

The Art Connection

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League, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message...



It's Dogwood Time in Tyler County folks! Time to sweep off the sidewalks, work on curb appeal, brush up on dogwood paintings, polish the western boots and prepare for some busy weekends in the Art District.

Festival for the Arts: With cooperation from the weather, the Art District sidewalks should be filled with artists @ work. Visitors can stroll around watching artist demonstrations and purchasing outstanding original works of art. The artists will be working from 9:30 AM until 3PM. Any artist or crafter is welcome to set-up and join the activity. There is no fee to set up. Heritage Village on 190 W. will be showcasing pioneer art along with a variety of music entertainment.

Western week-end & Queen's Weekend (March 30 & April 7) always have the Art District hopping with 1000's of visitors dropping in along with the 2 PM parades that pass outside the door. Sam and I could always use a short break from the Gallery if anyone has a time to stop in when you are downtown.

I know that this is a busy time for everyone. Many of you have out of town guests in for the festivities. I hope that you don't get so busy with Dogwood time that you forget about **our March TCAL Get-together**, March 29th (7PM). I am really excited about our evening's program, featuring **Jody Domingue** from Orangefield, Texas. Currently Jody is President of the Board of Directors of the Texas Artists Museum in Port Arthur, and serves as Editor Producer of the museum newsletter, Chairman of Fundraising and Chairman of Exhibitions. She is also a member of the Nederland Art Guild, Port Arthur Art Association and the Associated Louisiana Artists (ALA) in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She loves to paint landscape, animals, still-life and people. Thursday night she will be demonstrating various techniques using her mediums of choice... water mixable oils, acrylics and sketching...sharing 5 secrets to good painting. When summarizing what motivates her Jody states "Basically I am an old woman having fun with life and the creative Muses." Bring yourself and your out of town guests to this event.



See ya @ the Gallery,
Judith

Welcome New & Current Members

**Betty Tompkins Bob & Jane Boykin Kenny Breaux Judy Flowers-Wing
Katherine Branch Jason Sparks Alan & Susan Bauch Cynthia Stewart
Bonnie Richardson Emily Sumner
Thank you for your support.**

Upcoming Classes, etc.

- ◆ Introduction to Pastels by Jane Martin - April 14, 9 AM - 4 PM (see page 5)
- ◆ **OIL PAINTING BLUEBONNET WORKSHOP** with **LEE MERIWETHER**.
May 5TH, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, tleemer@earthlink.net Phone: 409-565-2032. (see page 5)
- ◆ **Beginner Oil Classes - Wednesdays 9: am – 12:00 noon**, Nancy Bodden 409-429-6442
- ◆ **Home School Classes - Nancy Bodden 409-429-6442**
- ◆ **Beginner Drawing - Fridays 4:30-7:00 PM**, goatnanny49@yahoo.com, 409-283-2733
Call or email for supply list
- ◆ **Drum, bass and guitar classes by Kevin Miller 409-429-0421**
- ◆ **Stained Glass by Sylvia Holmes 409-200-0129**
- ◆ **Kids Summer art Classes by Nancy Bodden will begin the last week in June. 409-429-6442**

To be Scheduled....

Lisa Richardson— Photography

Jane Martin—Oils and Pastels

Lynette Brice—Oils and Pastels

If you are interested in a class that is not currently being offered, please let us know.

Call the Gallery @ 409 -283-2788 or Jane Martin @ 409-283-7908

Artist News....

- ◆ **Calvin Carter** received the honor of Texas Ducks Unlimited sponsor 2013-2014 **“Artist of the Year”** . TCAL was honored to have this outstanding artist as the juror for our fall Membership Art Competition.
- ◆ **“Joyce Renfro: Painting East Texas”** exhibition at the East Texas Art Center in Jasper, Texas. The exhibit will run through April 7th. Working in oils she has followed the rule of “painting what is around you”. Her interpretations of East Texas have caught the attention of many collectors and judges, especially her award winning pitcher plant series.
- ◆ **Lisa Richardson’s** photography will be displayed at the **Art Museum of Southeast Texas** November 8th through January 20th 2013.

Congratulations!

What's New at the Gallery.....



- ◆ Oils by **Bonnie Thompson**
- ◆ Pastels & Acrylics by **Nancy Bodden**
- ◆ Jewelry by **Ginni Stein**
- ◆ Acrylic by **Janet Clements**
- ◆ Prints by **Gene Jackson**
- ◆ Acrylic Miniatures by **Rose Westde**
- ◆ Acrlic/Canvas by **Michael Johnson**
- ◆ Mixed media by **Jo Nan Carr**
- ◆ Watercolors by **June Reid**
- ◆ Photographs by **Paul Flagg**

Special Thanks to our Docents for March

Sharon McIntyre, Lynn Lewis, Blake Goss,
 Nick Lucas, Sylvia Holmes, Cathy Bennett,
 Janet Fitzgerald Wilson, Courtney Broussard
 Lounell Hayes, Don Tavel, Doris McDonald
 and of course, Sam & Judith Haney.

**You are the folks who keep our doors
 open and you are appreciated!**

“CSI” TCAL

(Create, Share & Inspire!)

Every Monday

9AM - till @ the Gallery

Not a class...just a time to work in your
 favorite medium and visit with other creative
 individuals.

\$5 Fee

*For additional information about special activities,
 see Jane Martin's column on Page 5.*

T.C.A.L.'S

Monthly

“Get-to-gather”

The last Thursday of each month

Join us at 7:00 PM, March 29th

Jody Dominique, Beaumont Artist

*will be demonstrating some of her
 artistic techniques*

(see president's message page 1)

**This monthly gathering
 is great fun and**

**a wonderful opportunity
 to get to know each other.**

Everyone is Welcome!

It's **Pitch In** so bring some tasty treat and
 join in the fun!

**Don't forget to visit our website!
www.tylercountyartleague.org**



The Emporium Stage Presents



Arsenic and Old Lace,

Written by Joseph Kesselring and directed by Lynn Lewis,

The classic comedy that kills with kindness.

Spinster sisters Abby and Martha Brewster are devoted to charity and family. But they have taken on another project as well - befriending lonely older gentlemen and then poisoning them with arsenic-laced elderberry wine.

This classic play written in 1939 and first presented on stage in 1941 was described by *The New York Times* as "so funny that none of us will ever forget it,"

May 4, 5, & 6 and May 11, 12 and 13,
Friday and Saturday evenings 7 PM, Sunday Matinees at 2 PM.
Tickets available at The Art Gallery or by phone at 409-283-2788.

Coming to the Emporium Stage this summer:

“The Drunkard”, a melodrama directed by Gayle Forsberg

Auditions will be held Saturday June 2, 2 PM

Performances will be July 27-29 & August 3-5

Don't miss this opportunity to participate.

For information call: Gayle Forsberg 409-200-0751

**NO PREPARATION OR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.
THE EMPORIUM IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY THEATER.**



Help is still needed!!

The Emporium takes pride in costuming and set-design for all our productions. We will be needing 1940's-style costumes and props for “Arsenic and Old Lace”.

If anyone out there has anything to contribute or lend, please, get in touch. Call or come by the gallery, 283-2788, or contact Lynn Lewis, (409) 547-3658.

ART MUSINGS FROM THE CSI GROUP AT TYLER COUNTY ART LEAGUE.....

March 2012

April 14th an "Introduction to Pastel" workshop has been scheduled with **Jane Martin**. You will be introduced to the many ways to begin a pastel painting, whether it is begun with an under painting of watercolor, oil, or smeared color and then carry it on to the finished product. Also the various papers available and manufacturers of pastels. Class is from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Fee is \$20.00 and lunch will be provided. Please register at TCAL.

The **group campout is scheduled for April 22 – 25**. We will be at Sandy Creek again and hoping for nice weather. Our spots are #13, #14, & #15. We had a really nice time last year, a little cool in the mornings but we still painted and took lots of photographs, this year we also plan to fish. Some of us have volunteered for certain projects which make it really nice, this way we share the responsibilities of cooking and house keeping. If you want to come for the day and visit with us that would be fine. For more information call Bonnie Thompson 283 5535, or cell 318 359 3001.

An **OIL PAINTING BLUEBONNET WORKSHOP with LEE MERIWETHER** has been rescheduled for **MAY 5th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**. Mainly self taught, with 30 years painting experience, Ms. Meriwether's schedule includes teaching art classes, workshops, shows and painting demonstrations for civic and art groups. She also judges art shows for various leagues and community art functions. Her style of painting most preferred is a negative painting approach, simplifying and abstracting forms from nature. Favorite subjects are landscapes, florals and wildlife scenes. Her email address is:

www.tleemer@earthlink.net Phone: 409-565-2032.

Supplies needed for the workshop: 16 x 20 (or smaller) canvas which should have a pale orange or peach stain, paints, brushes, odorless turp and liquin.

If you are interested in an art adventure and we are not covering it, please call the gallery and let us know. We will be glad to accommodate you. 409-283-2788

Jane Martin, CSI

409-283-2788 - 409 658-9088, 409-283-7908

CSI - Create Share and Inspire - see ad on page 3



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Upcoming Events



It's Dogwood Time in Tyler County!



- ◆ **March 29, 7:00 PM: TCAL Get-to-Gather** (see page 3)
- ◆ **March 29: Trail Rides Begin in Tyler County** 409-283-8111
- ◆ **March 30-31: Western Rodeo & Parade Weekend** 409-283-8111
- ◆ **April 7 69th Annual Dogwood Festival & Parade**
- ◆ **April 14 - "Introduction to Pastel" workshop** presented by Jane Martin (see page 5)
- ◆ **May 3-5 & May 10-12 Emporium Stage** presents "**Arsenic and Old Lace**" (see page 4)
- ◆ **May 5 - Oil Painting Bluebonnet Workshop** with Lee Meriwether (see page 5)
- ◆ **June 2 - 2:00 pm auditions for the melodrama, "The Drunkard"**

For information on classes being offered, see page 2 and be sure and check our Website: tylercountyartleague.org



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