



Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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ECAA MEETING REMINDER:

Monday, October 2, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.
Ellis County Art Museum

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear ECAA Member,

The installation of new work based on "Summer Vacation" theme in the Anderson Gallery is wonderful! Be sure and take the time to enjoy this new exhibition. The highlight of the show is the creative display of painted gourds....excellent work!

Speaking of excellent work....congratulations to **Claudia Parsons** for winning **TWO** ribbons at the State Fair....2nd place Watercolor and 2nd place Pastel. Way-to-go Claudia! We're proud of you!

Are some of you still hanging on to those special "treasures"? Are you having "issues" with giving them up even for a great cause like the **ECAA Garage Sale**? Well, speaking from personal experience, I know how difficult it is....I've down-sized from a 3-bedroom house with a huge studio space & frame shop into a small 2-bedroom apartment. I have absolutely no idea how I managed to accumulate so many "treasures" over the years but the ECAA garage sale is the "beneficiary". Now is the perfect time for everyone to clean out closets, cabinets, garages & storage sheds. Call **Priscilla Parker** to coordinate your donation. You know what they say..."someone's trash is another's treasure..."

Thank you to all that have volunteered to serve on a special committee for the coming year. Our association has a full schedule for the 2006-2007 year and your volunteer hours will not go unrecognized!

See you October 2nd!

Tina Bohlman



LEGACY OF LOVE FOR ART

Our demonstrator this month is artist, Dena Petty, a new member to our Association and participant in this year's "Paint Historic Waxahachie Paint Out". Dena first came to love art as a child watching her Aunt Avenell Benedict in the small town of Glenwood, Arkansas painting her oil landscapes and hearing her give instruction to her students.

"She taught me to love God's creation; His people, His creatures, His world. My Aunt Nell taught me to see things differently as others do...to see things as an artist would see them. God's beauty is every where; we just have to open our spiritual eyes. She inspired me in so many ways."

Dena went on to study fine art and interior design at Louisiana Tech University in the mid 1980's. Her art evolved over the years moving from medium to medium. Starting with simple oil paintings, watercolor and pencil drawings, she attempted to capture the realism of the subject. Loving form and shape and having a sense of three dimensions she began sculpture of people and horses. All gave her a sense of peace and accomplishment and she was successful in galleries in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Petty has enjoyed the privilege of receiving many awards during her career. Best in Show in *Exploring the 23rd Psalms Art Show* in Little Rock, Arkansas, and she was voted Favorite Artist by the public in "Paint Historic Waxahachie Paint Out" competition during the 2006 Gingerbread Trail Festival in Waxahachie, Texas.

"Feeling restless and needing to understand and capture light in nature, I have attended several workshops. Two of which I studied under master artists that I much admired. The first of which was a plein-aire workshop in Sedona, Arizona. I studied under the master impressionistic landscape artist, Scott William Jennings. Mr. Jennings is known as America's artist and has his work displayed in the White House. The second was also a plein aire workshop in Clifton, Texas. I studied under one of the Bosque Seven, George Hallmark. Mr. Hallmark taught me to allow the painting to develop, taking my time to organize the canvas, but then to paint loose and freely. Both taught me to paint quickly and loose to allow the capturing of the light on the subject.

My art took a drastic turn and I discovered my passion as an artist. I love the broad, bold strokes of color on the canvas that look obtuse when you stand close up. But as you back away from the canvas the subject comes alive, so much, that if done correctly, *you can feel the wind blow!*"

Dena is currently represented by StoneWall Collections in Clifton, TX. Don't miss this opportunity to meet our new Association member and explore her creative process.




Talk About a Reason to Celebrate!!!

Ellis County Art Association and Fine Arts Museum just received a **\$500 Grant** from



to be used towards our **2007 Youth Art Show**

Be sure to show your appreciation by patronizing our local store.

Notes from the Anderson...

by Jill Parr

"What, me worry?" I certainly shouldn't have. The opening of our new show, "What Did You Do on Your Summer Vacation?" was beautiful and exciting. Like a massive artwork, each new show is a little hard to visualize. Every successive layer reveals more of the intent, until...there it is looking better than anyone expected!!

At our last member meeting I put out a call for a work party after the meeting, knowing how full everyone's lives are, and how hard it is to stay up late when you have to get up early. I really didn't think I would have any takers. But a crackerjack team showed up who hung the whole show and made the overall inventory list. That's **three days of after hours work for me**, accomplished in about three hours by the team. They actually left me with enough time to go home and get a decent night's sleep for a change! **Edward and Gwen Tolbin** and **Steve Miller**, a new member since the Plein Aire event, handled hanging, while **Marca Sue DeLacerda**, and **Margaret Gaston** and Gwen, created the lists I needed. Marca Sue did some last minute rearranging in the small galleries to freshen their appearance.

In weeks prior, **Lynn LaRose** had swooped in to save me from my awful technological deficiency affliction (!), to make photos of work to be used in publicity, create a flyer and art postcard. She also downloaded all Alice's information off the old computer and put it on the new one. **Mitti Bowren** and Margaret helped to hang work in the Daniels Room so it would be presentable for the show, while **Betty King** sat with me for two weekends helping to take in new works and see that all the paperwork was correct. With all those acts of kindness, I should have known to relax a little - our membership is the most giving and caring of any art club anywhere. I'd put money on it!

A pithy and well composed little press release was contributed by **Jennifer Howell**. Such a release is put into press packets used to solicit the donation of goods and services for shows, as well as to alert the media of our upcoming events.

The building sparkled because our wonderful cleaning crew came not once, but two nights in a row to ensure a "spic and span" appearance.

City Florists, a bustling business over on Water St., took time out to take delight in my reaction to their donated arrangement.

Saturday, as I was completing final touches, Betty King arrived just to see if there was anything she could do. She helped me place all the title/price cards and gallantly offered to pick up the rest of the flowers for the refreshment tables.

A sumptuous array of refreshments was provided by **Polly Smith, Rita Hanson, Betty King, Ramona Murphy, Margaret Gaston, Barbara McMullen, Nettie McHone**, and **Gwen Tolbin**. **Shawn Davis** did her usual efficient and brilliant job organizing the refreshments and providing a whimsical end of summer vacation theme that was perfect. Little fish carried shrimp and crab delicacies, goldfish crackers, dips, cheeses, cookies. There were beautiful shells, starfish and tablecloths that made you believe you were standing where the sand meets the clear azure sea! **Helen Lundberg** brought an astonishing selection (Australian wine, anyone?) of wine in a beautiful and practical copper tub on a stand.

We sold about \$200.00 of art works from the opening, which, was spectacular given the modest attendance.

Be looking, in future editions of the newsletter for more information regarding Christmas at the Anderson and our next opening in February.

GARAGE SALE OCTOBER 6 - 7

We have a great group of members working on the **GARAGE SALE** (but you are all welcome to join the fun!), which will be at the Museum on **Friday and Saturday, October 6th & 7th**. You still have time to bring those unwanted items...just bring them with you to the meeting!



Volunteers need to be at the Museum by **7:15am** on **Friday** the 6th. We will close up at 2:30pm. On **Saturday**, volunteers need to be at the Museum by **7:30am** and we'll close at Noon.

I still need a couple of people to help out Friday afternoon, October 6th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. If you can volunteer a few hours during that time please call me at **972-937-8365**. Your help is greatly appreciated and thanks in advance to everyone helping.

Priscilla Parker

Holiday Member Show & Sale



Our annual Holiday Member Show and Sale will open with a **reception from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Saturday, November 18th**, at the Museum and continue thru the end of the year.

Paintings will be accepted for the show on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 14th, 15th, and 16th. On Friday, November 17th the paintings will be hung and the show set up and judged. Ribbons will be awarded and People's Choice will be announced on Sunday afternoon, the 19th.

Linda Schindler has volunteered to chair the Holiday Member Show and Sale and *needs workers to help take in paintings and hang the show as well as helping out during the show on Saturday and Sunday.*

President, **Tina Bohlman**, has graciously offered an original watercolor painting for a drawing to be held during the event. Entry forms are included in this newsletter.

Look for more information on the Holiday Member Show and Sale, Rules and Entry Forms in the November newsletter and on the ECAA website:

www.elliscountypart.net

Get busy and make sure you have your entries ready!!!

Artist's Showplace Juried Exhibition

The Artist's Showplace in Dallas will be hosting a Juried Exhibition for 2007. Entry deadline is December 9, 2006 with the Award Ceremony to be held on February 16, 2007. There will be over \$4,000.00 in prize money awarded. For more information go to their website:

www.artistsshowplace.com/2006_juried_competition.htm

Asel Art Supply 2nd Annual Garage Sale & Art Materials Expo

Artists Workshops - Huge Savings
New Products - Door Prizes

Art Material Representatives On Hand

Held at the Dallas Center
for Contemporary Arts
2801 Swiss Ave.
Dallas, Tx 75204

Friday October 13, 2006 10am-6pm
Saturday October 14, 2006 9am-3pm

MUSEUM INVENTORY

A committee is being formed to inventory, room by room the furnishings and other assets of the Museum for insurance purposes and for use in applying for a grant. This information can be loaded on our new computer system for better inventory control.

If you can help with the inventory, please call the Museum at **972-937-3414** and leave your name and number or email the Museum at ecaa@sbcglobal.net and leave your name and number. You will be contacted regarding date and time.



*"If I didn't start painting,
I would have raised chickens."*

—Grandma Moses

Save the Dates...



October 2nd - GENERAL MEETING

at 6:30pm with oil demo by Dena Petty.

October 6-7th - ECAA Annual

GARAGE SALE fundraiser.

October 28th - BOB PHILLIPS SHOW on the Courthouse Square.

November 4th - GENERAL MEETING at 10:00am.

(Note: This is a Saturday morning meeting!!) This will be a joint meeting with the DeSoto Art League and Lancaster Art Club featuring a demonstration by Liquitex.

November 18th - HOLIDAY MEMBER SHOW AND SALE RECEPTION 5:30pm to 7:30pm

December - MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY - date still to be determined.

FYI Denim Volunteer Shirts

If you have ordered an ECAA Volunteer shirt, please make your check out to Jeanette's for \$26.00 and bring it to the next meeting. Your shirt will be available then.

ART CLASSES AT THE MUSEUM

Ellis County Art Association offers classes for all ages. There's a class waiting for you! Call for class schedules:

DeBob Jacob: Oil
972-435-4866

Linda Schindler: Oil
972-937-2749

Jill Parr: Colored Pencil, Acrylic
972-938-2869

Linda Wacaster: Oil
972-291-4182

Nettie McHone: China Painting
972-938-3322

To New Members, Guests, and Renters of Our Facility

Parking next to the side or back entrances of this building is reserved for producers, suppliers of events, and for people who have restricted access permits visible on their rear view mirrors.

All other cars may be parked directly in front of our building, at the Boze Mitchell Funeral Home two doors northwest of the Fine Arts Museum, provided they are not having a funeral, and in their overflow lot directly across the street from their building.

Please exercise all care and good planning when parking your vehicle so as not to block access to any of our neighbors properties and driveways.

The Ellis County Art Association, The Fine Arts Museum, its staff, members and affiliates are not responsible for towing of vehicles parked improperly.

Thank you.



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LAST CALL ECAA Membership Dues

Membership dues are now due for the 2006-2007 year. Be sure to fill out the membership form below and mail with your check or bring to the meeting. Your membership must be paid in order for your information to be included in the 2006-07 Membership Directory. If your information has changed during the year, be sure to update it by emailing lyndle@aol.com or calling 972-935-9004. Don't miss out on all the exciting events for the new year!



September Mini-Show Winners

1st - Carol Cull
2nd - Mary Rabien

October Birthdays

7 Catherine Byers
7 Linda Schindler
19 Beth Lyons
20 Audrey Varner
29 Vivian Varian



October Hostesses

Hostesses for the October 2nd meeting will be:
Rita Hanson and Phyllis Shingler.



To last month's hostesses:
Margaret Gaston, Barbara McMullen, Polly Smith
and Claudia Parsons

Date _____

Membership Registration & Dues

Name _____ Amount Paid _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ E-mail Address: _____ Web-Site _____

Month Day

Type of Membership: Active, \$25(Active Over 60 - \$20) Junior Member, no charge Friend, \$30-\$99

College, \$15 Patron, \$100-\$249 Sponsor, \$250-\$499 Benefactor, \$500 and above

Mail to: Nettie McHone, Treasurer
215 Sioux Dr.
Waxahachie, TX 75165

*Thank you to active and supporting members alike for your involvement with the Ellis County Art Association and Fine Arts Museum!
Your contributions to ECAA are tax deductible*