

North Texas Area Art League

November 2003



Deanna Wood

Vidya Kagal

Fran Shurtleff

The November, 2003 meeting will be held the second Thursday of the month.

November 13, 2003

Joyce Martin, Wire Sculpture

On Thursday, November 13 (please note date change), artist Joyce Martin will join us to demonstrate her love of sculpture. Joyce earned her BFA from UT Arlington in 1979 and has continued learning through on-going workshops and private instruction.

A children's art teacher and practicing artist, Martin has held many solo exhibitions and is represented by the East Main Street Gallery, Decatur, TX and SOHO Gallery in Fort Worth. She served as Resident Artist at the Arlington Museum of Art during 2002-2003. Please join us for a memorable night.

Mini-Show

Don't forget to bring a piece of ready-to-hang art for our mini show. You could win a gift certificate from Asel Art Supply!

Spring Show Update

We're thrilled to announce that Carol Benson has agreed to be the juror for our 2004 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition. Ms. Benson is a working artist and has an impressive background in the fine arts.

She received her MFA in Painting from Texas Christian University in 2002. Her work has been included in many national and regional exhibitions, most recently the 44th Delta Exhibition, Arkansas Art Center; Seven State Biennial Exhibition, Chickasha and Lawton, Oklahoma; Critic's Choice 2001 & 2000, Dallas Center for Contemporary Art (formerly the Dallas Visual Art Center); Revelation Texas, the University of Houston; and Art in the Metroplex, Fort Worth. Benson's works are included in numerous private and corporate collections. Currently, she is an instructor at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is represented by William Campbell Contemporary Art Gallery in Fort Worth.

Deanna Wood, Spring Show Chairperson

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December High School Art Competition

We mailed letters in early October to all 17 Denton County high schools. Each school will select two students to participate in the show, which will be held during our December VAST meeting. If all the schools enter we expect 34 pieces of artwork for display.

Mark your calendar! Please arrive at the December meeting by 6:30 so you can meet the students and take time to enjoy their artwork.

After your vote is tallied we will present awards, including four cash prizes: \$100 Best of Show, \$75 First Place, \$50 Second Place, and \$25 Third Place. All participants will receive a gift certificate from one of two excellent Denton art stores, HMS Art and Frame Shop or Voertman's, as well as a certificate of participation. Also, Liquitex is supporting our program with donated gifts for each student.

Donna Lewis, Second Vice-President

Artist Spotlight

It is always gratifying when someone responds positively to one of my paintings.

Being primarily interested in creating paintings that evoke pleasant responses, I often focus on a kind of "Main Street, U.S.A." approach. Street scenes, old houses and American flags flying always are appealing to me. Sun and shadow playing on the surfaces create the excitement.

The painting that won the mini show had many of my favorite ingredients. Thanks for voting for "American Tradition".

Nancy Donley



Nancy Donley, First place mini-show painting for the October, 2003, NTAAL meeting: "American Tradition"

Member News

Ingrid Scobie was accepted into the Laredo Center for the Arts 11th Annual International Juried Exhibition, December 5-28, 2003, with her piece "Chilean Waterfall."

Critique Groups

Millie Giles

Next meeting for this critique group is November 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the CVA. Millie Giles who teaches in the School of Visual Arts at the University of North Texas is critic for this 20 year-old group. The fee for the critique is \$15 and checks should be made payable to NTAAL.

There are a few openings available for new members and also substitutes for this group. Those interested must be current NTAAL members. Contact Mary S. Morris, (940)-243-3226 metro or paintbrush76201@yahoo.com.

Detha Watson

Detha Watson is conducting a critique group that meets at the Center for Visual Arts. They meet at 10:00 am the first Friday of every month, September - May. Bring a sack lunch. The fee for this critique group is \$10. For contact information visit Watson's web site: <http://dethawatson.com/> or phone 940-458-2911.

Upcoming Workshop

Coming up in early February: "Figuring Out the Human Form," an all-media Figure Workshop with Michael Mentler

We are delighted that Michael Mentler will teach a workshop. He currently teaches at the Society of Figurative Arts in Dallas and conducts numerous workshops. Visit his wonderful website at www.tsofa.com. He received his degrees, specializing in figure drawing and design, at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Layton School of Art, and Washington University of St. Louis. Here is the basic information:

February 6, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Wine and cheese reception and short lecture

February 7, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Workshop

Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX

Cost: \$70 including model fees

Deposit: \$35 due by December 15; remainder due by January 15

President Jo Williams commented, "I am so excited that we are going to provide this opportunity to draw and work with live models. Michael comes highly recommended with a fabulous reputation, and his work is incredible!"

Make checks payable to NTAAL; mail to Ruth Keefer, 3907 Cobbler's Lane, Dallas, TX 75287. If you have questions, please contact me at (214) 418-6428 andujarkeefer@aol.com.

Ruth Keefer, First-Vice President

2003 - 2004 Exhibitions

April 18-May 27, 2004
36th Annual Juried Awards Exhibition

July 25-August 19, 2004
Members Juried Exhibition

Membership Update

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Letter from the President

What beautiful autumn weather we are having! I hope everyone is enjoying this season and having a productive time making art.

Serving as president of this organization is a special experience. It is a lot of work, but the people I work with are simply awesome! Everyone on the

Executive Committee, both elected officers and appointed chairs, have wonderful attitudes and a great work ethic. We all share similar philosophies and we are enjoying a very productive year. Of course we have the advantage of having Ingrid Scobie as our Executive Director, and she is doing an incredible job.

This seems to be a year full of changes. At the Board meeting on October 9, we voted to jury our Spring 04 Awards Exhibition by slides instead of by actual work. This is a big step for us, because it will change our exhibit in many ways. One concern was eliminating some people, particularly students from entering, but then a board member said that students at the universities are required to have slides made of their work. If there are others of you who are not getting slides of your work, it is a good way to document all that you do. Works get away from us whether they are sold or given away, and everyone should keep a record. We will have information in next month's newsletter on places for getting slides made and references if you wish to make your own. Many people who enter our show from some outlying areas, like Dallas, will be pleased. They won't be making two trips to Denton to drop off and then pick up their rejected work. Also, on the upside, we will not be moving around 350 plus pieces of art.

Jurying by slides will expand our entry base, and, of course, will make the exhibition more competitive, but we are growing. I remember that I was involved with the decision to change our exhibition from accepting everything that was entered to having it juried. That was in the early 80s, and we survived. Our deadline for slides is January 23. You will receive a Prospectus in the mail in mid-November. We will keep you apprised of other logistics and schedule plans as we go along. In the meantime, simply continue to make your art, and make slides!!!



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—Jo Williams, President

Minutes of the General Meeting, October 9, 2003

President Jo Williams welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2003 meeting as published in *Vision*. Motion was made by Alice Hofmann and seconded by Fran Shurtleff.

Treasurer Nancy Donley reported \$4600.51 in our checking account and a \$5248.30 CD for a total of \$9848.81 total assets.

Williams mentioned the name change of the organization at the September meeting from North Texas Area Art League (NTAAL) to Visual Art Society of Texas (VAST). Referencing her President's Letter in the October newsletter asking for input on the change, she reported that the majority of responses have been positive with only a few negative ones. We will hire a professional graphic designer to develop a new logo. Members who wish to suggest a logo should contact Executive Director Ingrid Scobie before October 16 deadline.

A figure-drawing workshop will be offered in February 2004 to be held on a Friday evening and all day Saturday. An oil painting and open media workshop taught by New Mexico artist Ann Templeton is also in the planning stages for November 2004. Details as to date, time, and fee will be announced later.

Hospitality chair Alice Miller has returned to Denton; she thanked Glenda Smith and Joan Hart for taking care of refreshments in her absence. A sign-up sheet was passed for members to choose a date to bring refreshments for future meetings.

Executive Director Ingrid Scobie reminded members about Art Alley's offer to VAST members for 30% discount on all framing during October. This offer may be in effect again next March prior to the annual juried exhibition. Scobie also announced that when VAST obtains a DBA, the organization will be filing for a 501c3 non-profit status and will be in need of a "good friend of the arts", either lawyer or accountant. Please call Ingrid (940-566-5507) if you know someone who could help us out.

Joe Marshall, canvas maker from Ft. Worth was here with guest artist DeBob Jacob. He has several sizes of stretched canvases, especially wrap around canvases. These are available for sale after the meeting.

Membership chair Vidya Kagal reported 28 members and 1 new member, Jacqueline Holmes.

First Vice President Ruth Keefer introduced guest artist DeBob Jacob, an oil painter, teacher, and workshop instructor from Maypearl, Texas. DeBob said that she always starts a painting by blocking in a basic abstract in three values to determine placement of value and composition. After showing the audience several works in progress she chose to work on a landscape using a plein aire oil sketch as reference. DeBob was asked about the visor she donned before beginning to paint. She explained that the visor kept her eyes always in shadow to better determine value and colors. She also announced that she would have a book out in about a year and a half.

During the break members voted on the Monthly Members' Mini Show and visited while enjoying refreshments of cookies and soft drinks.

Painting was resumed and questions were asked and answered along with friendly banter between artist and audience. When time was called DeBob received a warm round of applause.

Second Vice President Donna Lewis announced the Mini-Show winners who came forward for photographs. First place winner Nancy Donley received a \$25 gift certificate from Asel Art Supply and Second place winner Rosalie Fulton received a \$15 gift certificate from Asel. Guest artist DeBob Jacobs drew the name of Jan Cawthon for a \$50 Voertman's gift certificate given as door prize. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Sigle Morris for Secretary June Impson

2003-2004 Monthly Programs

November 13, 2003	Joyce Martin - Wire Sculpture
December 4, 2003	Sweetie Bowman - Clay
January 8, 2004	Shelley Minnis - Artists' Materials
February 5, 2004	Don Schol - "The Artist and War"
March 4, 2004	Jerry Hunsinger - Pastel
April 1, 2004	Brandy Smith-Thomas - Sumi
May 6, 2004	Jan Bateman - Oil

Regular meetings are usually held on the first Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at the Center for the Visual Arts, 400 E. Hickory, Denton, TX.

Membership Form: New Members/Renewal

Please complete the form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to the North Texas Area Art League, c/o Vidya Kagal, Membership Chair, 125 Pennsylvania Dr., Denton, TX 76205. You may also bring it to the first meeting you attend. Once you have joined, you may be represented in the Member Artist section on our website, www.ntaal.org.

Please print:

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Work/Cell _____ Email _____

Annual Dues (June 1-May 31)

Individual \$20 Family \$25 Student \$10 New member Renewing member

Please *do not* include my listing on the website

What materials do you work with?

- acrylics
- ceramics
- drawing
- fiber art
- graphics
- jewelry
- metal
- oil
- mixed media/installation
- pastel
- photography
- printmaking
- sculpture
- watercolor
- other (be specific) _____

Would you like to help out?

General activities:

- fundraising/financial planning
- grant writing
- graphic design
- membership
- press/publicity
- telephone/refreshments/sunshine

I could help NTAAL sponsor other events: _____

Specific events/publications:

- monthly demonstrations/lectures
- spring/summer juried exhibitions
- workshops
- newsletter
- high school student art competition
- willing to do anything

I would like to help, but I need more information about: _____

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Joyce Martin: Wire Sculpture

\$50 Voertman's door prize

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