

January 6, 2005

Lawrence Matthews, Encaustic

Our guest artist at our January 6 meeting will be Lawrence Matthews of Denison, Texas. Matthews will demonstrate the encaustic method of painting. The artist will discuss preparation of the encaustic painting surface, types of tools and brushes that may be used, and techniques to achieve various effects.

Encaustic is a type of paint created from natural beeswax and powdered pigment that is applied to the painting surface while in a melted state. Encaustic is one of the oldest painting mediums. Ancient Egyptians used this medium to paint mummies, and the Greeks and Romans used it on wall paintings and statues. The technique is enjoying a resurgence of interest among artists. One of its chief practitioners is Jasper Johns who used encaustic on his "flag" paintings of the 1950's.

Matthews is a working artist and also the director of 416westgallery in Denison, Texas. His work is held in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and Mexico. He is currently in preparation for a solo show to be held in April 2005 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Artist's statement:

"My work is about presenting ordinary things in an altered context so viewers are aware of the object, the color, or the form, in a way that expands their sense of it. The 'thing' is transformed and extended beyond its ordinary associations. Although I primarily consider myself a painter, I am increasingly using a variety and combination of media in my work."

Diane reader Dorn

Spring Exhibition Slide Show

Well the big show is off and running! As expected, we had a rush of entries at the last minute before the December deadline - lots of great stuff! We are looking forward to an excellent exhibition and hope everyone can make it to the slide night at the Center for Visual Arts on January 3 at 7 pm. The slide show will take place upstairs in the dance studio and will feature all of the entries. Everyone will get a chance to see what an awesome task our juror, Jesus Moroles, has before him. We will be having a fundraiser Gala Reception for Moroles at the Center for the Visual Arts on Friday, April 1. There will be more detailed information about the Gala in upcoming issues of *Vision*.

Erin DeGenaro

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Beth Haywood



K. R. Mendes



Jo Williams

Gale Webb Workshop

We only have one spot available for the Gale Webb Workshop, "New Insights Into Watercolor," February 28 - March 3. To secure your spot, send your \$50 deposit check to Mary Emerson, 1001 Emerald Sound Boulevard, Oak Point TX, 75068. You may also sign up and pay at the next meeting. If you are interested in being on a wait list, please contact Mary.

Calendar News

2005 VAST calendars will be on sale at 50% off (\$6.50) at our January meeting. Quantity is limited.

We have surpassed our goal of raising \$3,000.00 with yet a few calendars remaining for sale! Sales of the 2005 calendar will continue through the month of January with calendars available to members at the January 6th meeting for half price.

Entries for the 2006 Calendar Competition can be accepted from now up through April 29, 2005. Members may submit two entries for a fee of \$10.00. Pieces must be two-dimensional and horizontal in format. Entry forms and additional competition information is available on the website. Thanks to all of our 2004 *Calendar Girls* for making all of our Calendar Signing Events such a great success. We hope to have our male members entering this year!

Kathy Mendes

New Supporting Members

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Denton, TX 76201

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Artist Spotlight: December Artist of the Month



Dana Blanchard

Processional
15" X 24"

Processional was painted on a panel covered with a tinted gesso ground. The main medium used was gouache with additional highlights in Prismacolor pencil

Second place winner:
Darla Bostick

Membership Update

New members

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2004-2005 Monthly Programs

January 6, 2005	Lawrence Matthews - Encaustic
February 3, 2005	Jane E. Jones - Watercolor
March 3, 2005	Mary Anne Durnin - Watercolor
April 7, 2005	Eddie Nunns - Mixed Media
May 5, 2005	Nel Byrd -Watercolor
Regular meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Visual Arts, 400 E. Hickory, Denton, TX.	

Members Doing Great Things

Ernani Maxine Land has had her painting "Glorious" juried into the 56th Annual Exhibition of the Texas Watercolor Society. This painting was the April selection for VAST's First Annual Monthly Calendar.

Mary Emerson, Jackie Haugen, Glenda Smith, and Jill Vanderkolk were accepted into the Texas Visual Art Association's *Citation 2004* exhibition at the West End in Dallas. Mary Emerson's painting "Need a Hat?" won a merchandise award.

Fran Shurtleff and Jo Williams will have paintings in the SWS Signature Exhibition in the Irving Arts Center-Focus and Dupree Galleries, 3333 N. MacArthur Boulevard in Irving January 29th to February 27th, 2005.

Susan Whitmer will have her solo show, *The Miss Texas Paintings*, at Mighty Fine Arts in Dallas during the months of February and March. More information on her show will appear in the February newsletter.

Art Around Town

Center for the Visual Arts

East Gallery

Recent Work by Harlan Butt

January 15 - February 17

TWU Fine Arts Building, West Gallery

Joyce Elaine Grant Juried Photo Exhibition

January 24 - February 25

University of North Texas

SOVA Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Interpreting Traditions by Cynthia Sherra and *The Art and Apparel of Annalissa Headstrom*

Exhibition begins January 18

Visual Art Leauge of Lewisville

Evidence of Life, Photographic works by Merideth Eberle
Social Injustice, Oil Pastels by Ron Hoover

Exploring Color, Exploring color in different styles and mediums by the Visual Art Leauge.

Reception for all three shows Saturday, January 8, 6 pm

2004 - 2005 Exhibitions

April 24 - June 2, 2005
37th Annual Juried Awards Exhibition

July 31- August 25, 2005
Members Juried Exhibition

Letter From the President

My best wishes to all our membership for a new year filled with all the good things in life and lots of happy painting time! Enjoy the seasons as they are so fleeting.

"To all of you my heartfelt thanks, and I know I speak for the entire membership."

I must extend my thanks to all our officers and committee chairs who have worked so hard this past year to make all our ventures a success. Kudos go to: Diane Dorn for being a very gracious 1st Vice-president and

making our programs run so smoothly; Beth Haywood, 2nd Vice president, for running our monthly mini-show and for all her work making our first studio tour a huge success; Millie Johnson for her very conscientious job of recording our minutes (available on the website); and Nancy Donley who undauntedly takes care of paying all our bills and depositing all our checks (a job which has grown immensely with all our activities). Kudos also to Kathy Mendes for a fine job chairing our first-ever calendar sales. (Profits on our calendar sales came to \$3000 plus), to Erin DeGenaro for her very hard work on our Spring Juried Exhibition (entries have exceeded our expectations) and to Vidya Kagal, membership chair, C.J. Solberg, volunteer coordinator, and Devon Wattier, newsletter editor. Also, many thanks to Alice Miller, Glenda Smith, and Joan Hart who work to provide us with refreshments at our meetings, to June Dalton, our Hospitality Chair, and to Fran Shurtleff for being our Photographer. Also much appreciation to all the other board members who contribute your time. To all of you my heartfelt thanks, and I know I speak for the entire membership

Recently, some VAST members were contacted about the possibility of selling some of their work to be used in the new Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. (As of this writing, that is still unresolved.) The reason these members were contacted was a result of the buying agent looking at the artist websites on our VAST website. So, I am writing to encourage all of you to take advantage of this benefit we offer to our members. If your work is not there, site viewers do not have any idea of your medium and style.

We have much more to look forward to in the next five months. Our annual high school art competition takes place in February this year, and then in April, we host our annual Spring exhibition. And we have lots more good monthly programs.

Jo Williams

Website Policy

1. One thumbnail image of work by the artist's name is free if the image is e-mailed or sent as photo, slide, or on a disk to webmaster Beverly Sipos. There is a \$5 fee if the image needs to be scanned. All scanning fees are payable to Sipos.
2. For 6 to 8 images on a personal website, the cost is \$20, which is a one-time only fee. This is payable to VAST.
3. Additional pages will be \$10 each payable to VAST.
4. This website offer is good for members only and your dues must be current.

Calls for Entries

20th Annual International Exhibition, University of Texas at Tyler
Slide deadline January 10. Exhibition dates February 28- April 1 at the Art Department's Meadow Gallery. Two dimensional works accepted. Juror, Michelle Grabner, artist and educator from Oak Park, IL. For prospectus, send SASE to 20th Annual International Exhibition, Art Department, The University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75799, call 903-566-7483, or email mrich@uttyler.edu.

Women and Their Work

Selections for an exhibit or a group show will be made based on a strong, aesthetic vision. Go online for the prospectus, www.womenandtheirwork.org. Applicants must send 10 slides, **due February 1**. Work done under supervision cannot be accepted.

Messina Hof Label Competition

The 2005 Messina Hof wine label competition is an opportunity to showcase your art on a nationally distributed wine label. Prizes include a \$700 Grand Prize, cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd place, and ten finalists will be exhibited at the Wine and Roses festival on April 9, 2005. The deadline is **January 15, 2005**. Visit www.messinahof.com or call Amber Bagwell at 800-736-9463, extension 30 for entry details.

Please send information you wish to have included in *Vision* by the 15th of each month to: Devon Wattier, 228 Nursery Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76114, or email: devonpaiges@charter.net.

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2004 -2005 Membership Form: New Members/Renewal

Please complete the form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to VAST, c/o Vidya Kagal, Membership Chair, 125 Pennsylvania Drive, Denton, TX 76205.

Please respond:

New member Renewing member

Year first joined: _____

Please print clearly:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Primary _____

Work _____

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Please *do not* include my listing on the website

Annual Dues (June 1- May 31)

Individual \$30 Family \$40 Student \$15

2004-2005 VAST Yearbooks still available.
Don't forget to bring your new work to our
meeting for our mini-show!

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