



“Building Community Through Creativity”

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Monthly Art News for the Williamson County Art Guild

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NEW GUILD WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

At our last General meeting we had a presentation of our new website WWW.WCARTGUILD.COM. I want to encourage you to visit our new online presence to experience what the whole world can now see. It is exciting to think that our members can now share their art with the entire online community in just about every corner of the world. Millions of people can see, enjoy, appreciate and even buy the fruits of YOUR creative talents.

The web site is “a work in progress” and will continue to evolve, but at this time it offers the following features:

- A central place to find the latest WCAG news
- Information about our Guild, who we are, why we are here and what we do and hope to do
- Gallery information and location directions as well as a list of current exhibitors
- Membership information and application
- Current workshops listing
- An “Artist Profile” page for every member who chooses to participate. This page provides each member a place to show and tell the world a little about yourself and your art.

This last item is, in my opinion, the most exciting feature: Your own mini-website. You can include a link in your letters and emails to potential customers, friends and family that will take them right to your personal web page. You can include this URL (the address of your personal web page) on your business card or brochures or letters so people can SEE your art.

It is important that you understand that your personal page just doesn't automatically appear. You must provide the information and images that you want displayed. This can be done in a number of different ways. And just because you don't have or use a computer at home doesn't mean you can't have your own “Artist Profile” page. I am committed to making this available to every member who wants to participate.

That is where you can help to make this web site a success. You see, the more members that participate, the more art we have to show the world. The more art we show, the more reasons people have to visit our website. Again, I want to stress that you don't have to be a computer user to take advantage of this opportunity.

We also need your suggestions for how we can continue to make the website a useful tool..

More next month about the website and plans to provide an online newsletter beginning with the first of the year. You will receive a reminder each month when it is time to check out the latest news.

When you are ready to share your creations with the world, call or email me, 512-868-8693 or rbartko@aristec.com

Rich Bartko, President WCAG

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!!

If you are interested in participating in the Guild's group tent for the ART WALK weekend, the fee is \$25.00 for WCAG members. Turn in your

fee by October 15 and check with Rich Bartko for details.

For individual vendor information, check website:
www.wcartguild.com.

Activities planned by WCAG in conjunction with DGA throughout October, Texas Month of the Arts.

OCTOBER 1 (FRIDAY)

**JURIED ART SHOW
RECEPTION AT FRAMERS
GALLERY**
610 Main Street, 6-9 pm

**OPEN HOUSE AT ART GUILD
GALLERY**
5-8 pm

OCTOBER 2 (SAT.)

**DOWNTOWN LIVING:
LOFTS AND LIFESTYLES
TOUR**

OCTOBER 14 (Thurs.)

**SITTING PRETTY auction in
conjunction with THE
TASTEFUL TABLE tasting
party**

OCTOBER 24, (SAT.)

EVENING RECEPTION

**OCTOBER 24 -25 (SAT. &
SUN.)
ART WALK ON THE SQUARE**

OCTOBER 30 (Sat.)

Charlie Brown Film Festival

DETAILS ON ART SHOW RECEPTION:

The Juried Art Show will open Oct. 1st at The Framer's Gallery with an Opening Reception that night (6 to 9 pm). This show is a joint venture between DGA and WCAG. DGA is providing the live music and we are to provide the refreshments. It is also First Friday so we should get a lot of visitors. We had between 700 to 800 at the gallery's grand opening last First Friday. This will be a great way to promote the guild. We need many of you to come and bring an unopened bottle of wine to serve. (What we don't use, we can use at the Art Walk reception.) If you don't want to bring wine, bring some finger food to serve in a disposable container. Remember this is your show.

Thanks in advance,
Fred Bolgen, 633-0868

SITTING PRETTY PIECES

All pieces scheduled for the fundraiser must be delivered to Sherri Wolbrueck at the Art Guild Gallery no later than Saturday, September 25 between 11 and 5. Plaques will be affixed to recognize the artists, and the chairs, etc., will be placed with merchants around the Square for display in advance of the auction.

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

We have all heard tales about organizations run by cliques or self-perpetuating boards of directors...Well WCAG is **not** one of those!

Opportunities abound for participation at all levels of WCAG activities.

There are vacancies on the Board of Directors for the positions of **Show Chair** (an essential post in an arts organization),

Parliamentarian (every group needs one) and **Hospitality Chair** (a little coordination couldn't hurt).

If you are interested in becoming involved in the workings of a very busy organization, you will be warmly welcomed. If you are shy, you need not put yourself forward at an open meeting, just call one of the current board members and discuss your interests.

At this time we really need an outgoing person to coordinate volunteers and refreshments for our First Friday open houses. October is covered, but there will always be another First Friday. And some of you may recall **refreshments** at meetings in the past. Can you smile? Can you make a list? You could make a perfect Hospitality Chairman!

AT THE GALLERY

Kitty Myers won the "People's Choice" award on First Friday this month for an oil painting on masonite. "New Mexico Market" makes you feel like you are right there in the sights and smells of a market scene with the brilliant colors executed in precise brushwork. We were blessed with many interesting pieces of art this month. Congratulations, Kitty!

If you have three hours in the week to spend we could always use your help to keep the gallery open for the posted hours. And thank you to the First Friday volunteers.

I am posting a sign up sheet on the back room bulletin board for those who wish to hang art in October. The change out this month will be on Saturday, Sept. 25, and Wednesday, Sept. 29. I will need help to get everything hung and labels affixed on time for First Friday since I am back at my Preschool job. So, if you want to be on the "Gallery Committee", let me know.

Sincerely, Linda Figg

Exhibiting at the Gallery in September are:

Hope Little Bagnall, Sheila Beck, Patricia Feille, Dottie Foreman, Gregory Heflin, Kathalee Holmans, Giselle Hoopes, Lynn Kessel, Patricia Langley, Mary Mayfield, Kitty Lee Myers, Teresa Vaughn, Sue Wiley, Nicole Filz and Bill Tweddel (book).

CURRENT FUNDRAISER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Just a reminder, the CURRENT fundraiser is on-going and they have LOTS of new items for the Christmas season, including really nice wrapping paper, cards, candles, gift items, food items, even magazine subscriptions.

Fifty percent of all money from sales will be sent to the WCAG! You don't have to be a member to shop, so tell your friends and family about it, too. The website address is: www.currentfun.com.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP WHEN YOU SHOP AT ANNARELLA SHARES

Sign up for a recognition card when you shop at Annarella. When card is shown at time of purchase they will set aside 5% of total dollar amount (before sales tax) of each transaction. On December 31 they will tally up the total, and in January of 2005, present the accumulated amount in the form of a check to our organization..

REPORT ON LOGO

A number of good logo designs have been proposed for the newsletter. We have decided to share several of them with the members over the next few months. This month's design is by Sam Holland.

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ART GUILD and GALLERY
109 Eighth Street
Georgetown, TX 78626
512-868-3966**

Join the Art Guild

You are invited to join the Art Guild by dropping in at the Gallery or by sending a check to:

**Williamson County Art Guild
109 E. 8th Street
Georgetown, TX 78626**

Membership Fees:

**Individual \$30.00
Student \$18.00
Senior \$20.00**

(60 and up)

**Family \$35.00
Sponsor \$50.00 to
 \$250.00**

Sustaining Membership \$250.00

**Check with Membership Chair,
Sue Wiley, for details.**

Submissions to The Artist

We welcome items for the newsletter. If you have any helpful advice or bits of information about the arts community, or art work in general, please call or e-mail Newsletter Chair Kathalee Holmans: (512) 863-2479 or e-mail notes to [wcholmans @msn.com](mailto:wcholmans@msn.com) Consider contributing to Art Tips, the Message Board and Art Spot Light columns.

Newsletter deadline: 15th of month

The Williamson County Art Guild is a non-profit 501 ©(3) organization., organized and operated for educational and charitable purposes. Its specific focus is to stimulate interest in art in Williamson County through art exhibits, artists' programs and sponsorship of scholarships and workshops.

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