

April
2005



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Ides of March seem to be hanging on with blustery days and cool evenings. And we are so glad, as soon will come the "dog days of summer"! Shortly IAA will be winding down our activities to play catch up during those summer days. Before we do, our Membership Show is on the agenda at the end of April so be sure to get those paintings finished and framed. Jan Bateman our chairman promises a great juror and we want to be sure we give her plenty to work with. *Remember: If you have not paid your dues by the end of March 2005, you are not eligible for this competition. This will change next season per our revised Bylaws.*

The Doug Dawson workshop was a great success! We did not have as many students as we would have liked but those that attended were very pleased at the caliber of his instruction and the class. Karyl Barbosa deserves a big thank you and an attagirl award for such a great job! Patty Viscarra was the model for a day and did a great job!

Texas & Neighbors volunteers were busy as a one-armed paperhanger on March 26 receiving the paintings at the Irving Art Center. I could hardly do anything but ooh and awww as each painting arrived! You will enjoy this show as Doug Dawson picked a great one so don't miss it on April 24th 2-5 PM at IAC.

Our garage sale and art auction planning went awry but we will try to have it later in the season if possible. Many other good ideas are being volleyed around so keep your ears and eyes open for the next events. IAA will have a booth at the Heritage Festival on June 11th and will need volunteers and artwork. If you want to sell your artwork at the festival get in touch with Sharon Giles or me. This will be a great way to promote our association!

Great fun was had at the Kids Arts Spring Fling on April 2nd at the IAC. Hundreds of kids enjoyed our face painting and spin art!

Membership meeting on April 26th will have nominations for new officers, so be there; we need your support. Put some art in your life today!

Nina Hardison



IAA NEWSROOM

April Hostesses

Carolyn Parrish
Doris Vail



March Artists of the Month



Elke Stinnett
Synne Magar Ferguson

Winner paintings will be on display at the Center for the following month if artists so choose. Each month's first place winner will help Member Show Chair Jan Bateman by handling the voting for Artist of the Month the following month.

IAA Scholarship

Each year IAA gives a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior attending an Irving public or private school. Lynne Carpenter is the Scholarship chairperson and can be contacted at 972-345-0874, or by email at lynnrcpntr@juno.com.

IAA Annual Members Juried Show

May 1-27, 2005, in the East & West Galleries. Reception May 1, 2005, 2-4pm. All work must be delivered April 29, 2005, 10am - 4 pm .

Gallery Volunteers Needed

We are in need of gallery volunteers. You can paint while you serve as gallery attendant! Call Nina or Dot to volunteer at 972-721-2488 or 972-721-8063 (voice mail).

Opportunity for Artists

There are openings to hang art work at the Colleyville Christian Fellowship located at 3508 Glade Road. Contact Lynne Carpenter at 972-345-0874 if you are interested.

Workshop Opportunities

We have exciting opportunities for workshop instructors and demonstrators - join our schedule for next year! We're also looking for exhibitors. Call 972-721-2488 or 721-8063 or email us @ www.info@irvingart.org.

Member Dues

All member dues are due no later than May 31, 2005 for the 2005-2006, season making members eligible for all membership shows and the members only gallery.

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April Watercolor Demo

Featuring Sonya Turpening

April 26, 2005 7:00 pm

Sonya Turpening is an accomplished painter in both transparent watercolor and oil. She has been painting professionally for over 25 years and is noted for taking ordinary events and turning them into extraordinary paintings. Sonya does not remember a time when she was not painting or drawing. "Art has always been a part of my life. There was never a dramatic decision to become an artist, I just always knew that was what I would do".

A few years ago Sonya returned to painting in oils after a 20-year hiatus of painting exclusively in watercolor. "I began to look at some of my subjects as an oil painter would, in opaque layers of lights over darks instead of in transparent layers of watercolor. I painted in oils from the time I was nine until my senior year in college and I wanted to relearn it. Painting in oils has given me a new way of expressing my art and has added new drama to the watercolors.

Sonya is a signature member of National Watercolor Society and Southwest Watercolor Society. Articles about her have been published in Art of the West and Southwest Art Magazines. Recently Sonya was commissioned to do a painting for permanent installation in the state capitol building in Oklahoma. Sonya's paintings illustrate the covers of the books "Pawnee Pride" and "The History of Washington County".

The Prix de West at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City, OK
The Masters of the American West at the Autry Museum, Las Angeles, CA
Western Visions at the Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, Wy
The Museum of Western Art, Kerrville, TX
National Center for American Western Art, San Antonio, TX
Miniature Masterpieces at the Phippen Museum, Prescott, AZ
American Art in Miniature at the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK

IAA at the Irving Heritage Festival

IAA will be hosting a booth at the next annual Irving Heritage Festival in downtown Irving on Saturday, June 11. Members are asked to bring artwork to the next two meetings to donate which will be offered for sale to help support the organization. This is a great opportunity for IAA to educate the public on our activities and attract new members. We will need volunteers to talk to the public and do art demonstrations and face painting. Contact Sharon Giles or Nina to volunteer (972-721-8063)

Texas and Neighbors Show

The job of receiving paintings for the Texas and Neighbors show was a successful and fun event. We have 95 beautiful paintings ready to be hung. Many thanks and great admiration to all the artists who entered the show and to those who were selected. Doug Dawson chose 17 winners to be announced on April 24...the grand opening. Everybody come. Thanks to the faithful volunteers who helped on March 26 to bring in the paintings. They are Karyl Barbosa, who also handled the workshop for Doug Dawson...busy lady; Nina Hardison who is always a hard worker and president of IAA, Synne Magar Ferguson who drove all the way from Allen, Texas to help out and her Mom, Marjorie Magar; Carolyn Parrish, our faithful membership chairman; And what would we do without Birta Shubin, Dorothy and Glen Martin, and Patricia Viscarra, who handled the uncrating of paintings and bringing them up for the judging....? Others are on tap for the reception, packing up the paintings and all points in between, including Lynne Carpenter and Roberta Ferguson. Angie Vangalis is working on the catalog. A great big thanks to all of them.

Dot Blalock, Chair, Texas and Neighbors

Newsletters via Email

Members wishing to receive the monthly newsletter over the Internet should send your newsletter editor, Earnest your email address to

ernie@strictlyearnest.com.

AROUND OUR TOWNS!!

Synne Magar Ferguson

The Collin County area is developing a very strong Arts District and IAA member Synne Magar Ferguson hopes to take advantage by opening a storefront there that will put Aurora Images on the leading edge. If you are interested in selling your art work through Aurora Images Gallery and Gifts storefront, or participating as an instructor, contact **Synne Magar Ferguson** at (972)390-7943 or (214)803-7089. Original works of art and quality handmade jewelry will be accepted. There is a monthly fee plus commission on all sales and an administrative fee for instructors.

Art by the Fireside

IAA member Lynne Carpenter is now teaching art classes. Small class size: 2 - 6 Students, Ages 14 - Adult. Call or e-mail your reservation and any questions to 972-345-0874 or lynncrpnttr@juno.com.

Karyl Barbosa

Karyl is showing some of her "Lillies of the Field" oils at the Colleyville Christian Fellowship located at 3508 Glade Rd, in Colleyville, TX, through the end of May 2005. Contact Lynne Carpenter @972-345-0874, if you wish to go by and see it. Way to go Karyl!

Earnest Benton

Earnest Benton's Solo Exhibit 'Visual Embrace' at The Irving Community Television Network 233 S. Rogers Road in Irving, TX. continues through April 29th. All are welcome. Hours are Mon. - Fri. 8am. to 5pm.

Mary Treadwell

Mary was featured in an article in the Coppell, TX, Citizen's Advocate local newspaper April 8, 2005. The article talks about her move from France to Coppell. You can visit Mary's website at <http://www.marytreadwell.com>.

Diane Walton Reitz

Diane has work that has been accepted in the Twenty Second Annual National Juried Art Exhibition, of the Navarro Council of the Arts, in Corsicana, Texas. The show is being held at the Warehouse Living Arts Center in Corsicana. The opening reception and awards presentation will be April 16th, 11 am to 1pm. Her art will be exhibited there through May 15th, 2005.

Beverly Fuqua-Koehler

ACAR (Art for Children and Adults at Risk, Inc) will have a booth at the Cinco de Mayo Neighborhood Festival at Lee Park, May 7, 2005 10am - 2pm. Come out, have fun, visit us at the ACAR booth and see ACAR students art work. For more information call 972-721-2508 or 972-742-5982.

Ann Hardy

Ann is published in two books produced by "International Artist's Magazine" "How Did You Paint That?-Figurative" and "How Did You Paint That-Sill Lives and Florals?" and "Splash 8" produced by Northlight Books. Ann was also featured in a segment on "Designing Texas" TV. She won Best of Show in Louisville, Colorado, National Show with an oil landscape. Ann has a painting accepted into "International Salon of Contemporary Arts" at Greenhouse Gallery. Ann's art will also be showing in the Spring Show at Whistle Pik Gallery in Fredericksburg TX, and Miller Gallery in Salado TX.

Carolyn C. Bell

Carolyn had two paintings accepted into the ACA Show at the Artists Showplace, May 2-25th. She is also a member of the Farmers Branch Carrollton Art Association and will have several pieces in their Juried

IN OUR GALLERIES



Mar 26 – April 29, 2005

EAST – Colored Pencil Society of ASR Juried Show

WEST - Mary Emerson
Reception Mar 27, 2005,
2-5 p.m.

May 1 – 27, 2005

EAST & WEST - IAA Annual Juried Show

Reception May 1, 2005,
2-4 pm.

May 28 – June 23, 2005

EAST - ATA

West - Dave Kramer
Reception May 29, 2005,
2-4 pm.

Steve Ko

Steve Ko gives private art lessons, and one of his high school students just won 2nd place in "Young Masters." Her painting is on exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art. Steve has been invited to hang his art at Verizon in Los Colinas in June 2005. He is also selling the original of his picture book for the first time. If you are interested in seeing the art works before June, please contact Steve Ko at 817.788.0491 so he can arrange time for you see his paintings. Steve's paintings can be seen at the Victorian Gallery in Uptown Dallas.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Mel Stabin

Watercolor Workshop:
Simple, Fast, and Focused
(SWS) April 12 - 15, 2005

Call **Karyl Barbosa**,
972-262-3638 to enroll

**Free classes are held on
Thursday evenings**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts
Irving, TX

Basic Oil Painting by
Dot Blalock

Nina Hardison and Marilyn Chandler

Nina Hardison and Marilyn J. Chandler are exhibiting paintings at the Irving Chamber of Commerce office, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., through April 2005. This exhibition a part of the Irving Art Association's CAAP program—providing Art for Corporations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday & Thursday Painters Group

Bring a sack lunch
Tuesdays - 10am - 3pm
Thursdays - 12:30pm - 3pm

20th Annual Texas & Neighbors

April 23 – May 14, 2005 in the Main Gallery. Reception & Awards Ceremony: April 25, 2 – 5 pm. Volunteers needed! Contact Dot Blalock @972-255-9337.

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