



## Rockwall Art League Newsletter

September 2010

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### President's Message

Dear members:

We have the Alliance for Arts Gala behind us. Seven members attended the Gala on September 11. Sixteen artists participated in the tribute to american artists exhibit with 26 pieces of artwork entered to contend for the People's Choice Award in 3 categories. Many thanks to all of you for participating.

Like everything else we do, this event involved much time work and energy. Now we are moving on to our big event of the year--the **2010 New Horizons 2010 Art Show and Gift Sale** in October. I am asking all members of RAL to contact Carmen Wilkins, Show Chair or Claudia Holt, Co-Chair and volunteer a few hours of

### Wednesday, September 29th Program

Time: 7:00pm (Board meets at 5pm, any member may attend)  
Program: Oil Painting Demo by Andrew Wages  
Location: Harry Myers Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall, TX 75087

Andrew Wages is back for an encore demonstration. We all enjoyed his presentation earlier last year.

For more information on all events and location map, go to website at [www.RockwallArtLeague.org](http://www.RockwallArtLeague.org).

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October 27th Program: Kaye Franklin, oil demo  
December 1st Program: Pat Duncan, gourd painting demo  
December 18th - Christmas Party

### EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

[Go to rockwallartleague.org](http://rockwallartleague.org) for all exhibit information

#### BB&T Bank Exhibit

Exhibit was rotated on June 17th. The next rotation at BB&T is planned for January. Members, start planning now.

**Straughan Exhibit** at Staughan Properties, 116 E. Rusk, On The Square, continues. Participating artists are Janice Hamilton, Joe Hewitt, Marona Hewitt, Darla Hill, Candy Prather, Sueretta Todd, Sydney Vail.

**Hilton Bella Harbor Exhibit** Sueretta Todd will continue to be in charge of this

your time during the show. We need volunteers to make this show a huge success. You will be surprised how just a few hours from each of our seventy members will make a difference. This show is for you, so please try to help out if you can.

Darlene Dittoe  
[dittoe2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dittoe2@sbcglobal.net)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### General Meetings

September 29, 2010  
October 27, 2010  
December 1, 2010  
December 18, 2010  
Christmas Party

## 2010 BOARD MEMBERS

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## 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Dues are \$40 for the year.** A Membership form and brochure are available at:

[www.rockwallartleague.org](http://www.rockwallartleague.org)

Please bring your dues payment to the next meeting, or mail to:  
Rockwall Art League, PO Box  
1255, Rockwall, TX 75087

[Prospective members may](#)

exhibit. As the Exhibit Coordinator, at some point she will put out a "call to artists" with guidelines established by the Hilton. That will include sending jpeg's of art work to her to qualify. She then forwards to the Hilton management for approval and coordination with Hilton's business levels. This is an exciting opportunity to get more artists' work on a rotation basis in front of the Rockwall area visitors and residents who visit this sparkling diamond on the lake.

**New Horizons Fall Show:** A prospectus for our judged fall show and art sale is now available online at [www.RockwallArtLeague.org](http://www.RockwallArtLeague.org). This year our show will coincide with the "Rockin on The Docks" event, October 21-24. Should be a lot of visitors to the area ([www.rockinonthedocks.com](http://www.rockinonthedocks.com)). Remember, September 30th is the *deadline for jpeg submissions* to Wendy Dean and instructions are in the Show Prospectus at [www.RockwallArtLeague.org](http://www.RockwallArtLeague.org). This is an exhausting job for Wendy, so please follow directions carefully.

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## MORE OPPORTUNITIES -

[www.RockwallArtLeague.org](http://www.RockwallArtLeague.org)

*If you are a 2010 RAL member, have a website, and would like to have it linked to the RAL website, send your information and permission to publish your images. Members may submit up to 10 images of their work (preferable jpeg, png, or gif formats 72dpi) to be posted in your own Member Gallery on the RAL website. Send images, a short bio, contact information and permission to: Wendy Dean [wens@wendysuedean.com](mailto:wens@wendysuedean.com)*

## Studio Days

October 14th and November 9th at Harry Myers, 9am-3pm. Bring a sack lunch and join with fellow artists for a day of painting and social time. Coffee and a dessert will be provided. RSVP to: Susan Hunter at [suz2818@aol.com](mailto:suz2818@aol.com).

**Bel Forte Spa at The Mansions** December 3rd, 5-10 PM. This is a one-day show opportunity to showcase members work details to follow:

**Your RAL membership just became more valuable!**

## MEMBERS' CORNER

*Has your work been accepted at a gallery? Placed at a show? Have you attended a special workshop? Holding a workshop? Let us hear from you! We want to share your information with the membership.*

The Alliance for the Arts "Gala" was held at the Hilton on 9/11. The voting on displayed art was "people's choice" in 3 categories. Results as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in America's Vistas and Landscapes: **Claudia Holt's** "Harbor"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place : **Tommie Ledford**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Patriotic Symbols and History: **Brenda Elam's** "Sailing"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **David Smithers**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Nature in America: **Susan Jump's** "Yellow Orchid"

attend one meeting without joining

### DISCOUNTS

Asel's Art Supply (Plano) manager, Antonio, has offered 20% discount to all RAL members on non-sale and special orders.

*The Rockwall Art League is a member of Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, The Old Town Shoppes 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. Many thanks to new sponsors, BB&T of Rockwall and Rockwall Hyundai.*

*If you know of someone that might be interested in joining RAL, please feel free to forward this newsletter.*

Newsletter Submitted by:  
Barbara Kelly, Newsletter Chair  
Rockwall Art League

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Doris Vasek**

The bidding was fast, furious and brisk for the three first place pieces of artwork.

Additionally, **Marcus Yarbrough** sold his photograph of a western landscape.

Congratulations to all of you!

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**Claudia Holt** won "Best In Show" out of 55 entries at the Rowlett Arts & Humanities Commission Photograph Contest on September 11th. She will receive her award at the Rowlett City Council meeting on October 9th. The judge was Cindy Serine, a professional photographer from Dallas. Serine has an extensive background in the field, having shot for Modern Bride and several other national magazines. Photographs will be on display at the Rowlett Public Library until October 8th. Congratulations, Claudia!!

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**Betty Ryan** has created quite a following as the result of participating in the RAL Fall Show in 2009 and being able to showcase her talent. She has sold 11 paintings, 7 of those were commissions. Two of her buyers are throwing a special "Meet the Artist" party for her and inviting their friends to meet her. Her paintings that sold were a mix of subject matter: mermaids, the woodstocks girls, yellow horse, tango, and a beach scene. She has created quite a following. Congratulations Betty!

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**Lynn Grimes** (RAL member) is Director of the "Wylie Art Gallery." She wants you to know about the Demo's and Workshops planned for the next few months at the gallery. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. Anyone interested contact **Pat Bentine** (also an RAL member) at 214-893-0486 or check out [www.WylieArtGallery.com](http://www.WylieArtGallery.com) for information and registration.

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Information submitted to [BK@BarbaraKelly.com](mailto:BK@BarbaraKelly.com) by the 15th day of the month and will be subject to verification and approval as to content and format and will appear in the next newsletter.

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NOTE TO ALL RAL MEMBERS: Please submit one image (jpg, png, or gif) of your work and a short bio on yourself to [dittoe2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dittoe2@sbcglobal.net), so it can be archived for future use in here in the "Member's Corner" and in future press releases.