

ROCKWALL



## MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a busy month! On January 25 the Alliance for the Arts hosted an Art Summit at Presbyterian Rockwall Hospital. An invitation was sent to all arts organizations, art educators and businesses related to the arts in Rockwall County. Facilitated by Mary Stall, the meeting focused on how the arts organization can grow and expand arts offerings in Rockwall. Another Art Summit will be held on March 8.



Many board members attended the Rockwall City Council meeting on February 21 as proposals for the arts in Rockwall were on the agenda.

February 23rd, we had a wonderful attendance for RAL's 11th birthday celebration. complete with a birthday cake and door prize drawings. After all this excitement, Maureen Brouillette did a wonderful acrylic demonstration on watercolor paper. She stressed the versatility and different applications of the acrylic medium.

On February 16 our first Studio Days of 2011 was held at Harry Myers with ten artists participating. If you missed attending, then you do not want to miss the next one because some helpful and insightful critiques and suggestions from experienced artists helped all of us.

Before ending I want to continue to ask, solicit and beg for volunteer support. We have so much happening this year including a month long art exhibit at Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall beginning May 1 and Founder's Day on May 21. We are also beginning to work on a fund raising partnership with another non-profit. We need everyone's participation. Please e-mail me if you can help in some small way.

*Darlene Dittoe*

### ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **NEW MEETING TIME—6:45** The President will provide a short business update from 6:45-7:00. Demonstrations will begin promptly at 7:00 and end between 8:30 -9:00. Be sure to check our website, because Wendy Dean updates it almost daily.
2. **CLEAN-UP**—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.
3. **BADGES**— Please remember to return you badges to the box after each meeting. If you need a badge please email Darlene Dittoe at [dittoe2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dittoe2@sbcglobal.net) and in the subject line please put "Badge Needed".
4. **NEW MEMBERS** - RAL extends a warm welcome to our new members—Nancy Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Maria Hampton, Linda McCasland and our youngest member Joseph Arze (12).
5. **APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**—RAL wants to thank the merchants who donated gift cards for door prizes at our February meeting: CVS Pharmacy, Napoli's Italian Restaurant, Chiloso's Mexican Grill and Asel's Art Supply. Please show your appreciation by shopping with these merchants.

A special thanks to Antonio Faienza and Denver Tatman of Asel's Art Supply for coming to the February meeting and sharing pastel paper samples.

A special thanks to Susan Hunter for all the work she does to make our Studio Days such a success.

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](mailto: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.

## ITEMS OF NOTE—continued

6. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—Remember, If you want to exhibit or show during 2011 you will have to volunteer. A big thank you to these members who signed up at our February meeting: Thom Loafman Marona Hewitt, Pat Bentine, Barbara Kelly, JoAnn Eiter, Joe Hewitt, Ginny Hibbard, Laura Antony, Gina Nichols, Barbara Scurlock, Susan Jump, and Adrian Fleishman. The following committees still need help:

Committee	Needed	Contact
Exhibits	4	Doug Agee
Publicity	2	Claudia Holt
Marketing, Fund Raising, Facility Evaluation	10	Betty Ryan
Membership & Hospitality	2	Carmen Wilkins
Demonstrations & Fall Show	2	Betty Foster

7. **ROCKWALL COUNTY LIBRARY EXHIBIT** - March 1 - 31st—RAL board members will display small scale works in the library display cases. Please stop by and visit this great facility.
8. **CLIQUE CUSTOM JEWELRY AND FINE ART**— Betty Ryan and Claudia Holt are displaying their works from March 25th to April 25th. A reception with the artists will be held on April 2nd between 7:30 PM and 10:00 PM.
9. **SALON INTERNATIONAL 2011, SAN ANTONIO TX**— Laura Antony had 3 of her oil paintings accepted to the distinguished fine art exhibition. This is a premier juried exhibiting of oil paintings that seek to promote artistic excellence. 415 pieces were accepted from over 1100 submissions. Congratulations to Laura

*Laura Antony is a Rockwall area artist who has been painting for over twenty years. She has studied art in many different mediums at Northeast Louisiana University, Texas A&M Connerce, within Dallas County Community College District and has trained under several area Master Painters. She has traveled around Italy twice to study the art of the Italian masters and has fine-tuned her skills by attending workshops by Gregg Kreutz, David Leffel and Jean Chambers. Laura is an Associate Member of the Oil Painters of America and a member of the Rockwall Art League.*

## REMINDERS

- ASEL'S ART SUPPLY DISCOUNT**—Asel's Art Supply offers a 20% discount to all RAL members. Denver Tatman is the manager at the Plano location.
- BECKY PARKS WORKSHOP** - April 14-15—still has 4 openings
- DINA GREGORY WORKSHOP**— August 27th—Harry Myers— contact Dina at luke@hpnc.com to reserve your space.
- FRISCO "ARTS IN THE SQUARE"** — March 5-6 —Nikki Gulley will have several paintings on display.
- NIKKI GULLEY TUSCANY WORKSHOP**— March 5th deadline to sign up and receive \$400 discount

## 2011 MEETING DATES

Harry Meyers Community Center	
MAR 30	6:45 PM
APR 27	6:45 PM
MAY 25	6:45 PM
JUN—AUG	No Meeting
SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	6:45 PM
SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	Fall Show
NOV 16	6:45 PM
DEC 1	XMAS PARTY

## STUDIO DAYS

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

- 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 Coordinator. Studio Days are open to the public. The fee is \$5.00 per session or \$15 dollars for all seven sessions.

## 2011 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

JAN-JUN	HILTON BELLA HOTEL
JAN-JUN	BB&T BANK—ROCKWALL
MAR	ROCKWALL LIBRARY
MAY 1-15	PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
MAY 21	FOUNDERS DAY
JUL-DEC	HILTON BELLA HOTEL
JUL-DEC	BB&T BANK—ROCKWALL
SEPT	ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS
OCT/NOV	FALL ART SHOW
Contact Doug Agee to participate or help set up the exhibits	

**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>.

From Betty Ryan — Artcycletx is a movement that encourages artists to re-purpose, re-design and re-distribute unused (or gently-used) art related resources and supplies. This can come in many forms...trade, barter, sell, or gifting...They are located at 3309 Elm Street #2W5, Continental Gin Bldg., Dallas TX 75226 .

They are having a Free Giveaway—ALL THINGS WOOD - Dowels, knobs, clothes pins, boxes, blocks, chips, golf tees, cubes, buttons, die cut, scrap, frames, sticks, hearts, beads, cut pieces, spools, twigs, more on March 27th.

## 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 1:00-4:00pm. RAL members will receive a discount price of \$20 per session. Classes will begin on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Betty at [bgrandboop@aol.com](mailto: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—3:00pm. Cost \$20.00. Reservations required, limited seating, email [wylieartgallery@yahoo.com](mailto:wylieartgallery@yahoo.com)

**ORIGINAL FIRED ARTS** Workshops by Gini Nichols and Susan Jump each Thursday from 1:00—4:00 and 6:00-9:00pm 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 supply and fee for firing. Each class will be \$15.00

Our next 2 day workshops will be on Sat. April 2nd, 9am-12pm- the project will be a stoneware birdbath or birdhouse. The second day will be on April 16th at 9am to whenever finished to complete the glazing. The charge is \$40.00 for both classes with a \$15.00 charge for supplies and firing.

**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. [Beckyparkartist@gmail.com](mailto:Beckyparkartist@gmail.com)

#### **Aug 27, 2011—Pastel Workshop with Dina Gregory**

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 817-614-4625 or email her at [www.luke@hpnc.com](http://www.luke@hpnc.com).