

Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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**ECAA Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2005
at 6:30 P.M.
Ellis County Art Museum**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello everyone! I can't believe that it's almost time for another meeting! Where does the time go? It's been a busy month at the Museum...what an exciting time for our Association.

Volunteers! Have you recorded your hours? Don't forget to take care of this very important task. The hours don't have to be performed at the Museum...work any time and any where done *in the service of our Association* counts!

Gift-Shop Speaking of volunteer hours...the Gift Shop renovation is almost finished! **Linda Wacaster** has painted 99% by herself! (whew...makes me tired just thinking about it). Isn't the color wonderful? Check with Linda to see if there is anything you can do to help her. We'll install new lights in the little alcoves, then new carpeting...and just wait until you see the great idea Linda has for the Window displays! What an asset she is to our club...the lady is so creative!

Holiday Miniature Show and Sale Held simultaneously with the membership Juried show opens November 12th with a Wine & Cheese Reception from 5-7pm. Work for both shows will be accepted the week preceding the show, Monday, Nov. 7 thru Friday, Nov. 11 (until 3pm). For more information see this newsletter and come to the November 7th meeting. The show and sale will continue thru the end of December. We'll do promotional advertising and mail invitations to our patrons/sponsors/friends of the Museum.

It's Almost Ready!!! The new directory is being printed as you read this and will be distributed at the November 7th meeting. **Reneé Schupp** has burned a lot of midnight oil putting it together. Be sure and tell her how much we appreciate all the hard work. The **Friday Painters** jumped in and helped Renee' too...they formed a telephone committee to verify members' information for us in an effort to produce as accurate a directory as possible. Ladies, thank you, thank you, thank you!!! It couldn't have been done without you.

Media Room? After the Gift Shop renovation project, we're moving the "Library" downstairs into the room by the office...(where the refrigerator *used to be...it is now located in the kitchen*). We'll no longer have to 'schlep' up the stairs and then sweat in the heat or shiver in the cold...plus, we plan to have more than books for members' use such as videos, audio tapes...(we're accepting donations of instructional VCRs and DVDs)...Plus an information center! This room will be where you can find out all there is to know about art in North Texas (not to mention right here in Waxahachie!) **Jill Parr** suggested that we name it the "Media Room"...she has several ideas...so, stay tuned!

See you at the next meeting! Thanks, Tina

"To draw, you must close your eyes and sing."

—Pablo Picasso

November Hostesses

Hostesses for the November 7th meeting will be:
Marlene Steele, Katha Berry and Shawn Davis.

Kudos to the Cooks

A big "Thank You" to last month's hostesses: Rita Hanson, Barbara McMullen and Phyllis Shingler.

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

Cynthia Padilla is a National lecturer/instructor at universities and art centers whose work can be found in galleries, gift stores, commercial and residential properties. Sought out for research projects, book reviews, commissioned plant portraits, workshops, and as a travel leader on sketching tours, her highly detailed renderings of plants and natural science subjects are available for exhibition. The artist host/produced a televised series highlighting the local arts scene, and presently serves as an online arts editor.



"I begin by staring. I draw slowly. Paint cautiously. My preferred mediums are watercolor. Acrylic being ideally suited for the slow layering of transparent washes of color over color. Many artists contemplate if a piece is ever finished. For me it is easy. A piece is done when it looks exactly like the plant, bug-chewed leaf and all."

Cynthia has sketched rare orchids in Thailand, wandered abandoned courtyards in India, and traveled the Central American Rainforests to document its flora and fauna. See her tropicals and orchid paintings at www.botanicalart.50megs.com

Fall Member Holiday Show & Sale

This year we will have a 2-part show **Saturday, November 12th, the Fall Member Holiday Show and Sale**. In addition to a judged member show/exhibition/sale, ECAA also is planning a miniature show & sale which will continue thru December. Rules and entry forms for the Fall Member Show are included in this newsletter. Entries will be accepted beginning Tuesday, Nov. 8th until 3:00pm Friday, Nov. 11th and there will be an opening wine and cheese reception on Saturday night (the 12th) from 5-7pm. Invitations will be sent out to our patrons, sponsors and friends for this special event.

In addition to the fall member show we will also have a non-competitive **Mini-Show and Sale**. Mini-Show rules are as follows:

- There is no limit to the quantity of miniatures you enter and no entry fee. The mini-show will not be judged.
- Entries can be no larger than 12" x 16" and must be framed "gallery quality" or wrapped canvases, wired for hanging...NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS.
- Miniatures will be priced to sell and hang thru the end of December.
- Work completed in class accepted. Original artwork not required for members over 60 years.
- Members are required to present a price list of all their entries on a piece of paper stating: artist, title, medium, price, and phone number at time of entry. This list will be kept at the Museum for reference during the sale. Entries will be "tagged" with a cross-referenced number.
- You may bring your entries to the Museum any time beginning 10:00am Tuesday, Nov. 8th.

We will also need volunteers to help hang the show on Friday afternoon and to sit with the show during the time it runs. If you can help in any way or have questions regarding the Mini-Show and Sale contact DeBob Jacob @ 972 978-5762 or Linda Schindler @ 972-937-2749 or call the Museum. We will also discuss the show and volunteer needs at the Monday, Nov. 7th meeting.



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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Voluntary Service of Past Officers to be Recognized

ECAA will recognize the voluntary service of its past officers when members meet on Monday, December 5, at the Art Museum. The program commences at 6:30 p.m.

Membership directories were used to identify the past position-holders. With the assistance of current and former members and the internet, over 40 officers have been contacted and informed of the event. **Addresses and phone numbers have not been obtained for the following officers: May Bice, Shirley Bird, Elsie Curry, Gloria Geldmeier, Beverly Gillespie, Catherine Johnson, Sue McCrary, Doris Phillips, Lorene Sanders, and Charlie Faye Wallace. Please contact Linda Moxley at 972.923.1628 (or lsnoxley@msn.com) if you have contact information for any of these individuals.**

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Association. They handle administrative details and coordinate all programmatic activities. The selfless dedication of ECAA's officers and other volunteers have helped build Ellis county's reputation as an art-oriented community.

SEPTEMBER'S HIGH CONTRIBUTING VOLUNTEERS

According to the Volunteer Program records, Priscilla Parker and Linda Moxley both donated over 30 hours to the Association during the month of September. **GOOD WORK!**

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

*We make a living by what we do;
but, we make a life by what we give.
— Winston Churchill*



October Mini-Show Winners

1st - Edward Tobin

2nd - Roy McHone

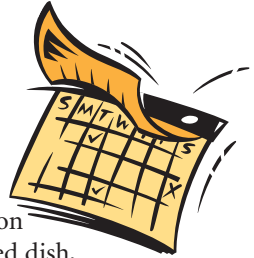
Honorable Mention - Marca DeLacerda

November Birthdays



5	Donna Elliff	12	Priscilla Parker
7	Marzelle Parish	16	Betty King
8	Mary Wade	22	Mary Rabien

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. Bring your significant other, a covered dish, and a White Elephant gift (if you wish to participate) and join us in celebration of the season. More info at the Nov. 7th meeting.

ECAA Mini Show Guidelines

- ✓ Any active member may enter this monthly contest.
- ✓ A minimum of four works must be entered for a show.
- ✓ All active members are asked to cast one vote for their favorite entry sometime before the program begins.
- ✓ First and second place prizes will be awarded.
- ✓ Winners may not enter the mini show again until the third meeting after their win.

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

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 you desktop for quick reference.

At our October meeting Tina passed around a sign-up list to receive the newsletter by e-mail only. If you chose the pdf format you will not receive a newsletter by US mail this month. All other members with an e-mail address will receive the November newsletter both via US mail and electronically with instructions if you wish to continue receiving the e-mailed version. As always, there will be extras available at the Museum and on our website.

Did you know...?

There's a lot of history to our club and the museum. For instance, did you know that there are shower stalls in the store room? That's because our meeting room was once a gym for the church! Many of our long-time members have all sorts of stories about the building and our club's past. If you would like to share a tidbit with the club, email your information to the editor at lyndle@aol.com or put it in the newsletter box at the museum. This would be a great way to document some of the oral history and give our members some background about our building and the Association.

FALL ART SHOW RULES 2005

ELLIS COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION

1. The Fall Art Show will be held on the first or second full weekend in November, contingent upon the decision of the Association, Board and Fall Art Show chairmen. Members (both active and new) who have paid the current year's dues may exhibit in the Fall Show.
2. All active members of the Ellis County Art Association are eligible to enter artwork to be judged in the show. (The show is not open to juniors, associates, patrons, sponsors or benefactors.)
3. Exhibitors are to pay an entrance fee of \$3.00 per artwork at the time of registration. Three entry forms have been included on the back of this page. You are limited to 3 entries per category, but you may enter numerous categories. Additional entry forms will be available at the museum for registration. There are also 6 name tags for your pieces on the back of this page which you may fill out ahead of time. Additional name tags will also be available during registration.
4. Artworks that have won ribbons in any of the Association's prior juried shows may not be entered. All works must be original both in concept and design (not copied from other artists).
5. Ribbons will be given for the following general categories:
 - A. Oils/Acrylics
 1. Landscape/Seascape/Architecture
 2. Still Life/Floral
 3. Portraits/Figures (People and Animals)
 - B. Watercolors
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 2. Still Life/Floral
 3. Portraits/Figures (People and Animals)
 - C. Works on Paper (Pastels, Pen and Ink, Pencils)
 - D. Multi Media (A mix of 2 or more medias)
 - E. Sculpture
 - F. China Painting
 - G. Photography
 - H. Impressionism
 - J. Best of Show
 - K. Member's Choice

The categories may be modified if there are less than 5 entries in a single category.

6. Ribbon awards will be provided and attached to winning entries before the Saturday night reception.
7. There are no size restrictions for the juried show. All work must be framed "gallery quality" and wired for hanging. NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS.
8. Artists are permitted to make sales during the show. No change in price will be allowed without the artist's permission. Twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price will be donated to the Ellis County Art Association. Artwork should be priced to include the 20%.
9. Each exhibitor must keep his/her art on display for the duration of the exhibit.

Details

For all promotional purposes, the Association's major Fall function will be called the Ellis County Art Association's Fall Art Show.

Artist who have paid their dues for the current 2005-06 year are encouraged to submit artworks for the show.

The Art Show will be held at the Art Museum on Saturday, November 12th, beginning with a wine and cheese reception from 5pm-7pm. The show will continue through the end of December. It will be an occasion for the artists to show and sell art to the public.

All artwork submitted for the show may be delivered to the museum beginning 10:00am Tuesday, November 8th until 3:00pm Friday, November 11th. Sale prices must be determined and clearly noted on registration form at this time. Artwork that is not for sale should be marked "NFS" in the "Price \$" space on the registration form.

Items submitted for competition will be judged by Linda Schindler, DeBob Jacob and Jill Parr on Friday evening prior to the Saturday night wine and cheese reception. During the reception the Association members will vote for the "Members Choice Award". The Museum will be open Sunday, November 13th from 1:00pm-4pm for viewing by members, family, friends and the public.

The Fall Art Show will continue thru the end of the year.

ECAA FALL SHOW ENTRY FORM

Item # [] Title 1 _____
Medium _____ Price _____
[] Title 2 _____
Medium _____ Price _____
[] Title 3 _____
Medium _____ Price _____
Artist Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Signature _____

ENTRY FEE: A non-refundable fee of \$3.00 each for Members on all Fall Show entries. Items for Mini-Sale may be entered free of charge. Mini's can be no larger than 12" x16".

SALES COMMISSION: Every effort will be made to promote sales. A 20% commission will be retained by the Ellis County Art Association to benefit the museum

LIABILITY: ECCA will take the greatest possible care in handling works, but the organization will not be responsible for loss or damage to any work submitted for this exhibition. By entering work for consideration in this exhibition, the owner or his agent agrees to hold the organization blameless for loss of or damage to that work.

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ART ENTRY TAG

Artist Name _____
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Telephone / Cell Number _____
Title of Work _____
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