

Notes from the President

In the very short time I've been involved with the Killeen Civic Art Guild, I am astounded by the impact you have at the highest levels of city government. I was called to a meeting of the Killeen City Council to pick -up a letter of appreciation on your behalf only one day after becoming your new President. Every time the Secretary calls for volunteers, or participation in a competition, or art event you are there to help or support the community with your wonderful talent. You all have different backgrounds and styles and bring a great variety of artwork to the table. I'm truly impressed with the inspired level of projects you accomplish. I have always been a little conservative because I didn't think Killeen Texas would understand what was standard in the big city. You have proven me wrong. Many of you deserve a round of applause for courageously venturing into Abstract Expressionism (non-objective art). I've seen Pop art, Op art, Found art, Abstract art, Impressionism, and Surrealism. You really are a very versatile bunch of artists who I hope will grow in numbers.

I want to thank all the members who helped "Take 190 West" to be a success. 50% of the vendors were KCAG members and we filled the whole front hallway of the Convention Center with a members exhibit. Marty and Sheri got their pictures in the newspaper and we are expected back again next year. From what I hear it is going to be bigger and better next year. They've still got me on the steering committee.

The Board of Trustees spends a lot of time running your activities, and I hope you will assist them on committees such as "Art with Heart" and many other new projects. If you wish to help on a committee please contact Samra. Please don't hold back if you have an idea for a meeting (workshop) which could improve your skills. You have me doing a whole bunch of stuff I never did before.

Ken Taylor

KCAG Meeting Activities

Many times I've heard the comment that the KCAG doesn't do enough "fine art" or that we don't offer what "serious" artists require. It's important to keep in mind that we are limited in our time together, 2 hours a month isn't much time to teach the finer points of art techniques. In addition to our time limitations we also have a lack of participation by those who could further our art education in the fine art arena. We do what we can with what we have to work with. We try to offer challenging creative ideas, fun, and a chance to meet new artists and learn from other creative people in our community. I hope to see you all at each meeting throughout the year!

To explain the planned activities scheduled for 2009, I will elaborate:

March 16: The Copycat Project. A work by famed painter Pablo Picasso will be chosen and circulated to the members who wish to participate. The assignment is to view that art and then create a version of it using your own personal style and artistic medium of choice. Pieces will be brought to the meeting in March to be viewed by the members and critiqued. The purpose of this project is to challenge the artist to explore different artistic styles and media. It's fun to experiment!

April 20: Recycled Art. Earth day is April 22, so in honor of that, artists are encouraged to bring recycled materials and create a work of art from them. Any medium, any style, just made from items repurposed from cast-off items.

May 18: T-Shirt Painting. Member Marty Stanek will be silk screening T-shirts with our new KCAG logo on them. Shirts may be ordered in specific sizes at a cost of \$10.00 per shirt. Then at our KCAG meeting we may color, embellish or alter the shirts any way we like! This will be a fun and creative event, with a useful purpose! Many fabric paints, dyes and embellishments such as iron on gems are available now at Hobby Lobby, Michaels or Hancock Fabric.

The artwork created from these activities and challenges would make very interesting displays for our membership at the VLA. Let's all join in, participate, create and show this community what we can do!

Ideas for future activities: Altered Bookmaking, Art Trivia, Show & Tell. If you have any ideas for future meeting activities, please call me. 698-2009.

Original Portrait Contest!

The KCAG is having a portrait contest! Exhibit dates: 6 June - 1 Aug 2009 at the VLA Meadows Gallery. Any and all media types, any artistic style.

Human portraits only!

Rules and registration info to follow soon! This will be a fun and interesting event! Now is a great time to start planning your portrait.



Summer Fun Art Contest

Fairy Tales & Childish Things...

August is Children's Theatre month at the Vive Les Arts Theatre. To celebrate this, the KCAG is calling for entries in a summer art contest dedicated to all things from the fairy tale world. Let your inner artist come out to play with your inner child and get busy creating something "right out of a fairy tale".

The two plays featured at VLA in August are Alice in Wonderland, Jr. and Jack & The Beanstalk. These two shows are enough to give us a good start on our fairy tale ideas!

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FRAMES & THINGS

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FIRST FRIDAY ARTISTS

April 3rd - Sheri Wilson

May 1st - Birgitta Riley

June 5th - Samra Thompson

July 3rd - No First Friday

August 7th - Joseph Ortega

September 4th - Ellen Strauss

October 2nd - Dia De Los Muertos

November 6th - Monica Weidinger

Meadows Gallery at VLA *2008

NOW SHOWING

Spring Art Competition

Art Is Looking Up! Exhibit dates: 8 Mar-18 Apr 2009. This year's theme will depict all things having to do with Astronomy. The United Nations has declared that **2009 is the Year of Astronomy**. Theater productions: Inherit the Wind, Mar 27-29 & Apr 3-5. Reception April 18. Times and further info TBA.

Angela Silcox

Exhibit dates: 4 May - 30 May, 2009. Angela is one of the founding members of the KCAG. Her work spans several decades and will be a wonderful display! Reception TBA. Theater Productions: Junie B. Jones, May 15-17; Spring Ballet, May 23-24.

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