

# Ellis County Art Association, Inc. Fine Arts Museum

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**ECAA Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2005  
at 6:30 P.M.  
Ellis County Art Museum**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear ECAA Member,

The Museum Gift Shop needs your help. We've temporarily closed the Gift Shop for renovation and in the next several weeks, it's going to go through a lot of changes. The Gift Shop is getting a "face lift" with a complete top to bottom make-over...**including inventory.**

**Please make arrangements to pick up any artwork currently on consignment NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005.**

**ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY THIS DATE will be considered a donation to the Gift Shop.**

Linda Wacaster has agreed to take on this major project and we know she's going to do a super job! Plans are to have a **Grand Re-Opening** for the Holiday buying season.

We will have a Silent Auction of "donated" Gift Shop items at the September 12th meeting. All funds collected from this auction will go toward the renovation. This is a great opportunity to purchase some wonderful items at a fraction of it's value... AND...contribute to the Gift Shop Project!

Please address any questions you may have to Linda Wacaster or any ECAA Officer. THANKS!

ECAA Executive Committee: Tina Bohlman, Renee Schuup, Nettie McHone, Betty King, Wanda Hendrix, Margaret Gaston, Linda Schindler, and Linda Wacaster, Project Chairman.

## September Hostesses

Hostesses for the September 12th meeting will be:

Wanda Hendrix, Linda Schindler and Shawn Davis.

## Big Thanks

To last month's hostesses:

Karen White, Priscilla Parker and Polly Smith.

*"I hope with all my heart that there will be painting in heaven."*

*—Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot*

## SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

Our presenter for the September 12th meeting will be David Smith, docent at the Dallas Museum of Art. He will give a talk...*"So why is this Art?"*

David is the son of Jan and Glenn Smith and is manager of Glenn's Warehouse Carpets here in Waxahachie. He is married to Pat and has two grown children and two granddaughters. His wife, both children, one daughter-in-law and two sisters are all teachers.

David has been a docent at the Dallas Museum of Art for 12 years and is a popular speaker on subjects related to art history. He teaches art through *Lighthouse for the Learning*, which in the continuing education program at Navarro College. He also teaches an 11 week program on "Christian Art through the Ages" at his church, First United Methodist of Waxahachie. David says, "I just love talking about art. I grew up in a house with culture."

This should be a very interesting discussion and one you won't want to miss.



## HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN???

Dues for the 2005-06 year are DUE and there are still several members who haven't renewed. Send your renewal and check to treasurer, Nettie McHone. If any of your information has changed since last year, please fill out a new form and send it to Nettie. A membership form is included on the back of this newsletter.

This is positively your last chance to be included in the Yearbook. Those who haven't paid by the September meeting will be dropped from our newsletter mailing list. You don't want to be left out!

Also take note of our new rates on the membership form.

## NEW MEMBERS

Susan Junge

239 Cedar Creek Park

Whitney, TX 76692

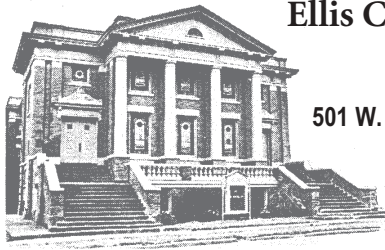
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## September Birthdays



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|---|------------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Katha Berry            | 18 | Wanda Hendrix |
| 3 | Edward Tobin           | 20 | Nettie McHone |
| 4 | Worth LaRose           | 22 | Liz Armon     |
| 6 | Lindy Elkington Nobles |    |               |

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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## The Supply Box

by Jill Parr

This month I have something unusual in my supply box. For all of you who have always wanted to try your hand at sculpting but either didn't know where to start, Or didn't want to sink a bundle into it, I have the perfect thing – PLASTER!

There are a few different really easy ways to use it:

If you add ordinary garden grade perlite to it, about 1 cup to 1 1/2 quarts of plaster, and then pour it into a half gallon cardboard milk carton while it is still liquid, you will get a block about 6" X 6" X 10". It sets very quickly, but it really takes 24 hours to cure. You will be able to tell if it is cured by the way it feels. When it is completely dry you can hit it with the bowl end of a spoon and it makes a kind of ringing sound. The cardboard can be removed while it is still damp, but I don't think it would cut cleanly. The perlite makes plaster easy to sculpt with a steak knife. If its too hard, add more perlite - too crumbly, add less. This material is usually used in a subtractive method.

At Hobby Lobby, some medical supply stores, and in your Sax Arts and Crafts Catalog, discussed in an earlier column (www.saxarts.com), you can purchase gauze impregnated with plaster under high pressure. It is called, logically enough, Plaster Gauze. It can be ordered in smaller amounts with which to experiment, or if you become a full blown Plaster Gauze junkie, you can order 25 lbs for about \$70. It is usually packaged in rolls, which are sometimes individually wrapped, and are about as big as your fist. Once I had it arrive in rolls that were 10" long, and I had to do a lot of cutting before each project. I can complete a class project (up to 30 children) using about 1 roll per child and still have about 1/2 of a box left.

One way to use it is to fashion a small figure out of twisted and crumbled newspaper and masking tape, and cover it with strips of the wetted Plaster Gauze. I have done bas relief pieces by first covering a stretched canvas with Plaster Gauze, and then applying a figure to the top, which subsequently is covered with Plaster Gauze.

On Saturdays during September (excluding Labor Day weekend) and October, from 12 to 3 PM, I will be completing several pieces using Plaster Gauze. Please feel free to come down and watch. I would be happy to demo this technique at a meeting if there were interest. And, if any one wants to attend a studio class where you can actually make something and learn the finer points of working in that medium, put a note in the "Resident Artists" mailbox by the office, or call me.

I give Plaster Gauze used as an art medium five stars. ★★★★★

## ART MUSEUM GARAGE SALE

We know many of you donate items to local charities. What better non-profit to support than our own art museum? If you have things to donate—clothes, books, appliances, etc.—just bring them to the museum. We'll do the organizing and pricing here! You'll have an opportunity to sign up to help us with the sale itself at the September meeting. Plans are for the sale to take place the last weekend in September. If you have questions, call Priscilla at 972-937-8365.



## China Painting Classes

**When:** Every Monday from 9:30am to 12:00pm Starting Labor Day, September 5, 2005 (All interested are invited, but call Nettie first.)

**Where:** Ellis County Art Museum

**Subject:** Sept 5 & 12 will be poppies (as demonstrated at the August meeting.)

**Cost:** First two classes are free, but asking everyone to pay \$7.00 per day for china and supplies, building and firing.

We will skip September 19, then start September 26. Classes will cost \$10.00 per class and \$1.00 for building, students will pay for their supplies separately.

For further information, contact: Nettie McHone, 215 Sioux Drive, Waxahachie, 972-938-3322.

## Guess Who's Coming to Town...



...no, not Santa, it's the BOB PHILLIPS Country Reporter Festival on the Courthouse Square in Waxahachie on September 17, 2005. Last year's festival attracted over 20,000 visitors to the Square. Consideration is being given to an ECAA booth in "Artist's Alley". Participating artists will share the booth expense and are expected to help with set-up, booth sitting and take-down. A 10' x 20' (2 spaces) is \$250. Contact Tina Bohlman for more information at 972-937-6797 or email: bohlman@swbell.net

## Membership Registration & Dues

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Mail to: Nettie McHone, Treasurer**  
**215 Sioux Dr.**  
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*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*