

BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE

A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION



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FEBRUARY 26, 2009 MEETING

Thursday @ 7:00 P.M.

WATERCOLOR by TINA BOHLMAN

Presbyterian Church, 212 W. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, Texas

"Always looking at the world around me with painters eyes, I believe it's important to think ahead and plan for tomorrow...but an artist must also be in the moment...the now. Aware that my time in a particular moment is short, the challenge is to capture light, shadows and shapes before they change. Every stroke must be without hesitation. Plein air, watercolor, and dealing with changing weather and light conditions requires strong technical skills and a large measure of intestinal fortitude. It's a

marathon race with the sun every day; spirited, emotional.... and exhausting. I love it."

A native Texan with two Cherokee grandmothers, Tina works primarily in the medium of watercolor. Basically self-taught, her proficiency in watercolor has been achieved as a result of

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Cherokee Ranch in LU



Quiet in Fall 2008 The Bluebonnet in the distance

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OUR SUNSHINE LIST

Jackie Holley is recovering nicely from eye surgery.

Dotty Germino's sister-in-law passed away this week in New York. Our sympathy to Dotty and Tom.

Gregg Lain, Christine's Hubby and Rachel's dad, is scheduled for open heart surgery on February 20. Let's keep Gregg and family in our prayers.

Artist friend of many of us, Tom Wellman passed away on Monday, February 15. Condolences to Tom's family and friends.

CITY HALL DISPLAYS

The February 2009 City Hall Display is by Patrick Crouch (Art Instructor at Skyline High School) and his art students. This is an exhibit in recognition of Black History Month.

March 2009 will be an exhibit 'Family Affair' by the husband and wife artist teams of the Art League: **Richard and Carolyn Webb, Bob and Maria Pauken, Joe and Sondra Blanford and Ken and Sandy Reese.**

April will be an exhibit by Joseph Acron, a portrait artist.

May's exhibit will be by Sarasota, FL artist, Susie Cotton (a former local artist).

When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong. – Buckminster Fuller

LET'S HELP OUT KATHY AT THE CITY OF DESOTO

The City of DeSoto is planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration for March of 2009. They are looking for and want to borrow and/or use any paintings, old photographs or other historical items of the 1950's era for a display in the city hall. If you have any of these items or know of someone that does, let me or Kathy Jones at the City Hall know.

Thanks to Mary Ann Gonzales for her gift to the DeSoto Art League.
Thanks Mary Ann.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This month, our president will appoint a nominating committee for the 2009-2010 year. Dotty Germino, our President, will need all of our help in this process, starting with the nominating committee. The best way to get the office you want is to serve on the this committee.

Please consider taking one of the positions that are required to operate the Art League. Most involve minimal work, some for only a few hours a year, others for only a few days. All are important and tend to be satisfying.

A lot of the current officers and committee chairmen are serving their second and third year (or more). Please consider volunteering and helping the Art League to survive and grow.

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH



Bob Pauken won the audiences approval with the blue ribbon for painting of the month for January 2009.

Thanks to Calvin Axtel and his gang at Asel Art Supply for their contin-

ued support and merchandise gift certificates for out winners.

Remember—bring your artwork to the February meeting. Win a prize. Exhibit your monthly artwork in the DeSoto City Library for a month.

**OUR PATRONS AND SUP-
PORTERS**

CITY OF DESOTO

TRINITY CERAMICS

ASEL ART SUPPLY

Dallas, Texas

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Cedar Hill, Texas

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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DeSoto, Texas

Please make a special effort to patronize and thank these businesses and organizations that support us so generously. .



Visit Calvin Axtel and our friends at Asel Art Supply in one of their many stores throughout the metroplex. Asel is a great supporter of the DeSoto Art League. They are faithful and generous in providing support for all our activities. To Calvin and his crew: THANKS!

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. ~Author Unknown

REFRESHMENTS

The Second Best Reason to come to Meetings

Feb 09 - **Cherene Bradshaw** and Julie Danford.

March 09 - Edna Humphrey & Vince Easley

April 09 - **Barbara Patrie** and Jane Kahler

May 09 - Pot Luck Installation Dinner

Thanks to **Connie** for January refreshments.

Refreshments Coordinator for 2008-2009 is Marie Pauken who will be keeping up with who's turn is next. Please see Marie and volunteer for refreshments this coming year.

Contact Marie at: 972-617-3014 or maria@paukenart.com for information.

SPRING ART SHOW 2009

The Spring Art Show 2009 is coming up in May — Get ready.

The judge, Virginia Vaughn, from Austin, has been named finalist for "Texas Artist of the Year" this year. A Plein Aire Workshop is planned to coincide with the show with Ms. Vaughn teaching.

She will also do a gallery talk on the show and her choices at the show reception. **GET READY!**

The DeSoto Art League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. All gifts to the DeSoto Art League are tax deductible. All gifts and grants are appreciated.

WHO, WHAT,WHEN, WHERE AND SOMETIMES— Page 4
HOW

If you are in Waxahachie during the next several weeks, get by the Anderson Gallery in the Ellis County Art Association’s Museum on 501 W. Main. Several of the DeSoto Art League members have art work exhibited there in the current exhibit.

CHECK THIS OUT— NETFAA (Northeast Texas Fine Arts Alliance - in Terrell) is having a “Paint Historic Terrell” from March 21 thru March 28. Besides having a good venue, they have some great awards. Call Ramona Murphy at 903-560-1531 or Judie Smothers at 972-523-9796 for details.

The Cedar Hill Art Group is having a big art show in April. Check them out for details.

Dotty, our Pres.. Is featured in this month’s Southwest Now magazine. Check it out.

Sandy Reese and a WAOW artist from Wisconsin and Judy Burch (not shown) smooze it up at the Women Artist’s of the West National Show and Reception held in Denver on Feb 6.



Sandy Reese on Right

Both artists had work accepted into the show. Other Dallas area artists accepted into the show were Cecy Turner and Linda Wacaster.

Call Ken with your news at 972-217-1546 or ken_reese@prodigy.net

DESOTO ART LEAGUE
2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Wk/Cell _____

E-Mail: _____ Birthdate: Month ____ Date ____

Art Mediums: _____

Mail to: George Cole, 213 Wesley, DeSoto, Texas 75115 972-223-5744

REGULAR	STUDENT	PATRON
MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP
\$30.00	\$9.00	\$35.00

ADDRESS CHANGES, CORRECTIONS NEW MEMBERS

New Members:

Franklin Ross, 4041 W. Wheatland, Dallas,
Texas 75230 Tel: 214-629-2769

RossStudio@att.net

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I encourage everyone to invite friends, neighbors, relatives or anyone else you may know who is interested in art and who would like to be a part of our organization. I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting this month - February 26th at 7:00 pm.

Regards, Dotty Germino

BIRTHDAYS

February 2009

Charlotte Ortegon - 2/27

Marca DeLacerda - 2/13

My apologies.. I missed Jane Kahler's birthday last month on January 8.

Happy Birthday to all these members.

MARCH PROGRAM

The March Program will feature James Spurlock doing an Oil Painting Demo.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE STORY

Sandy Reese owns an old painting she inherited from her folks. We took it to the Arlington Museum of Fine Art to a Fine Art Appraisal event they were hosting. A lady there had a painting she had purchased in a garage sale for \$15. She didn't much like it and started to sell it for \$5. It was suggested that she have it appraised before selling it. Turns out it was a J.M.W. Turner Watercolor..... WORTH \$50,000. That was one happy lady. Oh, by the way, our painting turned out to be worth about what we thought it was..... A few dollars. Ken Reese

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

President	Dotty Germino	972-224-2209
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Sunshine	Position Vacant	
Membership Book	Julie Danford	972-223-5851
Need a volunteer to do the May Installation Dinner stuff. Do we have a volunteer?????????		

February Feature Artist - Tina Bohlman

dedication, an intense desire to learn, and through attending workshops with nationally known Watercolorists including Jan Kuntz, Tom Lynch, and Irving Shapiro. From 1972 to 1990, Ms. Bohlman participated in an average of 30 juried Art Festivals and exhibitions per year. These include; Laguna Gloria Museum Art Festival, Austin, Texas; Festival of the Arts, (4 years invited artist), Oklahoma City; Crown Center Festival, Kansas City; Coconut Grove Festival, Coconut Grove, Florida.



Exhibition: Love is a 11

Painting daily, Ms. Bohlman works on location year round, Texas weather permitting. She is a member of Outdoor Painters Society, International Plein Air Painters, and Landscape Artists International; Founder and Co-Director of the annual Summer Arts Academy for children of Ellis County and surrounding communities; current President of Ellis County Art Association. Represented on the Internet through her personal Website Gallery and other online gallery affiliations, her work is collected worldwide and hangs in 34 States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Australia and New Zealand.

Lets all come welcome Tina and enjoy her Artwork

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April 2009 - Joseph Acron

May 2009 - Susie Cotton

August 2009 - **Elyse White and Lisa Reinke**

September 2009 - **Sherry Green**

October 2009 -

November 2009 - Linda Schindler

We need artists to exhibit their art in the DeSoto City Hall for October and November 2009. The exhibits will hang for approximately one month. Family friendly work—No nudes or sexually suggestive work. Two or more of you can get together and exhibit artwork. Art League members have preference.

Contact: Ken Reese Home:972-217-1546 Cell: 214-215-1546

Email: ken_reese@prodigy.net

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP

WITH Texas Artist of the Year Finalist Virginia Vaughan
Sponsored by DeSoto Art League

DATE: May 29, 2009

PLACE TO MEET: Ellis County Art Association
501 W Main St.
Waxahachie, TX

In case of inclement weather we will paint at the ECAA building

COST: \$75 FOR MEMBERS OF DESOTO ART LEAGUE
\$80 FOR NONMEMBERS

\$25.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR PLACE. **In case of emergency**, deposits will be refunded less \$5.00 fee.

The workshop will be limited to 15 participants so reserve your spot now.

Contact Connie Tilden (972)576-8190
catart@ectisp.net

OR

Sandy Reese (972)217-1546
sandy@sandyreese.com
For further information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

A note from the President:

Happy belated Valentine's Day to all. I hope you had a LOVE-ly day, and that you celebrated the day of LOVE. Thank you St. Valentine for giving us this wonderful happy day.

This month we will be choosing a Nomination Committee. If you think you would like to volunteer, please do so, if not, I will have the unpleasant chore of APPOINTING a committee. One way or the other, we WILL have a nomination committee. Many of us have served in the past and it does not take a whole lot of time, just PATIENCE! My plea to our members is that you seriously consider taking an office and that you will say "YES I WILL" when one of the nominating committee persons calls or asks you. We are in need of new officers; those of us presently serving have been serving for a very long time and need a break. Every office has procedures and previous chairpersons who are more than willing to help, give advice, and offer suggestions as well as passing along procedures. I will be passing out description sheets outlining each office, so please attend this meeting and be a participating member of our DAL. We have been fortunate to receive the Cultural Arts Award again this year which helps us fund our art shows among other things. Those of us presently in office will be more than willing to assist whenever the need arises. Let us all work together to make the DAL a source of pride not only for ourselves, but for the City of DeSoto which supports our efforts.

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Put some art into your
life today!

February 2009

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Valentine's Day is
when a lot of married
men are reminded
what a poor shot Cupid
really is