

Williamson County Art Guild

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Building Community Through Creativity

BLANTON TOUR GREAT SUCCESS

The new Blanton Museum on the south end of the UT Campus in downtown Austin presented from May 18-August 5, 2007 "A Century of Grace: 19th-Century Masterworks from the Dahesh Museum of Art, New York. New York City houses an acclaimed collection of nineteenth-century traditional European paintings. This exhibition of some fifty works explores nineteenth-century ideals of beauty as embodied in realistic depictions of the human figure, and the ways in which traditional artists fought to sustain these ideals in the face of the revolutionary style of impressionism and other modern styles. Grand in scale, rich in detail and highly finished, the objects on view at the Blanton provide an expanded view of nineteenth-century art, which in the minds of many art lovers has become synonymous with impressionism.

Among the highlights of the exhibition are such classically inspired paintings as Gérôme's *Working in Marble* (1890) and Alexandre Cabanel and Adolphe Jourdan's *The Birth of Venus* (c. 1864); Alma-Tadema's haunting classical



scene *The Staircase* (1870); and Bouguereau's striking portrait of *The Water Girl* (1885). Powerful bronze portraiture, such as Charles-Henri-Joseph Cordier's *A Sudanese in Algerian Costume* (1856) and Jean-Jacques Pradier's *Standing Sappho* (c. 1851) are also included in the exhibition. All of the works are selected to demonstrate the power and beauty of the human figure and its importance in nineteenth-century art.

The tour was very well done and organized. It was very interesting to see what the classical painters were doing opposed to the Impressionists who were struggling to get their paintings into the Salon and whose art was considered "trash" by the "Art Elite" at that time. It was amazing to note that some of the artists, managed to "twick" the rules of the day just a bit. The exhibit was well worth the trip and the parking a breeze. I hope we do it again. Thanks Diana for organizing this interesting tour.



Y o u
must be an artist if... You buy expensive brushes and have nothing to do your hair with.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 4th, General Meeting at **Windberg Art Center**. (directions above. Program Jane Paden "All about Casein Paint" Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00. All new members we welcome you to our general meetings. Come get to know everyone!!!!

September 6th, Thursday Gallery pick-up for August Show and drop off for September show at Framer's Gallery from 10AM to 5PM

September 7th, Friday First Friday at Framer's Gallery. Be sure to participate if you are hanging in the gallery. Stop in and see our Sonia one person show "Lizards and Things They Eat"

September 8th, Saturday, Downtown Round Rock **BACA Center Fine Arts and Craft Sale**. 301 W. Bagdad St, Round Rock. From 9AM to 2PM. Free admission.

August 10th through September 14, Announcing **Central Texas Pastel Society's (CTPS) Sixth Annual Membership Competition and Exhibition**. The exhibition will be held at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 North 3rd Street in Temple. The show is free and open to the public. Kathleen Cook, PSA, an International Grand Prize winning pastel artist, judged the competition. Central Texas Pastel Society meets the third Saturday of each month at the Windberg Art Center, 7110 North I.H.35, Georgetown, TX. guests are welcome.

September 29th Chisholm Trail Cattle Drive Opportunity to show and sell. 10x10 spaces for \$30.00. Western art only. Contact Shirley 863-3207

ART QUIZ: Ok you guys. Someone must know this painting and this artist. American painter, very very famous for his East Coast Ocean pictures and also watercolors. I expect a call from Diana on this one, but the rest of you can put some thought into it. Hint: There is a town in Arizona that has the same name as this artist's first name. Hint 2: Famous Greek Writer-Guy same as last name. DUH!



Hey members! Remember to come out and see your new show.....Thank you Exhibitors: Gene Inman, Sonia Colonia-Mathis, Jane Goosby, Don Stackhouse, Nancy Brown, Ann Garrard, Kathalee Holmans, Rebecca Greer and Patricia Feille.

Also, remember to sign up in advance for those future shows. I still have panels and single spaces available for September. Thanks,

Gallery Chair, Sonia

We opened the show at Franklin's Jewelers on 1st Friday in July with 16 artists participating with a total of 32 pieces of art. Franklin's is a beautiful space for showing, and Frank was on the scene during the entire installation process. He drilled 32 holes in his brick wall in order to hang our show, all carefully measured to fit our layout design. At this time we are planning to leave the art in place through August and I will talk with him about the possibilities and ramifications of leaving this as an ongoing show. More to come on this subject.....

Show Chair, Char



from the President **“WHAT’S IN A NAME”**

About 3:30 AM last night I started to think of why the founders of this group called this organization, “Williamson County Art Guild”. (see what this job is doing to me). Of course the first two words are easy to figure out since we are not located in Travis County or any place else. And we need to use “ART” so people would know that we are not a bunch of ladies and guys sitting around a quilt or something else like that. But the last word “GUILD” got me thinking. Why didn’t they use the word “club”? or “organization”. Why “GUILD”?

So, today I went to the library to find a dictionary to discover what did the “guild” word mean. The Oxford dictionary had the best description. (1) guild – “*to apply a metallic coating on an object such as gold*”. Now that fits. I consider that we are now at the gold level in our organization and we are looking forward to advance to the platinum level. That sounds like a good goal for us. (2) – “*An association of persons exercising the same craft, formed for the purpose of protecting and promoting their common interest*”. Now this requires some thought, in fact why don’t you reread the description again. I believe that most of us are exercising the same craft, albeit at different levels, but how do we protect and promote our common interest? I guess we are doing some of this, with the gallery and a few exhibits and the scholarship program seems to fit in that realm. But, is there a lot more we could be doing? Also, to me, this reads that all of us should be doing this, not just a few. I think that the two painting projects are a good step in that direction (read about them in this issue) but we need to be doing more of some new and unique projects to protect and promote our craft. We need to start thinking outside the box. We also need fresh people to work these ideas and make them happen.

We are doing well in our meetings, programs, etc. Our membership is growing each day. We have many old members who are rejoining and we welcome them back. There is room for more members and they are out there. Now, if everyone does just one thing to protect and promote our craft we will reach that platinum level.

FRED

The 2008 Red Poppy Planning Committee

is having a call for artists for the 2008 Red Poppy Festival artwork. A committee of local artists will select the winning art to be used for the official 2008 Red Poppy Festival poster.

There will be 500 prints of the selected artwork produced for sale by the Visitors Information Center as a fundraiser. The fundraiser proceeds support facade and sign grants for Georgetown’s historic buildings. The original art will be raffled and the artist will receive 50% of the raffle sales. The artist will retain all rights to the artwork. Any portion of the artwork may also be used in other Red Poppy Festival promotional materials.

Artwork must be original and communicate and interpret the artist’s depiction of any or all of the many facets of the Red Poppy Festival. Traditional, contemporary, impressionist, abstract, photos, and computer generated two-dimensional work of art are welcome.

All entries must be submitted to the Georgetown Main Street Program office located at 103 W. 7th Street by October 12, 2007. Artist selected will be notified by November 2, 2007. Artist name, address, phone number and e-mail address must be clearly labeled on the back of the artwork.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact me at 512-930-3585 or cmiller@georgetowntx.org.

Sincerely,
Cari Miller
Red Poppy Festival Coordinator



August 7, General Meeting at Windberg Art Center

Fred opened the meeting at 7PM by introducing several new members who were in attendance. Thanks for coming! **Gallery Chair Sonia** said the current show in gallery looks good. She has more lists available for the challenge pieces. Fred mentioned that the Pastel Society is trying for a two month hanging time period. He doesn't know if they will continue First Friday each month. WCAG ran out of food last Friday so members who are showing in gallery need to bring refreshments. The Waterloo Watercolor Group will be showing in the gallery next month and **Sonia** will have a one-man Buggie show in Gallery Three. **Show Chair Char** said that the exhibit at Franklin Jewelers is getting good response and that she will get a date for takedown there. She will check to see if he is willing to keep and ongoing show there. There is a painting at the Red Poppy Café unidentified. **Diana Einwich our Gatherer of Humans** commented that the Blanton Art Museum trip was great.



She introduced to the membership the opportunity to paint a mural at the new **Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center**. (See article in this newsletter regarding this great opportunity. **Joyce Glasscock** asked that someone help repaint the **Playscape Recreation Center** on Austin Ave. **Program Chair Pat** said she would help paint kid's mural. **Membership Chair Susan** needs current address changes. **Fred** advised the group that we have **Board of Director's** meetings bi-monthly and there were several things we would be discussing next meeting. One, finding ways to fund the scholarship program. He told us that the Gala had run it's course, is only attended by members and too much work. Other suggestions, anyone who sells a painting at any of our venues including the gallery could donate 5% to the scholarship fund, another possibility, A Clothesline Sale. A fun activity where artist do his or her own thing and admission fee proceeds would go to the S. fund. Another suggestion was a juried art show. **Fred** discussed the possibility of upping the dues and said that the Board would be discussing renewal methods. He also told the general membership that anyone interested in attending the Board meetings would be welcome. **Challenge Paintings:** Several of the members displayed some very interesting art for us to enjoy. **Good Job!** After the challenge paintings, **Fred** mentioned that we have 180 members; he passed out our new brochures and asked everyone to give them to a friend. Meeting was closed for a break and the break was followed by a very interesting program sponsored by **Jerry's Artarama**, presented by Catherine Hart on " **The Ancient Art Form of Encaustic Painting**" The demonstration was hands on and very informative.

Sunday Painters Unite!!!

Stimulating...Creative...Attention Getting...and Fun!

Meet in San Gabriel Park, Sunday afternoon, September 30 at 1:00 pm, at area between parking lot and the Gazebo. Bring your paints and what ever picnic you want.

We will discuss future activities at that time.

Let's not get organized—let's just have fun—and attract attention to the arts.

Hospitality Chair Kathalee

TREASURERS REPORT

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<i>First State Bank</i>			
Checking	\$3086.72	\$3218.72	
Building	\$2574.61	\$2574.61	
Scholarship	\$4063.41	\$4063.41	
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$310.00	Gallery Rent	\$162.00
Hanging Fees	\$114.00	Storage Rtl	\$ 55.00
		Speaker	\$ 75.00
TOTAL INC.	\$424.00	TOTAL EXP.	\$292.00

Treasurer Linda

ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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.

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

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.

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, papermaking and printmaking. For more information Contact Merijane at 512.863.0951 or via e-mail merijanec@aol.com

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

The Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum Announces Kids to be! Kids Sculpture Workshop, Austin, TX Saturday, Sept 8, 2007. For more information tours@umlaufsculpture.org or 512.445.5582, ext. 101

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. Both silent and live auctions at the event will include paintings,

ceramics, pottery, quilts, and other hand-crafted items made by local artists and artisans. 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. All proceeds from the Art for Animals event will be used to pay for low-cost spay and neuter services, microchipping, vaccinations, veterinary services, and other services for homeless animals at the City of Georgetown Animal Shelter.

"A work of art which did not begin in emotion is not art"

PAUL CEZANNE

Austin Ave Recreation Center "PLAYSCAPE NEEDS REPAINTING"

Joyce Glasscock, one of our new member's, who is actually a past member rejoined, helped to paint the FIRST children's playscape in the nation to include art. She and other members, Carol Light and Yuma Price of WCAG painted it



about 20 years ago. Joyce has noticed that it is in need of some refreshing and has asked for some of today's members to carry on this fine tradition. If you are interested in keeping up this great project, contact Fred at 633-0868 and he will give you Joyce's number so that you can contact her. THANKS!

The Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

has asked WCAG to paint a mural for them on a 76-inch by 108-inch wall in their new facility. The facility is projected to open on October 1st 2007 and is located at 1811 SE Inner loop, Georgetown. As a non-profit organization, their mission is to provide a safe and child friendly place for children to be



interviewed regarding abuse, or to talk about serious crimes threats they may have witnessed. They work hand in hand with Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement, providing the safe environment, a Grandma type home, but also providing specially trained

interviewers who know exactly how to talk with children from 3 to 17 years old. In 2007, they are averaging in excess of 50 interviews per month, up from 30 per month in 2005. Consider these increased figures as positive, because they reflect an increased awareness and willingness to report abuse, rather than hiding or ignoring it.

Diana Einwich has visited the facility and met with the director, Jerri Jones in order to find out exactly what they require. For anyone interested, you can go online and look at several pictures of this beautiful new facility during construction. Their webpage is www.wilcocac.org. We have 4 volunteers so far to paint the mural. We could use two or three more artists who like to paint detail (most everyone in the guild but me), eg. dogs, cats, fish, butterflies, birds, etc. We are asking that WCAG help out with some of the materials, eg acrylic paints.

The director Jerri Jones says that there are other opportunities to paint murals in the classrooms and anyone interested should call her at 512.930.1933.

If you would like to help us with this great masterpiece, please contact me via phone or email. Diana is in charge but will be out of town until the 20th of this month.

Health and Safety Questions 4

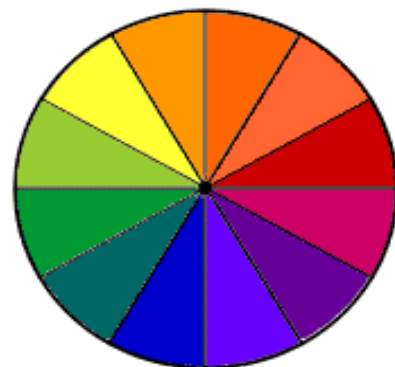
Continued from Artist's Magazine article by David Pyle regarding, "The Top Questions on Health and Safety"

Question: Can I use art materials on my body for things like temporary tatoos or face painting? Art and craft materials are intended (and evaluated for health advisories) based upon their intended application on paper, canvas, wood or some other nonhuman surface. Products that are intended for use on human skin (such as makeup or topical medicines) are evaluated under a different regulatory regime and than to be compliant with FDA requirements.

Question: If my child or dog or chinchilla eats paint, whom should I call for help? The manufacturer? Reputable and responsible manufacturers can give you excellent guidance regarding the health and safety issues related to their products. But don't expect them to be doctors. If someone has eaten paint and you're not certain of the health implications, you should immediately call your physician, your local poison control center or thePoison Control Universal Hotline at 1.800.222.1222. Your doctor can contact the toxicological team at Duke University directly (since they have evaluated the products and understand the health and safety implications of these materials. Note that consultation services from Duke are restricted to other physicians. So, bottom line, call your doctor or vet and let them speak with the professionals at Duke.

"An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her." **Agatha Christie**

COLOR QUIZ NEXT MONTH



Williamson County Art Guild Mission

To stimulate individual and community interest in the arts through programs, exhibits, workshops and scholarships.

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 _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cel _____

Email _____

Website Address _____

Birthday (optional) _____ Today's Date _____

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Select Membership Category

Individual \$30 _____

Family \$35 _____

Student \$18 _____

Senior \$20 _____

Sponsor \$50 to \$250 _____

Sustaining \$250 _____

NEW MEMBER _____

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Member Since _____

*WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS !*

Robin McLaurin, Nancy Ohlenbusch, David Jacobson and Carrie Allison

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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'Connor 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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