



January Program—Encaustic Painting

Carolyn Todd, an Encaustic painter, will be our speaker. Her presentation will follow the business meeting and break. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Carolyn Todd: “Many people believe that Encaustic painting started in Greece or Crete; in fact, it was the Greeks who named the medium "enkaustikos" meaning "to heat" or "to burn." With my background in Archeology and Art History, I believe that it started in pre-historic time found in Spain (Altamira cave), France (Lascaux cave) and in our

own southwest cliffs and caves (Seminole Canyon, White Shaman cave). Early artists and "ritual magic" shamans combined animal fat and plant material (Agave lechugilla in Texas) to be the binder. Minerals, charcoal and plant matter became the pigment. Interest in Encaustic has changed dramatically from prehistoric to contemporary art. Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns are two artists who recognized the contemporary opportunities of the medium.

In my presentations, I will

show different techniques of the medium and examples of my own paintings. We will also discuss preparation of the medium and safety precautions. I will provide a list of suppliers and websites for the audience. “

Please note on your calendars that in February, Mary Beth Martin will be our speaker and in March, Kristen Molder.

The challenge for January is “what a mess”. Interpret that how you wish, and bring in some work to share with the group.

Who is Bringing the Goodies to the Meeting?

January

Salty—Diana Einwich
Sweet—Nick Ramos
Beverage—Martha Hooper
H2O on ice—Don Stackhouse

February

Salty—Nancy Brown
Sweet—Margaret Roush
Beverage—Lonnie Leach
H2O on ice—Charlotte Sylvest

From our Gallery Chair

We have a wonderful exhibit of miniatures this month. Sherry Adamo, monoprint/ink, Lowana Carter, oil, Linda D'Elia, oil, Kellie Foster, oil, Charlene Gallagher, oil, Gretchen Hecht, pastel/ink, Greg Heflin, wood/stone, Pat Hillcoat, watercolor, acrylic, Jan Huntley, oil, Kristine Kainer, oil, Pat Langley, collage, Sonia Colonna-Mathis, pastel pencil, charcoal, Violet Nicklen, collage, pastel, Robert Theriot, oil, watercolor, graphite, Kerry Whitfill, oil, Fran Sina Young, oil, Sandra Youngblood, photography, and Bill Zama, digital photo. Peoples choice this month goes to Kerry Whitfill for her precious puppy "Take Me Home". Congratulations, Kerry.

Exhibitors, as there will be no first Friday in Jan., you may leave your miniatures up for another month, and fee, or come in Wed. or Thurs. mornings Dec. 30th and 31st, and I will change them out. As always, thank you for your courtesy to Fred and his staff at Framers Gallery, remembering with gratitude their generous sharing of space.

Happy Holidays to everyone,
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Calendar of Events

Dec 30 & 31 (mornings) - gallery change out

Note, there is no First Friday for January 2010

January 5- General meeting

WCAG Christmas Party

Thanks to Diana and John Einwich for opening their beautiful home for the Guild's Christmas party. It was a festive setting with lots of delicious food and warm friendship.

Happy holidays to all, and here's wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Calls for entries

The Round Rock Area Arts Council is hosting a show entitled "Imagine". Deadline for entries is Jan 29, 2010, and the show will run from Feb 27—May 19, 2010. For more info and to submit art, here is the link: <http://roundrockarts.org/artwork-info.php>