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MAY 2011

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to announce the Rockwall Art League's Tom Collins Scholarship Recipient for 2011; the student is Naomi Ruiz a senior at Rockwall High School. The Rockwall Art League Scholarship Committee had a very difficult decision this year. Eight students from RHHS and RHS submitted applications, cover letters, requested data and impressive portfolios. It was not an easy decision and we were thrilled with the student interest this year.



The committee was judicious and meticulous in judging and included positive, encouraging and reinforcing comments for each student. The committee members were Tommie Ledford, Laura Antony, Greg McGee, Darlene Dittoe and Hannah Antony. Hannah is Laura's daughter who is graduating this month from SMU with a major in Art History. I will be attending the Rockwall High School Awards Ceremony to award Naomi her scholarship certificate. My thanks to the very capable and conscientious members of the committee. Naomi's artwork is also a part of the exhibit at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall and will also be in our Rockwall Founder's Day art exhibit. Both exhibits will provide her with recognition and exposure.

On April 17, RAL did the fourth rotation of artwork at BB&T Bank of Rockwall. The following artists Betty Ryan, Betty Foster, Darlene Dittoe, Ginny Hibbard, Susan Jump, Darla Hill, Barbara Kelly and Doug Agee are exhibiting approximately 25 paintings.

On May 3, Doug Agee and his wonderful committee volunteers Tanya Slate, Tommie Ledford, Tyce McLarty along with Betty Ryan coordinated the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Exhibit. We have 89 pieces of artwork on display representing many mediums. The participation in this exhibit was overwhelming and it turned out great. A "Meet the Artists Wine Reception" is planned for the evening of May 18.

It may appear that RAL will be resting or relaxing over the next three months but there will be a lot of work going on with committees and the board. Have a wonderful summer and we will be back with our newsletters in September.

*Darlene Dittoe*

### ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **SUMMER BREAK** —There will be no summer meetings and guest demonstrations; the board is also taking a vacation. The website will be kept up to date and current so please check frequently for important information. Meetings and the newsletter will resume in September. However, members might receive important bulletins over the summer regarding exhibits, workshops and RAL sponsored events. The Fall Show Committee will be meeting for continued planning for our October show and the Board may have some scheduled meetings.
2. **FOUNDERS DAY** —The Rockwall Art League Art Show and Sale located at 116 East Rusk St. at Struaghan Properties on the south side of the square. Over 30 Beautiful works of Art & Jewelry will be on display for sale by local artists. In addition, the Art League will be participating in Sip n' Stroll which will take place 4:00–7:00 PM. Visit downtown businesses, taste wine and have a card punched at each stop. The punch card allows patrons to enter a drawing for gift basket.

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)

3. **THE ART OF HEALING EXHIBIT**— For the entire month of May, Texas Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall is host for the RAL Art Show and Sale—The Art of Healing.
4. **MEET THE ARTISTS—MAY 18—6:30 –8:30 PM**— The Rockwall Art League in partnership and Throwaway Ponies Horse Rescue and Therapeutic Riding Center are sponsoring The Art of Healing The Healing of art at Texas Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall on May 18th. Bring a friend and enjoy a taste of fine art and a glass of wine.
5. **THE ARTS gallery** is hosting the 125 Plano Art Association Juried Show from Monday, April 12-Saturday, May 15. Claudia Holt's HDR, "A Storms A Coming" was selected among 360 works of art for the Show. 75 Works were selected in all comprising of 25, 2-D; 25 3-D; and 25 photography/digital/printmaking. The exhibition is at the Gallery at Collin College free and open to the public.
6. **CALL TO ARTISTS**—The Creative Arts Center of Dallas is hosting a Juried Membership Show July 9 –30th. Deadline for submission is June 6th. Visit their website for more information. [www.creativeartscenter.org](http://www.creativeartscenter.org)
7. **SUMMER STUDIO DAYS**—Please don't forget we have four studio days at Harry Myers Park this summer. Susan Hunter will be on hand.

### RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

1. Linda McCasland has volunteered to be the Studio Day Coordinator for 2012 and Susan Hunter will be her Co-coordinator
2. Karen and Stephen Straughan will be providing the space for RAL's art exhibit and sale for Founder's Day on May 21. We will also be participating in the Sip n' Stroll from 4-7:00. The location is Straughan Properties at 116 E. Rusk on the south side of the square in Rockwall. Thank you Karen and Stephen for supporting the arts in Rockwall and being members and sponsors of RAL.
3. Thank you to Bill Jump (Susan's husband) and Ken Foster (Betty's husband) for helping with the moving and setting up of panels for the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital art exhibit.

### LOST AND FOUND

1. A cream color plate with dark green banded trim that was left at the last meeting.
2. A pair of red leather ladies winter gloves.

If either of these belong to you please contact Darlene at [dittoe2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dittoe2@sbcglobal.net) and let her know so that she can return them to you.

### REMINDERS

1. **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.

### 2011 MEETING DATES

Harry Myers Community Center

MAR 30	6:45 PM
APR 27	6:45 PM
<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
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 MYERS 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
APR 23	BB&T BANK—ROCKWALL
MAY 1-15	PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
MAY 21	FOUNDERS DAY
JUL-DEC	HILTON BELLA HOTEL
SEPT	ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS
OCT 14-16	FALL ART SHOW

Contact Doug Agee to participate or help set up the exhibits

**Sponsors and Contributors—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. The league is supported in part by grants from the City of Rockwall Hotel Motel Tax and the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts and the generous contributions of Texas Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall, BB&T Bank, the Bella Hilton Hotel in Rockwall and Karen & Stephen Straughn, Straughn Properties. 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.

## May Meeting—Art Critique by Sharon Serrago

Mark your calendar for May 25 and bring several pieces of your work for a personal critique. Because of her solid foundation in design and color theory, Sharon's experience and expert eye will amaze you with her suggestions on how to improve your work. She has the ability to quickly spot problem areas in paintings and offer solutions. You will also learn a lot by watching and listening to her critiques the work of other artists. She teaches weekly classes in her studio in Richardson, is a past associate at Artist's Showplace in Richardson, exhibits nationally, has won many awards and judges competitions. Additional information is on Sharon's website [www.serrago.com](http://www.serrago.com)



## August—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](mailto:www.luke@hpnc.com). The cost of the workshop is \$50 and is open to the public.

Dina is a native Texan, who loves being out in nature. After working in different mediums, she discovered her favorite is pastels. Soft pastels work really well in plein air paintings

## September Meeting

Walter Davis, Watercolor artist and author. Visit his website for more information. [www.exploringtheedgesoftexas.com](http://www.exploringtheedgesoftexas.com)

## October—Fall Art Show

## November Meeting—Painting on Fabric—Valery Guignon

Valery is a very talented fabric artist with work in galleries throughout the US. She teaches at the Creative Arts Center and at her studio in Dallas.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**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

**BECKY PARKS**— Sept. 15 and 16 at Harry Myers, 9:30 – 4:00; cost \$110 (\$50 deposit with reservation); break for lunch. Becky generally teaches her workshops in the oil medium but is versatile enough for the instruction to also apply to the acrylic medium. So whether you are an oil painter or acrylic painter, this workshop would be of interest to you. Her e-mail is [beckyparksartist@gmail.com](mailto:beckyparksartist@gmail.com); her website is [beckyparksartist.com](http://beckyparksartist.com). Her mailing address for reservations and deposit is 2921 Oak Springs Dr., Garland, Texas 75044. Reservations will be limited to 12-14 students. Becky will provide a complete supply list as the workshop gets closer.

## 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](mailto:www.luke@hpnc.com).

## Aug 31, 2011—Ghost Ranch—Aliquiu NM—

You are invited to Darla Bostick's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual multi-media art workshop/retreat at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. Rooms have been reserved 31 August- 6 Sept for the event which includes digital photography, watercolors/ acrylics, pencil, incorporating text and more. For 7 days/6 nights you have permission to simply relax, enjoy and create. Your lodging and daily meals are included with your registration. The Georgia O'Keefe Landscape Tour takes you to the very places where she painted the magnificent scenery offered by the area. Unreserved rooms will be released 31 July. Since this event overlaps Labor Day Weekend, it may be difficult to reclaim rooms after this date. Come and see for yourself why Georgia O'Keefe loved Ghost Ranch! Darla Bostick 940.320.5660 Email: [darlabostickart@yahoo.com](mailto:darlabostickart@yahoo.com) Prices start at \$348 for a Casita to \$834 for a Mesa with private bath.