



November — NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



September and October were wonderful and busy months for the arts in Rockwall.

We started on September 8 with the Harbor Gallery of Art in celebration of Art's Month at the Harbor . Nineteen artists displayed approximately one hundred and fifty pieces of artwork including all mediums, ceramics and jewelry. The artists staffed the gallery for a total of two hundred and twenty four hours until the closing on October 8. Wendy Dean, who maintains our website, provided a whole day of face painting for children. It was wonderful to meet visitors from Canada and throughout the U.S. who were staying in Rockwall and came to admire artwork. Many commented that the quality of artwork in our community is just outstanding.

Next came the RCAA Gala on September 24 with participation by twenty artists in the art exhibit with the winners determined by a Peoples Choice Ballot. This contributed to fund raising and support for the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts.

Following the RCAA Gala, we held our annual fine art fall show at the Rotary Building in historic downtown Rockwall. The show was judged by accomplished artist John Pototschnik. Awards were presented at a reception on Saturday, October 15. We had a terrific show thanks to our show chair this year, Betty Foster.

RAL finished the month by participating in "Halloween at the Harbor" on October 28 to make Halloween fun and safe for children.

Darlene Dittoe

ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **NOV Meeting** — The data for the November meeting has been **changed** from Nov. 16 to **Nov. 30** due to a request from Rockwall Parks and Recreation.
2. **RAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** — RAL's Christmas Party will be held at Betty and Rick Hoaglund's home on December 17th. More information and directions will be sent by email.
3. **Australian Artist Bob Bates**— Paint with Australian Artist Bob Bates. Bob has a realistic (oil painting) technique. Bob specializes in Land and Seascapes. He will be holding 2 workshops in November at the Wylie Art Gallery. The cost is \$100 for both days or \$55 for one day. Contact Pat Bentine for more information at 214-693-9518.
4. **Art Trek Workshops**— Nikki Gulley is conducting two European painting and photography workshops. The first workshop is Feb 11-18th in Venice, Italy. The second is May 10-18th in Paris, France. Space is limited. www.nikigulley.com
5. **Helping Hands Angel Tags** — Helping Hands is working to provide toys for 1,400 children in Rockwall County this year. RAL will be accepting donations at the November meeting. By pooling our money, we should be able to help this worthy cause.

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2011— 2012 MEETINGS	
SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	FALL SHOW
NOV 30	6:45 PM
DEC 17	XMAS PARTY
JAN 25	6:45 PM
FEB 29	6:45 PM
MAR 28	6:45 PM
APR 25	6:45 PM
MAY 23	6:45 PM
SEP 26	6:45 PM
OCT 24	6:45 PM
NOV 28	6:45 PM

2012 STUDIO DAYS
TUESDAYS 9 AM—3 PM
Harry Myers Park

- ◆ FEB 07
- ◆ APR 10
- ◆ JUN 12
- ◆ JUL 17
- ◆ AUG 14
- ◆ OCT 09
- ◆ DEC 11

Bring a sack lunch and drink. RAL will provide coffee and a dessert. Studio Days are open to the public. The fee is \$5 per session or \$15 for all 7 sessions. Contact Susan Hunter for more information.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BETTY FOSTER CLASSES

Betty Foster, RAL VP, conducts classes at her Heath studio Thursdays and Fridays from 1PM—4PM. You choose your media and method. RAL members receive a discounted price of \$20/session. Contact Betty at artbyfr@gmail.com or call 972-722-0302 or 972-841-2926.

PAINTING & CLAY CLASSES by Susan Jump & Gini Nichols

We offer instruction for the beginner to advanced students and have "weekly adult" on-going classes. The studio is located at 200 Northview Dr., Royse City (Fate), Texas 75189. Call Susan at 903-268-6744 (susanjump@hotmail.com) or Gini at 214-771-6366 (gypsygini@yahoo.com).

NOVEMBER PRESENTER—VALERIE GUIGNON



Valerie makes her living as an artist and specializes in silk textile art. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some new successful applications for artistic talent.

Since my childhood, I've been enthralled with the idea of dressing things. I first remember dressing my bedposts with ribbons and fabric scraps from my mother's sewing chest. My goal has always been to combine art and practicality. Majoring in Industrial Design at Pratt Institute taught me high ideals in the union of art and function. Now I'm pleased to produce a product that is a highly functional garment as well as an original painting. These pieces can be hung on the wall as well and used to enhance an outfit.

MORE ITEMS OF NOTE

7. **Home for the Holidays Gala** — Helping Hands will be hosting their annual Holiday Gala at the Hilton Bella Harbor on November 5th. Tickets are \$75
8. **Nikki Gulley Classes** — Nikki Gulley will be holding Adult Art classes starting Jan 3rd. The classes run for 6 weeks. For more information visit her website.
9. **Barbara Dybala's Mosaic Workshop**— Nov 4-19th. The class is free. To register s-mail Barbara at info@pieceloveandsmalti.com. Barbara's studio resides on 8 acres in Rockwall County. Visit her website for more information—www.barbaradybala.com
10. **Affinity Salon and Spa**— Affinity Salon and Spa is proactive in supporting the arts in Rockwall and would like to display artwork from RAL members in their salon. Space is limited to 4-5 paintings of average size and will be rotated every 4-6 weeks. In you are interested in displaying your work—please contact Lisa at 972-771-3808. The salon is located at 105 W Washington Street, one block south and west of the square in Rockwall.

Recognition and Appreciation

The Rockwall Art League wants to thank our sponsors for everything that they do throughout the year to help our organization and the visual arts in Rockwall. The following are some of the contributions that these businesses make: donations, space for exhibits, discounts, materials, promotion assistance, publicity and gift certificates.

RAL Sponsors:

Straughan Properties, Asel Art Supply, Beasley Art Photography, Providence Place, Affinity Salon, Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall, ArtVentures Studio, Toyota of Rockwall, American National Bank, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Barbara Kelly Insurance and Willis Jewelry.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOTEL & MOTEL SPONSORS

Best Western Rockwall Inn & Suites, Comfort Suites—Rowlett, Hampton Inn—Rockwall, Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites—Royse City, La Quinta Inn—Rockwall, La Qunita Inn and Suites—Garland Harbor Point, and Value Place—Rockwall.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Karen & Stephen Straughn, Straughn Properties for use of their office and their

RCAA Gala held on September 24: RAL artists were winners.

Eighteen artists from the Rockwall Art League participated in the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Art Exhibit at the Bella Hilton Hotel on September 24 to support the arts in Rockwall and help with fund raising for RCAA. The winners were chosen by the gala attendees who voted with People's Choice ballots. The first place winners were required to donate their artwork for the live auction but received a check and medal for their win. The second place winners received a medal for their win. The three categories were: #1 Heart and Soul of Jazz, #2 Heart and Sound of Jazz and #3 Heart and Look of Jazz.

1st Place

Heart & Soul of Jazz



Susan Jump
"The Soul of the South"

Heart & Sound of Jazz



Doug Agee
"Golden Sounds of Jazz"

Heart & Look of Jazz



Thom Loafman
"Big Easy"

2nd Place

Heart & Soul of Jazz



Tanya Slate
"Painting the Town Red"

Heart & Sound of Jazz



Bob Gaston
"New Orleans Hoodoo"



Linda Driver
"Will I Get My Saxxing Back"

Heart & Look of Jazz



Darlene Dittoe
"Notes of Jazz"

CONGRATULATIONS !

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.

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

Rockwall Art League Fall Show—Winning Entries

Best of Show
Rockwall Art League \$500

Tommie Ledford
"Poppies"



People's Choice
Claudia Holt
"Americana"

Laura Whitmore Award
Art Ventures Studio \$100

Laura Antony
"Southern Morning Pick Me Up"



Toyota of Rockwall—\$300
1st Place—Oil
Susan Jump
"Simon"



American National Bank—\$100.00
2st Place—Oil
Laura Antony
"Southern Morning Pick Me Up"



Honorable Mention
Darla Hill
"Aspens by a Creek"



Rockwall Art League - \$300
1st Place—Acrylic
Jimmie Trotter
"Onions & Garlic"



Lake Pointe Hospital —\$100.00
2st Place—Acrylic
Laurie Huff
"Moonlight Pier"



Honorable Mention
Doug Agee
"The Provider"

Dr. C. Barnes Memorial Fund - \$300
1st Place—Water
Doris Vasek
"Umbrellas"



Barbara Kelly Insurance —\$100.00
2st Place—Water
Ginny Hibbard
"Our Cabin in the Woods"



Honorable Mention
Linda McCasland
"The Pond in Winter"



Rockwall Art League - \$300
1st Place—Mixed
Laurie Huff
"Urban Reflections"



Rockwall Art League —\$100.00
2st Place—Mixed
Susan Jump
"Nature of Clay"



Honorable Mention
Tanya Slate
"Morning in America"



Rockwall Art League - \$300
1st Place—3D
Gini Nichols
"Fire & Brimstone"



Rockwall Art League —\$100.00
2st Place—3D
Kathleen Finan
"Ruby"



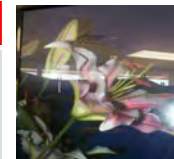
Honorable Mention
Susan Jump
"Free to Fly"



Rockwall Art League - \$300
1st Place—Photo
Pat Szalay
"Country Church"



Willis Fine Jewelry —\$100.00
2st Place—Photo
Barbara Scurlock
"Flower Power"



Honorable Mention
Marcus Yarbrough
"Cornflowers"



The demos scheduled for 2012

January

Poured Acrylics by Elizabeth Padgett. Elizabeth is a signature member of SWS. She has been in numerous international and national exhibitions She is in Art Place Gallery in Dennison, Fine Art Events and Gallery, Plano, Art Holdings , Dallas and Minneapolis.

Visit her website: PADGETTFINEART.COM

February

Contemporary and Traditional Graphite Portraits and Still Life by Maureen Killaby. She obtained a law degree but now devotes her talents to art. She teaches at Tyler Junior College, She holds private lessons for adults and children in graphite and colored pencil. Go to her web site: killabyfineart.com

March

Critiques by Maureen Brouillette. Winner of SWS Best of Show in 2005 and 2009 Maureen is an accomplished artist with many awards to her credit. She teaches watermedia classes, conducts workshops, demonstrations and critiques Check out Maureen's web site: MBrouillette.com

April

Abstract Expression in Acrylics. Stan Perkins received his BA and MA in art from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He has received best of show in Sherman Art League, judged competitions and exhibits at Artworks Gallery. His work can be seen: Artworksfineartgallery

May

Funny Clay Pots by Annie Chrietzberg . An outstanding ceramicist who teaches, exhibits and demonstrates her work in several states. Go to: earthtoannie.com and view her work..