

Williamson County Art Guild

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Building Community Through Creativity

ART SHOW SPARKLES



Frank Pulliam, owner of Franklin & Co, Fine Jewelery, a beautiful new facility on the square was generous with his wall space and has provided WCAG with an excellent and ongoing exhibit location. The grand opening was held on First Friday July 6th with Kathalee and her crew providing refreshments, several people looking at the art and Frank serving



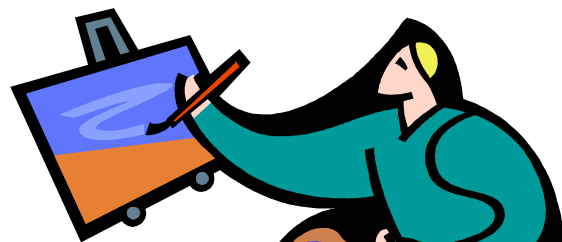
his customers. Frank helped Char and Kendall and others with the installation and the placement of many screws in his beige stuccoed walls. Frank moved his business here from New Mexico and he has good knowledge of the benefits of art groups and business working together. Thanks Frank!. Char with her helpers, including Connie Hartsfield, put this show together at the last minute. Don't miss it!

Gallery Opening Another Winner!

*Come by and see the show this month and show your support. Thanks to our exhibitors: Nancy Brown (watercolors), Happy Birthday, Sonia Colona-Mathis (red brass), Diana Einwich (acrylics), Patricia Feille (mixed media), Joyce Glasscock (oils), Kathalee Holmans (paper mache), Gene Inman (acrylics), Mary Beth Martin (pastels), Doris McDaniel (oils), Linda Stinnett (pastels) Fransina Young (oils), Happy Birthday. Special Note: Pick up for July exhibitors and drop off for August exhibitors will be Wednesday August 1st. Remember to sign up early and reserve your spot for August. For information about hanging in the gallery, contact me soniamarie.cm@netzero.com, home in the evenings 512-869-2484/cell anytime; 512-497-3035, work at The Framers Gallery, Tues, Wed and Friday from 10 AM to 5PM. Thank you all for your great participation!. *Sonia**

**WOW!
We had a
great First
Friday**

***YOU MUST BE AN ARTIST IF.....
you are more concerned
about the color of your car
than fuel consumption***



BOARD MEETINGS ARE FUN!

Board of Directors Perks include; studio viewing, delicious coffee, tea and cake or other goodies, meeting and working with super people and helping to build and improve a great organization.

On June 19th, the Board of Directors met at the home of Bill and Kathalee Holmans for a very productive meeting.

Jonny Parson discussed upcoming exhibits. Susan OConnor will send out notices to members regarding membership. We discussed different possibilities for getting the dues in on time, eg. penalties for late renewal, etc. But for now we just decided to advise people that they won't be in the current directory if they don't renew in time. We discussed "challenge painting" and Sonia said she would come up with some new ideas about the whole process. (see challenge painting article in this issue).

Pat Langley discussed the programs for the general meetings. She has some great stuff arranged. The Board spent a great deal of time discussing ways to generate monies for the scholarship fund. Suggested that we might sell tickets to great "give away" door prizes at each general meeting like the Pastel Society. Also discussed that we give 5% of paintings sold at all venues to the fund. Discussed a silent auction. All were in agreement that that Gala has run its course, Fundraiser at Christmas discussed. etc.

Considered opening a board position for Scholarship. Board agreed to change mission statement from old to the one in brochure. Someone suggested that we give scholarship winners free membership for one year. Board agreed to have a meeting every other month at member's homes. Pat, said we need category for "friends of the guild" don't have to be artists. Everyone agreed that Fred's meetings were fun and we all like his "hand's off" style of directing. Board agreed to have meetings every other month.

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASH!

Nancy Brown has agreed to help out as the publicity chair. Her e-mail is nanbrown55@aol.com and her phone is 512-869-7790 Thanks Nancy !

A very special thanks to Jane Goosby for her help distributing the newsletter via snail mail. Thanks Jane. We couldn't do it without you!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Friday from 10 to 12 AM. Life drawing classes at **WINDBERG ART CENTER.** Participants split cost of model. Located on 1-35N east side on frontage road. Walburg exit

July 31st Blanton Museum Field Trip

(see page 7 for details about this great trip.)

August 2th, Thurs. Gallery Pick up for July Show and drop off for August show at Framer's Gallery **from 10am to 5PM**

August 3rd, Friday First Friday at Framer's Gallery. These openings are packed and fun. Be sure to attend if you have work in the gallery.

August 7th, Tues. General Meeting held at the Windberg Art Center. Social Hour at 6:30PM, meeting begins at 7:00PM For directions see above note. *"August 7th promises to be a fun and informative meeting. Katherine Hart from Jerry's Artarama will share her knowledge about the ancient art form of Encaustic Painting. If you have ever been curious, as I have about the "wax" painting, you won't want to miss this meeting. Katherine is a delightful person". Pat*

September 8th, Saturday Downtown Round Rock

BACA Center Fine Arts and Crafts Sale. 301 W. Bagdad St, Round Rock. From 9AM to 2PM. Free admission. Interested in selling, \$25.00 for a 8x10 space. Cutoff date for entries August 17, 2007. Original Only arts and crafts will be allowed, no jurying. For more information contact, Jennifer Jackson, BACA Program Director at 512.218.5499 or email jenniferjackson@round-rock.tx.us.

LIGHTER MOMENTS

Today, my oldest son who is way...way over- educated in the Sciences, called me and said, "Mom what primary colors do you use to get BLUE. I tried mixing Red and Green and that didn't work".

I am ashamed to admit that this is a direct quote. He really did ask me this question! I must have failed him somewhere!

Sue

from the President

We have come so far in a very short time thanks to the work and devotion of our board and committee members. The gallery has been full each month and as I write this, there are only two panels left for August. Char, who took over the exhibit chair position from Johnny, since he is working 60 to 70 hours a week on the court house trying to get it done for us. Go Johnny. Char and her committee, in just 7 days, put out a call for artists and hung a beautiful show at Franklin Jewelers, 33 pieces in all. Took almost two days to hang the show since there wasn't anything in place to hang with that concrete wall. Great job for someone who never hung a show before. Our newsletter goes out on time and looks great due to Sue's relenting pestering and her great designs skills. She is now working on a new brochure. We have every meeting planned and arranged up to next summer thanks to Pat our program chair. Oh, and the great receptions that Kathalee puts on, two this month at the same time yet. All this hard work shows in the good comments we get from outsiders and, that right now, if everyone renews their membership we will have close to 200 members. This is the sign of a successful organization, thanks to all the help by the membership. Make sure you read the entire newsletter to find out about some of the new things being planned. Thanks also to Diana for planning some social events (see notice elsewhere in this newsletter) and to Nancy Brown for taken over the Publicity chair. We still need a secretary to record and write up changes that are made and someone to head up the scholarship fund raising efforts. See me for more information on these. We also need some helpers on all our committees.

General Meeting , July 10

Fred called the meeting to order promptly at 7PM. Wow! More coming later, but the new name of Art Space is Georgetown Art Works. He thanked Nancy for volunteering to be Publicity Chair, announced that Jonny Parsons will no longer be Exhibit Chair and that Char will take over his position. Kendall Young came up to present Char with an award "Purple Art Award" for her hard work on the exhibits. Fred gave kudos to his Board and we all appreciate that **HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU TOO FRED FOR ALL THE GREAT FUN AND ADVICE.** He announced that the gallery is full of art right now and that there are only two panels left for August. He spoke briefly about how the gallery will try to be fair to all members so that everyone has a chance to exhibit. Diana Einwich put her first ever painting in the current gallery show and sold it! Way to go Diana! Diana also spoke about the Blanton Museum trip and all other Board members made any pertinent announcements. Everything discussed by the various Board Chairs is included in this newsletter. Jackie Carey, who is the Animal Shelter manager explained the Auction that is to be held in September to raise monies for the shelter. (see article on page 7). Be sure and contact her if you can provide a donation for this auction. Several artists showed some of their work. Fred told the group about www.wetcanvas.com, a free website for artists with membership of over 20,000 worldwide. The group took a 10 minute break and Nancy Boulmay gave a demonstration. I missed it as I had to rush home to finish this but I'll wager it was great! Sort of submitted by temporary sort of secretary....we

need a secretary.....**Sue**

Art Quiz Winner

Diana Einwich again correctly identified the painter and title of work from last months Art Quiz. It pays to study art history.

The artist is Edgar Degas, the painting, "L'Absinthe"

Edgar Degas 1834-1914, born Hilaire-Germain-Edgar Degas was a French artist famous for his work in painting, sculpture, printmaking and drawing. He is regarded as one of the founders of **Impressionism** although he rejected the term, and preferred to be called a realist. A superb draughtsman, he is especially identified with the subject of the dance, and over half his works depict dancers. These display his mastery in the depiction of movement, as do his racecourse subjects and female nudes. His portraits are considered to be among the finest in the history of art. You might recognize the other painting below, titled "Star"



Treasurers Report as of 6/30/07

Checking	3086.00
Building	2574.61
Scholarship	4063.00
Total	9723.61

Income	
Membership Dues	1136.00
Hanging Fees	50.00
Art in the Park	50.00
Total	1236.00

Expense	
Gallery Rent	162.00
Storage Rental	55.00
Hospitality	30.03
Name Tags	4.28
Total	251.31

Upcoming Programs

August 7: Katherine Hart from Jerry's Arterama will demo "The Art of Encaustic Painting"

September 4: Jane Paden "All about using Casein Paint"

October 2: Don Stackhouse- "Mixed Media on Yupo"

November 6: Kathryn Wilson - "Speaking to the Stone"

December 4: Christmas Party - haven't decided where to have this

January 8: Cheryl Lanfear - PMC "precious metal clay" and all the possibilities

Feb 5: Jackie Tarter- Jackie Tarter will give an introduction to the College Board's Advanced Placement Program in Studio Art which encourages excellence in secondary art programs and provides students an opportunity to earn college credit. The talk will be accompanied by slides of the art work included in several different student portfolios.

March 4: Laurie Mann- "Collaging a Dream"

April 1: Windberg printers will explain the advantages of printing an original. This will be in April unless it needs to be done to fill in above. They can do it on short notice.

May: nominations and elections-

June: installation of new officers-they take over.

Fred Bolgen will talk about getting ready for a juried show, the art of selling, how much to charge etc etc. This program will be used in case some gets sick or has to back out for some reason.

Pat Langley Program Chair



Connie Hartsfield Oil "In the Midst"



by Fransina Young

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

What a great year this is going to be. I hope you are as excited about all the upcoming events as I am. We have a great group of officers who are busy making plans for shows and events and fundraisers to showcase our artists and bring the the arts into the hearts and minds of all the citizens of Williamson County.

We have many new members coming on board. I hope you will all join me in welcoming them to the Art Guild and make them feel at home. Come early to the meetings and find someone you don't know and make their acquaintance. Who knows, you may be speaking to the next Picasso and not know it.

For you new members, we hope to see you actively participating in the events, weather they be first Fridays, our monthly meetings, or the tours of the studios and galleries. To feel like you are a part of the guild, it is important to participate. We are excited that you have joined us. Each member brings something unique to our group and we can't wait to get to know you better and see how your tallents and giftings help to make our group complete.

As always, it is a pleasure serving you as your Membership Chair. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your membership in the WCAG work for you.

Susan O'Connor Membership Chair

July/August 2007

Art Classes, Workshops

1. **The Art Center of Williamson County** is located in Round Rock at 601 Great Oaks Blvd. The Art Center provides a variety of art classes and workshops.

Summer Art Camp for children ages 6 thru 12 years. June 4th thru 8th; June 11th thru 15th will be taught by **Stephanie DeLaughter** and **Joann Galazios**. June 18th thru 22nd will be taught by our special guest artist - **Patricia Lyle** who is also a member of WGAG. **Neal Nichols, Jr.** from Eastham, MA will be teaching June 26th thru 29th, teaching children 6 thru 12 years, one point perspective.

For more information on the summer art camps and other projects, contact Micheal at 512-248-8690 or go to the website. www.artcenterwc.com.

2. **Diana Kipfer** Diana Kipfer is teaching Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Precious Metal Clay (PMC) Silver Jewelry classes in Liberty Hill. For a complete schedule and more information about PMC go to www.dianakipfer.com

Visit www.sweetlibertycreations.com or Sweet Liberty Creations Gallery and Studio in Liberty Hill to see artwork by WCAG members — Jean Hestand, Martha Manning Hooper, and Diana Kipfer. You will also find a link on the home page to the dates for Sweet Liberty's summer art classes and open studio days.

4. **Patricia Lyle** "Paint in Patricia's Studio: Private lessons by appointment, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (Call 512-671-6805 for information and reservations. Her web page www.PatriciaLyle.com

5. **The Sun City Visual Arts Club** (VAC) invites the WCAG members to participate in our art classes held throughout the year at our studio at 1 Texas Drive in Sun City. Presently we offer a variety of classes including acrylics, oils, watercolor, collage, portrait drawing, paper-making and printmaking. For more information Contact Merijane at 512.863.0951 or via e-mail merijanec@aol.com

6. **Windberg Art Center**, workshops and weekly classes held in their beautiful facility. For information on upcoming workshops and classes, please visit their website, www.windbergartcenter.com

6. **Salado Village Artists** Workshop in oil/acrylics with Garnet Buster of New Braunfels. July 25,26,27 at the Salado Art Center. Cost is \$185.00 per person. a \$50.00 deposit is required to hold a seat at workshops. Reservations send to Salado Village Artists, P. O. Box 363 Salado, Tx 76571. Questions: call VeAnne Stowell at 1-254-771-5624.

CHALLENGE ART

You may choose one or both for each month to present for discussion at the monthly general meeting for the month of the challenge. Many thanks for those who gave suggestions.!

August Challenge: My Favorite Things, Wind, or Sky (we will give it an extra month)

September Challenge: Still Life or Bubbles

October Challenge: Costume(s), Figure(s) or Magnification (an extreme close-up view of any texture or object)

November Challenge: Fall Landscape or Animal

December Challenge: Holiday Spirit or Travel

January Challenge: Out of My Window or Teeth

February Challenge: Symbols of Love or Flowers

March Challenge: Architecture or Vines

April Challenge: Hands/Feet or Rain

Something to Think About

"In the gallery, we have a portfolio of guild artists that is outdated. I would like to put something new together for anyone who would like their bio with a few photos of your work in a Gallery Reference Portfolio. I would love some input and if there is interest, I will put out sign up sheets. You may want to print your own information, and that is great...if anyone would like some help with photos, layout design or printing I will be glad to help. Feel free to email me the information or as attachments and I will print them for you and put them in the book. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions"

Thanks *Sonia Colona-Mathis Gallery Chair*

"Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind"

Leonardo da Vinci

HEALTH AND SAFETY QUESTIONS 3

From Artist's Magazine article by David Pyle regarding "The Top Question on Health and Safety"

Question: What's the deal with that reference to ASTM D-4236 on everything I buy? Is that some kind of standard that I should understand? Federal law requires (yes, requires!) that all products sold for art and craft applications are evaluated by an independent, qualified toxicologist for any potential health and safety risk. ASTM D-4236 is the name of the standard that contains that requirement. So, in short, all products sold in the United States must comply with ASTM d 4236 and they must say so on the packaging. Without that, they're flat-out illegal. ASTM stands for the American Society for Testing and Materials, a comprehensive agency that develops rigorous standards for lots of industries, including a subcommittee devoted to artist's materials. The D-4236 standard is one of a number valuable standards authored by this dedicated group of scientists, artists and art-materials manufacturers.

Question: What's meant by nontoxic? That question isn't as simple as it sounds. Again, it all depends upon how you use the product. As noted the definition used by ACMI (and that's germane to the AP "nontoxic reference included on a number of children's products) is that the product "contains no materials in sufficient quantities to be toxic. Or injurious to humans, including children, or to cause acute or chronic health problems." It's worth remembering, however, that common sense is in order. Over the last decade, a surprising number of seemingly sane individuals have interpreted a nontoxic label to mean that the product can be ingested or bathed in or used for painting prosthetic eyeballs without consequence. It's self-evident that any safety standard for, say, a pencil wouldn't require a statement that the implement shouldn't be struck in your eye. Why isn't it self-evident that paint shouldn't be, either? While there may not be any know hazards associated with eating a specific AP-rated product, ingestion is not an intended use for artist's paint! It is, perhaps, unfortunate that the definition doesn't also include the statement "as long as (it's) used in the manner in which it's intended."

A friendly look
A kindly smile
One good act
and life's
worthwhile.

FIELD TRIP TO BLANTON MUSEUM

FIELD TRIP UPDATE FOR JULY, 2007

If you were not able to attend the June meeting of the WCAG, our next outing is scheduled for July 31st at the Blanton Museum of Art. The current exhibition is 19th century European Master Works from the Dahesh Museum of Art in New York. We must have a firm commitment of 10 people in order to have a docent guided tour. A sign up sheet will be at our July 10th meeting. If you are unable to attend our meetings, you may phone me at 512-864-7711. We will plan to car pool if we can.

Place: Blanton Museum of Art
Date: July 31, 2007
Arrival Time: 1:15 PM (Tour begins promptly at 2:00 PM)
Cost: \$5.00 per person for the tour

Discount parking is available at the Brazos Street Garage. (Please bring your parking ticket inside the museum for stamping) I am responsible for paying for the tour in advance, so I must have a firm commitment the week of July 10th. I will collect your money before we go into the museum or at the meeting on Tuesday night. If you are planning to pay me at the museum, please have the correct amount for your self and your party. Thanks, Diana Einwich

ART FOR ANIMALS 2007 – A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

The Georgetown Animal Shelter and Georgetown Animal Outreach will be hosting a joint fundraiser on September 30th, 2007 called Art for Animals 2007 – A Chocolate Affair.

Many local artists have donated wonderful artwork that will be for sale in a silent and live auction. Also we will have some very original artwork for sale made by the homeless 4 legged guests from the Georgetown Animal Shelter. Come bid on the priceless piece made by "Picasso the Poodle"!

The upscale event will be held at the newly renovated Community Center in San Gabriel Park. The event a silent and live auction will begin at 2pm with chamber music being provided by a musical group from Southwestern University. Guests can bid on silent auction items as they are snacking on wonderful chocolate desserts and coffees. At 3pm the live auction will begin.

The shelter is still accepting donations of artwork. Any kind of artwork will be accepted – paintings, pastels, ceramics, photography, quilts, etc. For more information contact Jackie Carey, Shelter Manager at (512)930-3527.

Tickets will go on sale soon. More information to come.

Williamson County Art Guild Membership Application

ANNUAL DUES are payable on or before June 1, the beginning of the WCAG fiscal year. Cash or check payments: no credit cards, please.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held the first Tuesday of each month at various locations in and around Georgetown. Please check the current newsletter or call The Framer's Gallery for the location of upcoming meetings.

Benefits of membership include newsletters, monthly general activity meetings, opportunity to hang work in WCAG Gallery, opportunity to participate in WCAG led community art shows and social functions, ability to join with WCAG artists in numerous networking situations and meet some outstanding people.

To join, please complete the application below and return with payment to:
Williamson County Art Guild, P. O. Box 1158 Georgetown, TX 78627

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ART GUILD *Membership Application*

Please Print

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cel _____

Email _____

Website Address _____

Birthday (optional) _____ Today's Date _____

AMOUNT _____ How Paid _____ Ck # _____

Select Membership Category

<u>Individual</u>	\$30 _____
<u>Family</u>	\$35 _____
<u>Student</u>	\$18 _____
<u>Senior</u>	\$20 _____
<u>Sponsor</u>	\$50 to \$250 _____
<u>Sustaining</u>	\$250 _____
<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	_____
<u>Renewal</u>	_____
<u>Member Since</u>	_____

*WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS !*

**Luise Potter, Barbara Savage, Bob and Darlene
Douglass, Tiffany Rankin, Justine Mygren, Jane Mayberry and
Sue Johnson**

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JOIN THE ART GUILD

You are invited to join the Art Guild by dropping in at the Framer's Gallery on the square or by sending a membership form & check to:

**Williamson County Art Guild,
P.O. Box 1158
Georgetown, TX 78627**

Membership Fees

Individual	\$30
Student	\$18
Senior	\$20
Family	\$35
Sponsor	\$50-\$250
Sustaining Mbr	\$250

We welcome new members. Copies of the membership form are available at the Framer's Gallery and online at www.wcartguild.org.

Contact membership chair Susan O'Conner for more information about joining. suberdoo@hotmail.com

WCARTGUILD@YAHOO.COM

Submissions to Newsletter

We welcome items for the newsletter. If you have any helpful advice or bits of information about the arts community, or artwork in general, please contact Newsletter Chair Sue Gray at 512-238-0955 or email to:

wcartguild@yahoo.com

Again, please consider signing up for the e-newsletter as it saves the Guild a lot of money through the year on postage and printing costs and a great deal of volunteer time. If you haven't already signed up please send a note to Sue Gray at

wcartguild@yahoo.com

We can also help you with any problems you are having downloading the letter.

DEADLINE: 10th of the month via e-mail for the following month. Any items not received by that date will go in the next month's newsletter. Please send pictures in .jpg format.

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

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