

ROCKWALL



FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to begin by extending a special thank you to Lina Linsey. Lina donated the beautiful watercolor painting to RAL for our fall show. We sold raffle tickets and Gary Freedman was thrilled when his name was drawn. Lina's friend Cheryl Wooten, who lives near Houston, will be our April presenter in watercolor. Lina comes to every meeting and when I asked for a volunteer at our January meeting to be Historian, Lina's hand went up right away. Thank you Lina for being such a vital part of RAL.



We used our new projector and camcorder for the January demo. Thanks to Greg McGee and Doris Vasek's husband Martin we were up and running. It made such a difference as everyone was able to view and follow Niki Gulley's pastel demonstration.

The reception at BB&T was just wonderful and very well attended by about sixty to seventy business and community people. All of our participating artists were present and one artist sold a painting. Our thanks to Janice Revels, Financial Center Manager, for forging this partnership with us. Darlene Ditto

MEETING MEMOS AND CHANGES

1. The meeting on February 23 will be a ***Birthday Celebration and a Meet and Greet*** that will **begin at 6:00. We will have a birthday cake to celebrate RAL's 11th Birthday.** Beginning at 6:15, a **door prize** will be given away every **fifteen** minutes. Be sure to arrive early and get your name submitted for the drawing.
2. Beginning this month, there will be a short business meeting from 6:45-7:00 at which time the president and board members can provide a brief recap of important things for the membership. Demonstrations will begin promptly at 7:00 and end between 8:30-9:00. Please plan to attend at 6:45 so that you can catch up on important things going on with RAL. Reminder to keep checking our website because Wendy Dean updates it periodically.
3. We ask that everyone attending the monthly please try to help clean up at the end. It is a lot of work for just a few people to do.
4. Member's Badges need to be returned. If you do not have a badge please let Darlene Dittoe know so that she can make one for you at dittoe2@sbcglobal.net and in the subject line please put "Badge Needed."

This newsletter is published monthly by the Rockwall Art League. If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please email your articles, content, pictures, ideas and suggestions to Greg McGee at greg.mcgee@email.com before the last week of the month (to be published in the next issue). The Rockwall Art League is a non-profit organization comprised of local artists to promote the fine arts in Rockwall County. Contributions to Rockwall Art League are most welcome and are tax deductible.

MEETING MEMOS AND CHANGES—continued

5. If you want to exhibit or show during 2011 you will have to **volunteer** to help in some small way. Every committee needs your help. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



The sign-up sheet will be set up by committees with some board members as committee chairs as follows:

- Demonstrations and Fall Art Show – Betty Foster
- Membership and Hospitality – Carmen Wilkins
- Exhibits – Doug Agee
- Marketing, Fund Raising, Ways and Means – Betty Ryan and Ginny Hibbard
- Publicity – Claudia Holt
- Website—Wendy Dean

Rockwall County Library Exhibit

March 1 - 31st—RAL board members will display small scale works in the library display cases.

February Presenter – Marueen Brouillette

Ms. Brouillette is a full-time artist and teacher. She has won two “Best of Show” awards in the Annual Juried Southwestern Watercolor Society exhibitions. She was recently featured in the Artist’s magazine and Watercolor Artist magazine. She has shown in many venues, including the Arlington Museum of Art and the McKinney Avenue Contemporary, in Dallas and is represented by Gallery Shoal Creek in Austin, Texas.



Artist's Statement

“I enjoy combining acrylic paint with collage of my own paintings, photos, and drawings, to make a personal statement. My work usually combines architectural images with abstract shapes and organic line-work.” For more information and to look at her artwork go to www.mbrouillette.com

2011 MEETING DATES

Harry Meyers Community Center

JAN 26	6:45 PM
FEB 23	6:00 PM
MAR 30	6:45 PM
APR 27	6:45 PM
MAY 25	6:45 PM
JUN	No Meeting
JUL	No Meeting
AUG	No Meeting
SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	6:45 PM
SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	No Meeting—Fall Show
NOV 16	6:45 PM
DEC 1	XMAS PARTY

STUDIO DAYS

9:00 AM—3:00 PM HARRY MEYERS
COMMUNITY CENTER, ROCKWALL

- WEDNESDAY FEB 16
- TUESDAY APR 12
- THURSDAY JUN 9
- THURSDAY JUL 7
- THURSDAY AUG 11
- TUESDAY SEP 13
- TUESDAY NOV 8

Bring a sack lunch and a drink. RAL will provide coffee and dessert. Susan Hunter is the Studio Days Coordinator. Studio Days are open to the public. Bring a friend and tell a friend. The fee is \$5.00 per session or \$15 dollars for all seven sessions.

The Rockwall Art League is a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce , the North Texas Art Therapy Association and the Old Town Shops of Rockwall and is supported in part by grants from the City of Rockwall Hotel Motel Tax and the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts. We appreciate their ongoing support.

Hotel/Motel Supporters: Best Western plus Rockwall Inn and Suites, Comfort Suites Rowlett, Hampton Inn Rockwall, Hilton Bella Harbor Rockwall, Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Royse City, La Quinta Inn Rockwall, La Quinta Inn and Suites Garland Harbor Point, Value Place Hotel Rockwall.

March Presenter – Becky Parks—Oil Painter

Becky Parks, a well respected and popular Dallas area art teacher, was born and raised in Central Ohio and has lived throughout the US. In 1983 she moved to the Hill Country, then in 2000 relocated to Dallas. Becky has always been interested in Art and architecture, but like most of us, life happened and art was put on hold. Only after retiring in 2003 was she able to concentrate on art.



Becky is a very active artist. She teaches, gives workshops and demonstrations in the Dallas area as well as throughout the US and Europe. "Painting has become my life," she says "and I wouldn't change that at all."

Becky has received many awards in her short art career including, Best of Show, President's Award, First Place Overall, many first place and other notable awards.

April Presenter – Cheryl Wooten—Watercolor

Cheryl Wooten grew up in sunny Southern California. At a young age, she discovered a God given talent to draw and was recognized for her talents.

Cheryl traveled the US studying with local artists and nationally known watercolorists like Jan Kunz, Jean Dobie, Jim Kosvanec, Dan Burt, Catherine Anderson and others. While painting in Norway she developed a feeling for capturing the beauty of the fjords and the local architecture.



Cheryl was a signature member of the California Gold Coast Watercolor Society, is a member of the Watercolor Art Society-Houston. She has many awards including first place watercolor at the Woodlands Artfest 2002 for her **9-11 a Nana's Nightmare**. Her paintings are in many private collections in the US and Europe. For more information, please go her website at <http://www.cheryls-art.com>.

SATURDAY FEB 19, 2011

LAURA WHITMORE MEMORIAL ART AUCTION

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, Heath, Texas

Laura was a professional artist and member of our parish until she tragically succumbed to cancer in her early 50's last year.

This is your opportunity to acquire some of Laura Whitmore's last available works. Her subjects are personal; her media diverse. Nearly 50 paintings will be offered in both a silent and live auction.

PREVIEW 4:00 PM—6:30 PM

LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 6:30



CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Betty Foster, Vice-president of RAL, conducts classes at her studio in Heath. You choose your media, subject and method. Classes are held on Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00–4:00 PM. RAL members will receive a discount price of \$20 per session. Classes will begin on February 3rd. Contact Betty at bgrandboop@aol.com or call 972-722-0302 or 972-841-2926.

Wylie Art Gallery:

Every Tuesday starting Feb 1st

Renowned Artist Andrew Wages will be the instructor for Oil Painting and Techniques Classes from 12:00–3:00 PM. Cost \$20.00. Reservations required, limited seating, email wylieartgallery@yahoo.com

February 19, 2011 Local Artist Jon Burleson Drawing Class from 12:00–3:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00. Reservations required, limited seating, email wylieartgallery@yahoo.com

ORIGINAL FIRED ARTS Workshops by Gini Nichols and Susan Jump each Thursday from 6:00–9:00 PM at 200 Northview Drive, Fate, Texas. We will have supplies for you to buy to create your own beautiful original art. There will be a small fee for firing. Each class will be \$15.00

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS Gini and Susan will also hold monthly workshops.

Saturday, February 19, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. The project will be a hand built bowl.

Saturday, February 26, 9:00 AM. Students finish Leave projects again for second firing. \$40 for both days and a \$10 fee for supplies.

Janice Hamilton, a long time member of RAL, will be teaching a pastel on acrylic workshop in Kerrville, Texas, April 27–29, 2011, for both beginning and intermediate pastel artists. For information contact Janice at 214-348-0829.

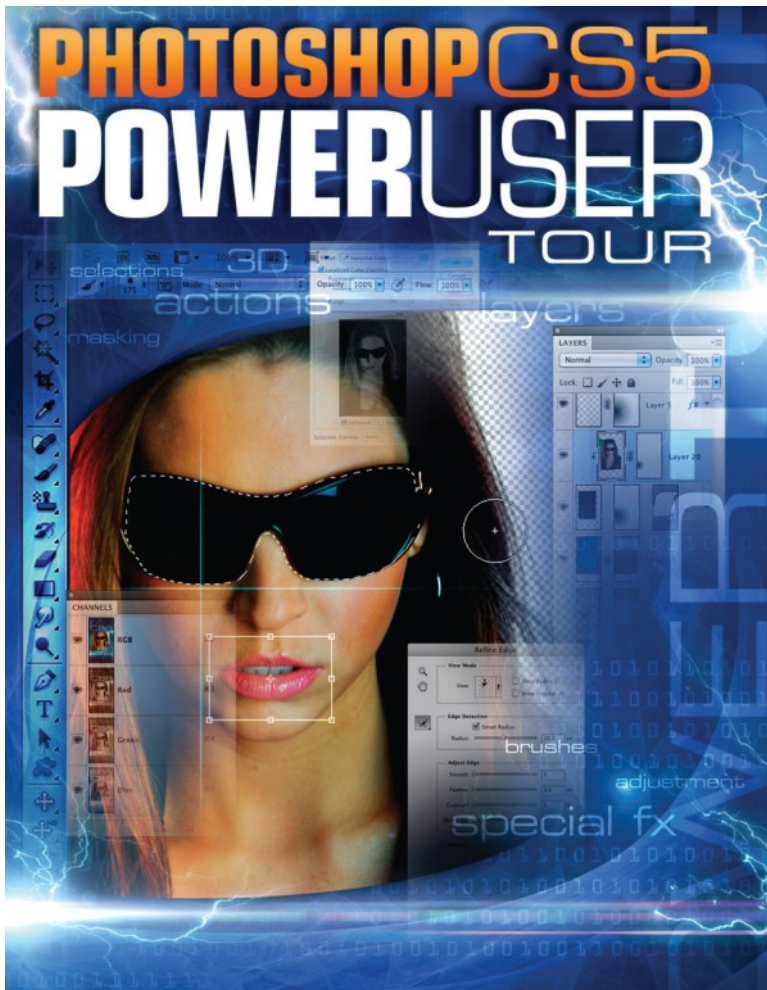
April 14–15— Oil Painting with Becky Parks

A two day workshop will be held at the Harry Myers Park. Cost \$110.00 Contact Becky to reserve place at beckyparkartist@gmail.com

Aug 27, 2011—Dina Gregory Pastel Workshop

A one day workshop will be held at the Harry Myers Community Center. The workshop will begin with Dina painting a demo. Students will work in the classroom on their own paintings. For more information contact Dina at:
Phone: 817-614-4625
Email: luke@hpnc.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF PHOTOSHOP?



Adobe Photoshop is a vastly complicated application that has many uses. You can spend years using Photoshop and never learn all that the application is capable of. Whether you are a photographer that wants to touch-up your photos or a fine artist that wants to learn how to optimize images of your artwork for print or the web—perhaps you would like to learn how digital artists create stunning photorealistic artwork for film and video. Yeah, you can sit in front of your computer with a how-to book and try to figure out how to use this complicated application or you can learn the fast way and go to a seminar.

There is a one-day Photoshop Users Seminar offered by Kelby Training Live on Friday, February 18th at the Arlington Convention Center. **The cost only \$99.** This seminar provides a good overview of what most people want to learn about latest version of Photoshop CS5 in one day. Normally, seminars like this span several days and cost hundreds of dollars.

DOES ANYONE WANT TO GO?

I plan to attend and I have room for six more people in my mini-van. If anyone in the Rockwall Art League is interested in going along. Just contact **Wendy Dean at wens@wendysuedean.com or call 972-636-1651.**

You can sign up for the seminar at www.kelbytraininglive.com.

You can download a brochure at http://media.kelbymediagroup.com/kelbytraininglive/downloads/mailers/cs5-powertour_dave.pdf

Even if you don't own the latest version (or any version) of Photoshop, you can still learn a lot from this seminar. As you probably know, Adobe Photoshop is not cheap. The software is usually offered at discounted rates at shows like this. You may be able to get a deal if you are ready to buy a copy. I don't endorse Kelby Training, but they do offer online training courses as a subscription. Most likely they will be promoting their training courses at the seminar.

~Wendy Dean

Background for an animation rendered in Photoshop

