



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Welcome back everyone and I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and were able to do a lot of painting; however, I am certain that all of us are looking forward to a glorious autumn.

RAL has been busy as usual. Board members have been attending many meetings and working on exciting things for this fall. We start with a month long gallery at the Harbor Rockwall in conjunction with a Rockwall Arts Month and live performances from many of our local groups in a celebration of the arts in Rockwall. The Harbor management has provided a wonderful complementary location for RAL to have a month long gallery with art demonstrations. We have twenty four artists participating in the gallery. Please encourage everyone you know to stop by. We hope to keep it staffed and open seven days a week.

Many of our artists will be participating in an exhibit for the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gala "The Heart of Jazz" on September 24. We round out this fall with our annual Fine Art Show and Sale beginning on October 15 at the Rockwall Rotary Building. Keep painting and stay inspired, cooler weather is coming.

*Darlene Dittoe*

**ITEMS OF NOTE**

1. **SEP Meeting** — 5:00 — 6:30 PM — Jesus Lopez of JMJ Frames ([www.jmjframes.com](http://www.jmjframes.com)) will be selling his frames at Harry Myers. He has many styles and almost every size. RAL members will receive a 15% discount off the marked price.
2. **OCT Meeting** — No meeting in October because of the Fall Show.
3. **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.
4. **Rockwall County Alliance of the Arts Gala Art Exhibit** — RAL artists participating in the exhibit must have their information submitted to Susan Jump at [susanjump@hotmail.com](mailto:susanjump@hotmail.com) by **September 15**. Visit the RAL website for more information.
5. **2011 Studio Days**— Don't miss you chance to participate in the final two Studio Days of 2011 on Sep 13th and Nov 8th from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Bring a sack lunch and drink. RAL will provide coffee and dessert. Susan Hunter is the coordinator. Studio days are open to the public. The fee is \$5 per session.
6. **Becky Parks Workshop**— Sep 16-17 from 9:30 AM to 4:30PM at Harry Myers Park. Becky will help you understand Value and Color Temperature. Regardless of medium, you will benefit from this workshop. Space is limited. The fee for the 2 days is \$110.00. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your place. Please send your deposit to: Becky Parks, 2921 Oak Springs Dr., Garland, Texas. 75044. Contact Becky at [beckyparksartist@gmail.com](mailto:beckyparksartist@gmail.com) or 972-495-8776 or visit her website at [www.beckyparkartist.com](http://www.beckyparkartist.com).
7. **The 2012 Hunting Art Prize**—The Hunting Art Prize is sponsored by international oil services company Hunting PLC. This Texas wide competition is open to Texas based artists. The \$50,000 award is the most generous annual art prize given in North America for painting and drawing. For more information visit their website at [www.huntingartprize.com](http://www.huntingartprize.com).

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**2011— 2012 MEETINGS**

SEP 28	6:45 PM
OCT 26	FALL SHOW
<b>NOV 30</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
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**

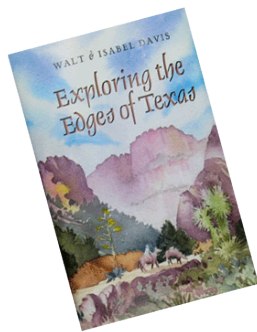
**BETTY FOSTER CLASSES**

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 [brgandboop@aol.com](mailto:brgandboop@aol.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](mailto:susanjump@hotmail.com)) or Gini at 214-771-6366 ([gypsygini@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsygini@yahoo.com)).

**SEPTEMBER PRESENTER—WALT**



Walt spent the next 28 years at the Dallas Museum of Natural History (now the Museum of Nature and Science). He did field work, collected specimens for the collection, designed and built exhibits, and planned and led field trips to many locations in Texas. He was Assistant Director for Long-Range Planning and was instrumental in getting the Ramses the Great exhibit to come to Dallas in 1989. He served as Project Director for the exhibit. In 1992 he became the Director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. He retired in 2004.

Walt Davis has taught drawing and watercolor painting for over twenty years. He is a past president and signature member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society and has won numerous awards in regional art competitions. He especially enjoys introducing beginning students to the wonders of watercolor through a combination of instruction, demonstration, practice, and constructive feedback in a positive and supportive atmosphere.

**MORE ITEMS OF NOTE**

7. **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. You are encouraged to bring your current paintings for a one-on-one critique from Bob.
8. **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. Sign up by Oct 7th and receive a \$500 discount. For more information visit Niki Gulley's website [www.nikigulley.com](http://www.nikigulley.com)

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# 2011 FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

➤ OCTOBER 14-16, 2011 ➤



ROCKWALL ROTARY BUILDING  
408 South Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087

➤ EXHIBIT SCHEDULE ➤

14 FRIDAY 10:00 AM-7:00 PM  
15 SATURDAY 10:00 AM-9:00 PM  
16 SUNDAY 12:00 PM-7:00 PM



➤ AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION ➤

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 7:00 PM

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



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