



Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA Regular Meeting:

Monday, March 6, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.
Ellis County Art Museum

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Anderson Gallery opening was a great success! I do not recall seeing so many new faces at a reception. Word is spreading to the community that ECAA is the place for quality art. **Jill Parr** & **Alice Hadley** produced a premier event and I congratulate them for a job well done! Thanks to **Helen Lundberg** for coordinating the reception table...it was beautiful. Helen also donated the wine and with our members providing the food, we were able to keep the cost to a minimum. Thank you to everyone that worked before, during and after the opening.



By the way, did everyone see the Profiles IN PROGRESS 2006 section of the *Daily Light* on February 20th? Our Anderson Gallery Director, **Jill Parr** had a TWO-PAGE SPREAD on her after-school art programs for "at-risk" children! What a great article, Jill, and what a great inspiration to us all!!!



BUSINESS EXPO MARCH 4th! This newsletter is your **Final Notice to Volunteer** for the Business Expo March 4th. **Contact: Karen White at 972-672-4242 and find out what you need to do.** Our presence in the show is another way for ECAA to link to the community and promote our association, our art, and our events.



WAXAHACHIE GARDEN EXPO March 18th - ECAA will also have a booth this year at the Garden Expo at the Convention Center from 9-5pm on Saturday, March 18th (with set-up on Friday, March 17th). The Garden Expo sponsored by the Ellis County Master Gardeners is the Convention Center's biggest event! We have a lot of flower painters in the association and this will be a great opportunity for making sales since they have about 1,500 people attending. Again, it's a great chance for us to promote the association's activities and museum to the community. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours to help "man" the booth. For more information contact **Tina Bohlman at 972-741-6154** or **Linda Moxley at 972-923-1628**.



Ok...what's the problem? Days too short? Nights too long? Misplaced your palette? Dog ate your paint? None of the above? Well okay...then why aren't you...(yes YOU...I'm not talking to anyone else)...participating in the mini-show each month? Our meeting attendance averages 40 members and last month can only be described as *pitiful*. (No mini-show due to lack of participation.) This IS an ART association for Pete's sake! That's what we do...make art. **GET WITH IT!!!**



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

ABOUT VOLUNTEERING...CHECK THE VOLUNTEER BOARD IN THE LIBRARY. Several events are coming up...the Business Expo, Garden Expo, the Youth Art Exhibit, our June Plein Air event, and the Summer Art Academy...there's an opportunity waiting for you!

 **March Hostesses** 

Hostesses for the March 6th meeting are: **Shawn and Larke Davis**

Valentines and Kisses to...

...Karen White, Roy and Nettie McHone for the fantastic job last month with the meeting refreshments. Everything was yummy. What a great Valentine!

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

STAINED GLASS BEAUTY

The March 6th demonstration promises to be a shimmering delight with noted stained glass artist, Kathie Lynne Leppard.

"My life as a glass artist began over twenty years ago in my small garage, when I claimed the west wall and the old workbench as my creative space! I found it inspiring and satisfying to be inventive with glass. Also, it feels like an honor to bring the beauty of glass into people's homes. For me, there is nothing quite as captivating as watching the sun move through a stained glass window. That is why I started in glass and why I continue making it still. My projects range from jewelry to churches, cowboy boots to cultural symbols. *Silver Rain Gallery* in Ferris, Texas is my studio where I do most of my work. We also offer classes in most mediums for adults and children, as well as, providing a venue for local area artists to sell their individual work. We are involved in community art projects that will help children learn to contribute in a positive way to their surroundings. My education is in the field of community service and bringing art to the public, I believe, is very important. Making art is about giving a piece of yourself to the world and the more people who do this the better off we will all be!"

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to see how one area artist transforms pieces of glass into a thing of beauty.

Business Expo—March 5th

We will have a booth at the **March 4th Business Expo** at the Waxahachie Convention Center. Our booth number is **SIX (6). WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND ARTWORK FOR OUR BOOTH!!!**

We will set up the booth Friday, March 3rd. The Expo is from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. on Saturday, March 4th. We need volunteers to help set-up and work our booth as well as furnish artwork for booth display.

The following people have volunteered to work, **MORE ARE NEEDED!!!**

Friday, March 3rd Set-up Karen White, Tina Bohlman and Nettie McHone

Saturday, March 4th during Exposition

- 8:00 - 9:00AM Tina Bohlman, Karen White
- 9:00 - 10:00AM Tina Bohlman
- 10:00 - 11:00AM Lindy Nobles, Carol Cull, Shawn Davis
- 11:00 - 12:00Noon Lindy Nobles, Carol Cull
- 12:00 - 1:00PM Bea Machovsky, Phyllis Shingler, Barbara McMullen
- 1:00 - 2:00PM Bea Machovsky, Phyllis Shingler
- 2:00 - 4:00PM Nettie McHone
- 4:00 - 5:00PM Betty King
- 5:00 - 6:00PM Clean-Up - Betty King, Karen White, Tina Bohlman

We still need more workers in some of the time slots. We have demonstrators for the "Quick Draw" on center stage from 11:30 to 12:30, but we still need demonstrators during the hours listed above to paint at the booth. If you are willing to be one of these painters, **please call Karen White at 927-672-4242. We want to be well represented at the Expo!**



No February Mini-Show

We didn't have enough entries to have a mini-show last month. Come on people...there are gift certificates at stake!!! Please remember to bring in those paintings to enter in the show. It's like they say...you can't win if you don't enter!

Thursday Nite Live! ...

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

You're really missing out on the chance to improve your drawing skills! Come on down...Thursday Nite Live! Free to members, visitors \$5 donation.





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The Supply Box

by Jill Parr

This month's contribution is by fellow member, Marca Sue DeLacerda.

Hobby Lobby Update

The reset of the Art Department at Hobby Lobby has been delayed, but the new products are still rolling in. Check out the new calligraphy sets and inks. Also, new Faber-Castell watercolor pencils sold individually. Look for the new individual bottles of Speedball drawing and dip inks, sets of acrylic inks and Daler Rowdy ink sets. Fans of the Micron pens will be glad to know a limited number of sets and colors were also added to the Art line. Screen printing sets have been reintroduced along with a few accessory emulsions and tools.

For the scrapbookers out there, that area has grown so large it has become its own department at Hobby Lobby.

Anderson Gallery Opening Great Success

Thanks you to everyone who helped to make our opening of the Anderson Gallery an unqualified success. **Tina** gave support, advice and legwork; and her husband, **John**, installed beautiful new lights in the alcoves, as well as a new outlet in the China Gallery. **Alice Hadley** was amazing, creative, good-natured, dedicated and funny. **Betty King** sat with me to do intakes for a whole Saturday and made the day fun. **Lynn LaRose** created our elegant, tasteful and beautiful logo for the Gallery. **Ben** and **Rita** were everywhere, doing everything!!!



ECAA members accepting plaque from Waxahachie Chamber representative.

Nettie McHone did a wonderful job with the China Gallery, hanging all the pieces and seeing that it looked exquisite. **Helen Lundberg** and her crackerjack crew of helpers made a "wine and cheese" reception that went far beyond what anyone would ever have expected. Not only was it beautiful and well appointed, but it was elegantly sumptuous. It was a spectacular evening. We attracted a number of people who had never before been in the building, expanded our mailing list, made SALES, and made connections with new artists. But most of all, the whole building glowed. The works shown in the Gallery as well as the other rooms were of superior quality. I was so proud of everyone for putting their best foot forward.

It is not too soon to talk about the next opening, which will be **Saturday, May 13th**. The theme of the show will be "**Our Little Town: Views of Small Town Life**". Paintings should be historic or contemporary and can include work about the relationships of people in small towns, events, or architecture. We will accept, as usual, paintings; sculpture; drawings; photographs and abstracts.

Along with the opening, I'm hoping to have cultural events upstairs at the same time. I'm exploring having someone from the Historical Society talk, and perhaps show slides about how our own "Little Town" has grown and changed during the last 100 years. Do any of you know a performer who might play an instrument or sing music sampling the last 100 years? These performances will be available for donations so we will ask the performers to donate their presentations.

The "Little Town" theme will be expressed in the table decorations, invitations and also on the website.

Work will be due no later than May 7th. I have to be inflexible about the deadlines for accepting work because I hope to have the whole show hung on the 8th, and the price lists finished and all the paperwork completed and filed by the 10th. I'm no good under pressure, so I'm trying to leave breathing room at the end.

Please don't forget to keep those miniatures coming. They are an extremely popular size and price range. And I will accept new work for the Print Gallery, provided the proper paperwork is completed, at any time between now and the next show. The Print Gallery has plenty of room for more work.

Thank you, again, all of you for giving me this opportunity to show Ellis County, and the world, what we're all about artistically. — **Jill Parr**



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

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

~ Edgar Degas

Ruth Burton Celebrates 90 Years

A birthday celebration for one of our treasured members, Ruth Burton, was held on Saturday, February 11th at her residence. Ruth has been a shining star to the Association for many years and several members helped celebrate her special day. Ruth will be holding an art show and sale at her residence, 609 Ferris Ave., Waxahachie, on Saturday, March 18th.



Ever young at heart, Ruth Burton celebrates her 90th birthday.

Cheers for Volunteers

Lindy Elkington Nobles and **Nettie McHone** are the SUPER STAR VOLUNTEERS for the month of December. Both donated over 20 hours of their time to the Association that month. In recognition, they received a dozen homemade (*editor's note: delicious homemade!!! I might add*) cookies.

There are many volunteer opportunities available this month (e.g., working at our booth at the Business Expo and the Garden Expo). Please remember to post your contributions in the record book located in our Library.

March Birthdays



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| 6 | Bea Machovsky | 23 | Bill Abbott |
| 10 | Judy Stockton | 24 | Don Locke |
| 11 | Jane Richardson | 24 | Renee Schupp |
| 11 | Lou Waters | 26 | Lola Russell |
| 12 | Ouida Borders | | |

NEW MEMBERS

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