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Monthly Art News for the Williamson County Art Guild “Building Community through Creativity”

mARTi Gras GALA WAS SUCCESSFUL— AND FUN, TOO

The mARTi Gras Gala, which took place on February 5th in the Sun City Ballroom, was everything the Guild had hoped for. The 4th annual gala raised funds for the scholarship fund, gave members a chance to show off their art work and provided an evening of music, food and fun.

We must thank many individuals and local businesses for their support and donations.

The Bittersweet Café, Jailhouse Coffee Shoppe, Cianfranis and Shiner Brewery contributed greatly to the food and refreshments for the gala. The ballroom staff was a pleasure to work with, making the committee’s work much easier.

Those attending had plenty of time to listen to the music of the Joseph Cordi Jazz Trio while enjoying the wine tasting and good food, before browsing through the silent auction items. Kay’s Kloset provided a look at current fashions and the Way Off Broadway Community Players entertained us. David Hooper as Master of Ceremonies and Jay Sloan as Auctioneer kept things going smoothly for the live auction.

Items were contributed by Chuy’s Restaurant, Waterloo Icehouse, San Gabriel House Bed and Breakfast (Sue and John Wiley), Monica Burg, Sun City Visual Arts Club, the Georgetown Symphony, LaVigne Photography, the Golden

Bough, the Escape, Jane Paden, Wildfire Restaurant, Lucas Adams, Lynn Kessel, Dorothy Roming, the Round Rock Animal Hospital, V. Rodriguez, Allison Von Merz, Pat Langley, the Kessels, the Hollands, the Holmans, Kendall Young, Just Your Style Salon (Julie Callaghan), Mary Knappe, Linda Figg, Kitty Myers, Kathy Ortiz, Chiropractor Chad Sitzman, Donna Minshew, Wonderful Things, Sheila Jack Crabill, Nicole Filz, Sonya Collona –Mathis, Caitlyn Bagwell, Chuch Rousch, Olivia Taylor, The Framer’s Gallery (Fred Bolgen), Linda Myers, Peggy Carlson, Carol Light, Jan Nichlas, Donna Bland, Brenda Briggs, Lambs Automotive Center, Bette Hennings—

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

And to all of you who bought tickets to the affair, **THANK YOU**, also, from the committee coordinators, Lynn Kessel and Lucas Adams and the Gala committee: Linda Figg, Martha Hooper, Pat Langley, Monica Burg, Kendall Young, Sam Holland and Kathalee Holmans.

Approximately 95 tickets were sold to the Gala. The proceeds from the silent and live auctions reached \$2745.00.

The Scholarship Committee is proceeding with the selection of this year’s recipients.

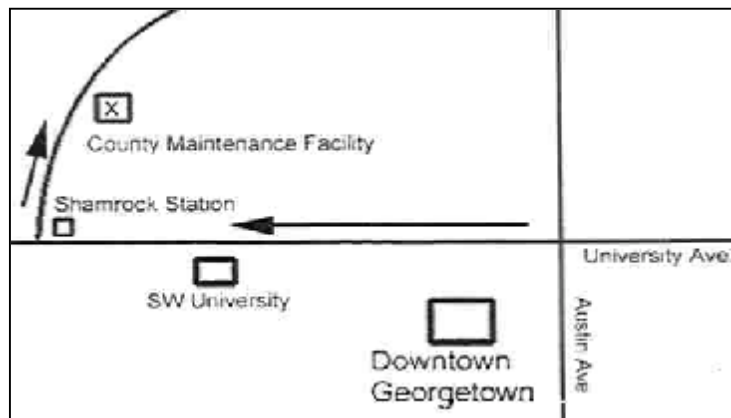
The Guild should have the opportunity to meet the talented young people at a membership meeting later on this spring.

MARCH 1 MEETING

W. C. A. G. will meet at the County Maintenance Building On the Inner Loop at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1.

The program will consist of a painting demonstration by WCAG’s Lucas Adams. Get in the mood for Poppy Fest with Lucas’ outstanding poppies.

Check map below..



ART GUILD SPONSORED WORKSHOPS

Several members signed up for the Watercolor Workshop in February with well known Austin artist Sue Kemp. It was deemed a great success by those attending. The catered lunches were a real treat, and the San Gabriel House Studio was a pleasant setting.

The next workshop will be a two-day plein air, in oil/acrylic, scheduled for April 16th and 17th (rain date April 30) with artist Michael Hammons, new owner of Art Center of Williamson County (the former Brushy Creek Studio.)

The cost is a very reasonable \$50.00 for members, \$60.00 for non-members. Times are 9-4:30 Saturday and 12:30-4:30 Sunday. Lunch will be served Saturday for all! (No lunch Sunday, but coffee will be available.)

Interested persons should send a check to treasurer Lynn Kessel at WCAG to register. She will send a supplies list. Limit of 15 students.

If you have suggestions for more workshops in the future, contact any board member.

Support WCAG, strengthen your skills and have fun being creative.

ARTISTS AS TEACHERS

We run notices for our members about those who conduct classes, etc., such as Lucas Adams, Donna Bland, Patricia Lyle, and places to look for classes, such as The Framers' Gallery, Art Center of Williamson County, etc., but we need fresh updates for the Newsletter continuously.

MEMBER EXHIBITING

Bill Tweddell is part of a three artist exhibit "IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME" at Hill

Country Bible Church NW, Worship Center Balcony (Bldg. A), 12124 RR 620 N. The exhibit runs from March 4 through May 27, with an opening reception March 4 from 7-9 pm. FYI: 577-3339.

MISSING SHOW CHAIR EQUALS MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

WCAG has been struggling without a Show Chairman for several months. The membership has missed opportunities here and there to show their work due to a lack of organization and a key person to check things out and bring information forward. Flyers pour into the Gallery, people call and come by, but many things fall through the cracks for lack of coordination.

Sometimes a big opportunity, such as working with the Georgetown June Fine Arts Festival, is missed. Sometimes it's a small thing like an opportunity to bring art to a public facility (the Teinert Library in Bartlett would like to exhibit art work and offers to hold a reception) or a private business such as Creekside Yoga in RR wishes to support art by exhibiting some. The Scott and White Gallery seeks participants (see article following), The Barclay Visual Arts Contest in Temple is coming up, and The Killeen Civic Art Guild has a Spring Art Competition coming up. Several items have been posted at the Gallery and you can pick up entry forms there, but we need a coordinator...badly.

Timing of the information doesn't always catch the Newsletter at the right point. Mailed info may be discarded for lack of a person to target.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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SCOTT & WHITE EXHIBITION SPACE

The Visual Arts Club of Sun City invite the members of WCAG to take part in the Scott & White Space in the Ophthalmology and Orthopedic Medicine reception room and hallway in Georgetown. The next changeout of art will be Saturday, March 19.

Betty Lemley, chair for this project, provides the following rules:

1. Change Exhibits Quarterly: Next change-out Sat., March 19, from 9-11 am. To remain until June 18. (Change-outs always on Sat.)
2. Each Exhibitor's responsibility: Works framed, wired for hanging. Pleasant subject matter, no nudes or controversy...suitable for a health clinic. **TWO WORKS PER ARTIST...NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Each artist is responsible for picking up their work on the one day specified. **NOTHING HELD OVER OR STORED.** Any artwork left will be disposed of.
4. Sales of work to include sales price, 8% sales tax and 10% for VAC to cover expenses. Checks will be made out to VAC, with VAC representative handling all transactions.
5. List of artists, titles & prices, provided by VAC will be held at reception desk for Dept. of Ophthalmology/Orthopedics.
6. Show Agreement/receipt form will be available at the Clinic at time of change-out. Contact numbers will be included.
7. VAC would welcome a representative from WCAG for this committee.

Individuals wishing to participate should contact Betty Lemley, 512-864-0370, or Sue St. Clair, 512-868-1480, for details, questions, suggestions, etc.

THE GALLERY REPORT

Sales have picked up at the Gallery in February. We have sold two paintings, some t-shirts and other small items to date (Feb. 19).

Exhibiting at the Gallery in February are:

Sheila Crabill, Margie Boyd, Dottie Foreman, Patricia Feille, Charles Kessel, Kitty Lee Myers, Kathalee Holmans, and Yuma Price.

Stop by before the end of the month for a last chance to check out Yuma's "View of Mt. Diablo", which has been sold. This piece is the recipient of the February People's Choice Award.

Remember that members may hang a free item at the Gallery during the their birthday. Docent requirements still apply, or course.

Change-out for March exhibit will be February 25 and 26.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January, 2005

First Texas Bank Account
Balances:
Checking Account \$1948.37
Scholarship Fund \$ 648.41
Building Fund \$6401.37

Income: \$1078.00
Expenses: \$1486.39

Report pre-dates Gala.

ADVERTISE YOUR SERVICES OR PRODUCTS

The WCAG Newsletter accepts paid advertising. Business card sized advertisements are \$25.00 per month, 6 months for \$125.00 and \$225.00 for the year.

Check with Publicity Committee Chair Sam Holland for details.

Calendar

**Gallery Change-out:
February 25 & 26 (Fri. & Sat.)**

**General Meeting
March 1**

**First Friday
March 4**

**Board Meeting
March 8**

**Newsletter Deadline
March 16**

**Scott & White Clinic Gallery
Change-out
March 19**

**Gallery Change-out
March 25 & 26**

**Plein Air Workshop
April 16 & 17**

NEW FEATURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome LETTERS TO THE EDITOR to the newsletter with this edition. These may cover suggestions for the organization, tips for artists, special exhibits you hear about, anything you think might be of interest to your fellow-members. Please email us at wcholmans@msn.com

January 21, 2005

To the Membership of the Williamson County Art Guild,

In reviewing the statement for the Williamson County Art Guild that is presently found on the website, I would say that the beginning of the Guild in 1976 was very similar to that statement.

Promotion of art education and art events were a top priority. Almost every meeting featured a guest artist and program. Three that I remember were Mel Fowler, sculptor, Mistsodo Reddy, pastel portrait artist along with Warren Culler, watercolorist and many, many others. Our first art events were held at the old Settler's Park in Round Rock and at the old community building in San Gabriel Park in Georgetown. I remember being the MC for the show at the community building and at the end of the show we had an art auction to raise money for art projects. For the most part we were just busy, busy, busy trying to get the word out that we were organizing and trying to get membership up.

I have done two programs for the guild and participated at the gallery by showing art work, being a docent, and donating artwork, equipment and art supplies when I moved to Washington this past May to help raise funds for the Guild.

A sense of pride describes my feelings of all the achievements that the Williamson County Art

Guild has made over the years. Especially the scholarship programs for graduating high school seniors and the work that has been done with children at the correctional facility. Good causes. Encouragement of creative expression through education seems to have been the basis of the early Williamson County Art Guild and continues today through it's members.

It has come brought to my attention that the Gallery is in danger of closing. My experience working there was that I signed up many people for Guild membership that found their way into the Gallery. This helps membership and that helps all the other aspects of the Guild. But, if the interest is not there by the membership to support the Gallery by donating time and the Gallery becomes a drain on financial resources that could be better used to promote the original and current goals of the Guild, it might be time to rethink the Gallery.

Please keep me informed as to what happens with the Gallery and the Guild. My best wishes go out to all the Board of Directors and the membership, active or otherwise. Currently I am organizing a group in the Woodinville area. Art is not a luxury, it is a necessity that feeds our appetite and helps satisfy our need for living a rich, full, abundant life.

Best wishes,
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EDITORIAL

This is a disclaimer: The views expressed are entirely those of the Newsletter Editor and do not purport to express the views of other WCAG Board Members or those of the membership at large.

The central issue for WCAG at this time is whether or not to continue

to operate the Gallery in downtown Georgetown.

The Gallery gives WCAG both presence and standing in the community.

It gives Guild members the opportunity to interact with the community as advocates for the arts in a manner that the man on the street can value: a presence in the marketplace.

It is an ever-present means of touching –base for those Guild members who never go to meetings and seldom read the newsletter.

It represents to young people, even more than scholarships to a few, that Art is a visible commodity in the community, a tangible asset, an interesting pursuit for all of those so inclined.

For the visual artist, visibility counts. For whatever reasons, as limited as participation has been over the last few months at the Gallery, more WCAG members have consistently shown their work at the Gallery than all other sites in the area over the last few years. And perhaps as importantly, they have known that the option to show at the Gallery is available to them whatever their skill or experience level. Banding together to offer support and encouragement to one another permits us to explore the grander goals of supporting the arts in a general, public way, and encouraging young people to dedicate themselves to the pursuit of one of civilizations greatest expressions of human endeavor.

If a certain number of our members cannot find three hours in a month for the Gallery, however, the matter is moot. Although I can't think of a better way to expend the Guild's funds or efforts, you may disagree. Whatever your opinion, please speak up.

Please return the enclosure by March 5 for consideration.

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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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