables were decorated by: 1st Place - *Dr. Linda Moxley* (with assistance by *Jill Parr*) and 2nd Place - *Carol Cull* and *Lindy Elkington Nobles*.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Volunteer Recognition presentation by *Dr. Linda Moxley and Olivia Harrington*. Twenty-six people were recognized and awarded pins and/or certificates honoring their hours of service to ECAA this past year. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work; this past year was a success due to your efforts.

Based on our event schedule for 2007, it will surpass 2006 in fundraising, community recognition and art events. *February, March, April and May* will be very busy with the *Anderson Gallery, Business Expo, Garden Expo, Youth Art Show, and Paint Historic Waxahachie!* And...don't forget our *Summer Art Academy 2 weeks in July*.**please make a pledge to step forward when the call goes out for volunteers.**

In the middle of all the activity, we are so excited to announce a workshop in May with artist *Eric Michaels* of *Trinidad, Colorado*. The registration form and workshop information is available on our website and at the Museum. This workshop will fill quickly...contact *Linda Schindler 469-323-3256* or email lschind@hotmail.com

Speaking of our website....**HAVE YOU SEEN IT?** *Lynn LaRose* did a complete redesign and it's absolutely awesome. Thanks, Lynn...your time and talent is **SO** appreciated!

Once again, Happy New Year everyone! See you January 8th!

~Tina

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.”

~ Pablo Picasso

JANUARY DEMONSTRATOR

Our demonstrator for the January 8th meeting will be local artist, Emily Wilson Oliver. She will be giving a demonstration in pencil drawing.

Emily was born and raised in Waxahachie, attended Waxahachie High School and is married to Dallas firefighter, Bobby Oliver. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren all of whom live and work in Waxahachie.

Emily's interest in art began as a child. “I loved to color and draw and paint-by-number. Although I have no formal art training, I did take classes with local artist, Augustine Wilson. I am basically self-taught and give all the credit to my interest and abilities as gifts from the Lord.”

Emily's favorite mediums are oil and pencil. She also paints murals and furniture. Most of her work is commissioned by individuals. She thoroughly enjoys working on subjects that are already special to someone. Two local commissions were for the Veteran's Memorial and the Crape Myrtle Association.

Oliver has taught group oil painting and drawing classes for children and adults. Currently she is teaching private drawing classes locally and art for special needs children at the Heart of Texas Therapeutic Riding Center in Waco.

Her works have been represented by galleries in Texas, Montana and Arizona. Currently Emily's works are being shown at the Stockyards Station Gallery in Fort Worth.

Be sure to make a point to be here for her demonstration on Monday, January 8th.

January Hostesses

Hostesses for the Monday, January 8th

**Meeting are: Mary Beth Roye,
Mary Rabien and Jane Jacobs.**

Thanks to all who participated...

...in supplying food and table decorations for the Christmas party. We had a great time. Thanks to Helen Lundberg for the wine donation and organizing the entertainment for the evening.

Notes from the Anderson...

by Jill Parr

Watch out artists, art patrons and fans, **LOVE** is coming to the ECAA! Our Anderson Opening, Saturday, February 10, 2007, 6:30 - 9:00 PM, will be called "A Glimpse of Love". We will accept art showing any view of love - love of nature, love for animals, love for children, love for your first car. Let the word "**LOVE**" appear in your title!

After the Christmas hubbub, the gallery needs a good cleaning, so I will expect you all to pick up your work the weekend of Jan 20th. Just leave me a note listing the titles and descriptions of pieces you remove. **I WILL NOT BE TAKING IN NEW WORK THAT WEEKEND.** I'm hoping to wash the outside of the windows, get our lighting problems squared away, and deep clean the whole place before I put in new work. Any work not removed by that date will cease to be covered by the Anderson Gallery contract. Pieces left over will be moved to the Burton or Daniels room and will no longer be considered to be part of the Anderson inventory. That means I won't be able to vouch for how they are displayed, or not, whether or not they have a title price card, or how they are stored or handled. I can only take responsibility for pieces left in my care under contract. Any artists who are currently hanging work in the Miniature and Print galleries could change out their work that weekend, too. **That's Saturday, the 20th, Sunday, the 21st, and, hopefully, Monday the, 22nd.** If something comes up and you can't make it during those days, send me an email so I can know what your intentions are.

Bring new work the last three days of January (Monday the 29th - Weds. the 31st) And Thursday, February 1 - Saturday, February 3rd. I will not be accepting any new work after the 3rd.

Hopefully I can lure some of you good people into helping me produce this show, since I'll have a heavy work schedule at that time. I'll need someone to oversee the entry process, even though I will leave all pertinent forms set up for you. I will also leave your old contracts and work inventories out so we can bring up to date exactly which of your pieces were sold and which ones we still have.

I'm going to search for a comedy performer to do a piece about "Love is Not for Sissies!" to be performed opening night, upstairs along with a musician doing love songs. We'll want donations for that.

I'd like to have enough people to volunteer to help with this show, that I can assign a production crew just to the performance, and still have help with producing and hanging the show.

Here's a list of what I'm going to do to make the show happen. Please email me at: jillart2@juno.com with the task(s) you choose to help.

- Write a press release.
- Send press release to all local magazines, newspapers, and radio stations.
- Write copy for a flyer.
- Take a press kit (already made) to Snapdragons to see if they'll donate our next flower arrangement.
- Call the local news people and see if they won't cover the show in the form of an article.
- Create a cool Victorian looking invitation and flyer, possibly using a collage technique. The invitations are postcards, made

to US Post office regulations to qualify being sent for the lower post card rate. (you will be reimbursed for stamps.)

- Make reproductions of the flyer and the invitation.
- Rolling and rubber banding about 50 flyers into door hangers.
- Print out labels for the invitations.
- Address and stamp the invitations.
- Hand rubber band the flyer to all the residences in a several block radius of the museum.
- Distribute the a pile of flyers to the library and History Museum.
- Make sure all the Businesses downtown are displaying flyers in their windows.
- Do leg work - like make sure we have enough labels and glossy card stock for our needs.
- Going to Wal-Mart the day of the event a purchasing enough flowers to make the reception table look glorious. (you will be reimbursed.)

Lots of these tasks can begin now: designing and producing all our publicity, beginning to generate excitement in the media for the event, purchasing and using the supplies to make our publicity look great, approaching Snapdragons, etc. I'll be glad to speak with you at length if you take on any of these tasks.

Unless I hear from you about specific pieces, I am going to pack away anything that didn't sell at Christmas time for next years big marketing event. To all of you who made ornaments, my deepest thanks. They delighted everyone who saw them, they sold, and they fascinated! More than that, they created a word of mouth draw that produced sales. Next years offering will be even more opulent. I'll know to buy twice as many little canvases! Your willingness to share your skills, creativity and joy with the museum in this way is truly "angelic". If you receive(d) a check for an ornament of yours that sold, please forward it back to the museum - the sales, conducted and receipted by many people, was a touch chaotic. Often, a person buying gifts also bought an ornament, so I'm not sure this money was recorded properly as a donation to the museum.

Dear ECAA Art Family, please know that as we enter a new year, I thank God for the many friendships, adventures, challenges, and opportunities to learn, that knowing you and working with you provides. You are an amazing group of individuals and I feel very fortunate to be considered part of your plans, hopes and dreams. In 2007, may the Anderson Gallery bring you growth, inspiration and a sense of accomplishment.

Peace out!

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



DeBob will finish out her month off ...

from teaching in Ft. Worth on Jan. 7th. She's enjoyed being off and seeing everyone on Tuesdays as well as during the week.

Volunteer Recognition

Art Association Volunteer Hours = Two Full-time Equivalent Employees

The Ellis County Art Association records indicate that volunteers donated 3,727 hours to the Association between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. This figure equals approximately two full-time employees when vacation, holidays and sick leave are considered, according to Dr. Linda Moxley, Volunteer Program Coordinator.

Activities ranged from hanging art for shows/gallery openings, providing Summer Youth Academy instruction, and coordinating the outdoor painting event to helping with fundraisers and investigating the Art Museum's access and plumbing issues.

This was the first year the Association recognized Active Volunteers on the basis of hours donated to the organization. To be an Active Volunteer, members contributed 40 or more hours and nonmembers 20 or more hours to ECAA throughout 2005 – 2006. Prior years of voluntary service were based upon the number of years the member held a major office for the Association.

In total, 26 volunteers were recognized at the Association's recent Christmas party. Certificates of recognition and name badges with number of years serving in a major office and as an Active Volunteer were given to the following volunteers: (The number following each name indicates the number of years holding a major office, in addition to the past year as an Active Volunteer.) **Margaret Gaston** (11 years), **Phyllis Shingler** (10 years), **Barbara McMullen** (7 years), **Linda Schindler** (7 years), **Joy Bunch Elliott** (5 years), **Ramona Murphy** (5 years), **Betty King** (4 years), **DeBob Jacob** (3 years), **Lindy Elkington Nobles** (3 years), **Dr. Priscilla Parker** (3 years), **Karen White** (3 years), **Tina Bohlman** (2 years), **Jane Jacobs** (2 years), **Dr. Linda "Mox" Moxley** (2 years), **Catherine Byers** (1 year), **Shawn Davis** (1 year), **Marca Sue DeLacerda** (1 year), **Ben Hansen** (nonmember – 1 year), **Rita Hanson** (1 year), **Helen Lundberg** (1 year), **Nettie McHone** (1 year), **Alice Hadley Nichols** (1 year), **Jill Parr** (1 year), **Eddie Tobin** (1 year), **Gwen Tobin** (1 year), **Linda Wacaster** (1 year).

Lifetime Memberships

Lifetime memberships in the Ellis County Art Association and Museum are available for \$500.00 individual and \$750.00 for a couples this year. Beginning with the 07/08 membership year, Lifetime memberships will be \$750.00 individual and \$1,000.00 couples. Lifetime members do not have to be active artists.

Artists' Showplace Workshops

The Artists' Showplace has announced their winter schedule of workshops, go to:

www.artistsshowplace.com/classesworkshops

or call **972-233-1223**.

Register early as classes fill quickly.

FYI...

For interested members, Bill Abbott's two new novels "The Hawk and the Phoenix" and "Sarah" are now available at Hastings Books in Waxahachie.



Twenty-six volunteers (not all present) were recognized at the 2006 ECAA Christmas party for their dedication and volunteer efforts during the past year. Certificates and name badges with number of years service were awarded.



2006 Volunteer Coordinator, Dr. Linda Moxley (right) and 2007 Assistant Coordinator, Olivia Harrington, made the volunteer presentations at the ECAA Christmas party.

Save the Dates ...

Information about the next Plein Aire Paint Out is now on the Website; mail-out January 5. 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 and sale again this year.



January 8, 2007 - GENERAL MEETING at 6:30pm. Demonstration will be pencil drawing by Emily Oliver.

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

End of March-1st of April 2007 - Youth Art Show.

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

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 early!

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



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What do you want out of ECAA?
What are YOU
willing to do for ECAA?
Your opinion counts!!!
ecaa@sbcglobal.net or drop a
note in the President's box.

January Birthdays



- 4 Betty Guynes
- 6 Barbara Bailey
- 7 Mary Beth Roye
- 15 Jeanne Gustafson
- 27 Betty Howard
- 31 Mickey Hayes

2006-2007 MEMBER DIRECTORY

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