

VAST ARTS

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February 2, 2006

Arlene Anderson - Gourd Art

Our presenter for the February meeting will be Texas artist Arlene Anderson. Anderson has taken the ancient craft of gourd pyrography and elevated it into extraordinary fine art pieces. She accomplishes this through the means of pyroengraving and sculpting. Her passion for art and love of nature is revealed in these exceptional works of art. Every gourd is carefully selected for its durability and for the natural form that best expresses her unique artistic designs.

In her presentation, Anderson will be covering a wide range of topics pertinent to her art. Topics will include: the origin of gourd art, types and selection of gourds, the cleaning and preparatory processes, and necessary tools. She will also emphasize the techniques for designing unique art pieces including pyroengraving, carving, dyeing, and coatings. Anderson will bring a display of her exquisite pieces for our enjoyment and inspiration.



2006 High School Art Competition

Please join us for our 2006 High School Art Competition taking place during the February 2 meeting. This year, twenty area schools were invited to participate, so we expect many talented art students to share their work with us. Members will be voting on the work. First, Second, Third, and Fourth Place cash awards will be presented at the end of the evening. Additionally, TexasBank will host a reception for the award winners and display their work in the bank lobby for one week following the competition. Your attendance will make for a very special evening for the North Texas area's most talented art students!

Spring Show Update

The juror's selections have been made and a great exhibition is in the works. Of the 575 pieces submitted by the 204 artists who entered our 38th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition, Karl Umlauf chose sixty-eight works to include in the show. The media selections are diverse and include a total of eleven three-dimensional works. Almost half of the artists are Texans and the remaining entrants are residents of twenty-two other states. Six VAST members were juried into the show: Lorraine J. Hayes, Robin Butt, Dave Maxwell, Fran White Shurtleff, Amy Schnoll, and Carolyn Riegelman. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered!

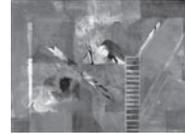
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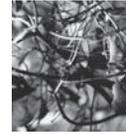
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Ingrid W. Scobie



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Larry Monroe



Mary Emerson

Mark Your Calendar

February 2

High School Art Competition

February 20

Deposit for Carol Carter Workshop due

March 22 - 24

Carol Carter Workshop

April 23

Spring Show Opening Reception

VAST Gala A Magical Evening

On Friday, January 20, 250 people gathered to honor watercolor painter Rob Erdle with a magnificent tribute. Our guests came from throughout the metroplex: many artists whose painting careers and lives have been imprinted with Rob's teaching and friendship, faculty and administration from the UNT School of Visual Arts, the UNT Provost, and Mayor Eulene Brock. As Becca Hines said: "What a good time everyone had last night! What a wonderful tribute to Rob. He wanted a quiet night with friends, music, and candlelight. We succeeded in meeting all of his wishes [and more]. The audience was filled with people who came to listen and to enjoy him, who appreciated what he has accomplished as an artist and recognized the contributions he has made to the lives of many, many people across the world."

If it was as Becca suggests, it is because we had a marvelous group of people, both in and out of VAST, who worked together with the same goal of creating a classy, elegant, and warm evening. The food from Asian restaurants in Denton was excellent. The guests were mesmerized by the exquisite performances by UNT doctoral music students Hsiao-Lan Wang, yangchin, and Jing Wang, erhu, who played traditional Chinese folk music. Dr. James Scott, Dean of the UNT College of Music, accompanied Jing on the piano for one of her pieces. Dr. Cindy McTee, a UNT College of Music composition professor, worked closely with the performers.

Rob's lecture, illustrated with fascinating slides documenting his eleven visits to China over thirteen years, was incisive and witty. Eight pieces from Rob's opening exhibition of 47 works (paintings and photographs) were sold Friday night – quite a record for the CVA. The exhibit is stunning and very interesting – it will be up until March 3 (Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5).



The VAST steering committee members developed terrific ideas to shape the evening. In addition, they contributed countless hours in the days before the gala: Carolyn Riegelman coordinated volunteers and ran all sorts of errands; Jo Williams installed the exhibition and prepared materials about the photographs for gallery viewers; and Lynne Cagle was constantly available fielding last-minute decisions and turning out essentials with her amazing computer skills.

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Interested in joining? Visit us on the web!

www.VASStarts.org

Artist Spotlight: January Artist of the Month



Lynne Cagle
Curt's Cabin
quilt, 104" x 104"

"I designed this quilt to coordinate with *Processional*, by Dana Blanchard, which I purchased last fall. I started with 50 log cabin quilt blocks that I won in the 2005 Denton Quilt Guild Spring Retreat raffle and added the gold, teal, and brown elements to tie in with the colors in Dana's painting."

Second Place: **Shubha Mantri**

Carol Carter Workshop

There are a few spaces open for the Carol Carter Watercolor Workshop and the February 20 fee deadline is quickly approaching. The workshop will be held March 22 – 24, 2006 (Wednesday – Friday), from 9 am – 4 pm (one hour lunch) at the Center for the Visual Arts in Denton. The cost is \$225 for VAST members. A deposit of \$50 will hold a place and the remainder of the fee is due by February 20. We have one opening available for a Mary June Impson Scholarship participant in the Carol Carter Workshop. Anyone may apply; please go to the VAST website for an application form. Mail the form to VAST, P.O. Box 1281, Denton, TX 76202.

Carol Carter is an established St. Louis painter working primarily in large-scale watercolors and acrylics. To learn more about her, please see our article on the first page of *Vision*, January 2006, and go to her website to view her work, www.carolcarter.com.



Please refer to page 4 of the September 2005 *Vision* or go online for the Workshop Policy. Make checks payable to VAST. Include "Carol Carter Workshop" in the note area of your check. Send checks to Mike Strecher, VAST Treasurer, P.O. Box 1281, Denton, TX 76202 or bring them to the VAST monthly meeting on February 2nd. For more information, you may contact Jo Williams, workshop coordinator, at 940-383-1092 or Dana Blanchard at 972-539-8115.

Membership Yearbook Update

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VAST Gala,

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Our volunteer work force brought our plans to reality. From mid-October until 10 pm, January 19, Mary Ann Byerly constantly updated our reservation database; she patiently made lots of changes as we tried to get the seating just right. Lynne made a beautiful tablecloth and cut fabric for 31 black table runners and Jan Carr, Marilyn Smith, and Bobbie Cordes hemmed them. Amber O'Dell, Marshall Smith, and Judy Uebelacker ably assisted Jo as she hung the show. Becca Hines washed and ironed our 250 new cloth napkins and washed our 500 new flatware (both bought with our Wells Fargo donation). Becca, Pat Bethan, Marie Hoffpauer, Shubha Mantri, and Vidya Kagal, carefully rolled napkins, flatware, and chopsticks into an oriental bamboo-like design and set beautiful tables.



Hsiao-Lan playing the yangqin



Jing Wang

Craig Nance set up tables and chairs, transported musical instruments, and provided much needed muscle throughout the day. He also tended bar along with Paul Carr, Johnny Williams, and Bill Donley. Larry Monroe documented the evening so we will soon have photos on our website. Mike Strecher ran errands and handled financial tasks. We are also very fortunate to be able to hire Dale Graham who set up and took down tables and handled complicated beer and wine details and other essential jobs. John Riegelman, CVA building manager and event coordinator, patiently responded to our unexpected needs. Lynne Cagle designed a handsome full-color Program. Xiaolan Zhou

brought and returned rental equipment from Dallas.

Critical to the financial success of any fundraiser are the businesses and individuals who donate money or services. We are so grateful to FirstUnited Bank and UNT School of Visual Arts (SOVA) who bought \$750 Patron tables. SOVA also bought a \$500 Sponsor Table as did UNT President's Office, HMS Art and Frame Shop, Margaret and Trammell Crow Collection of Asian Art, Angela Galloway, and Janice Howell Art.

TexasBank donated \$250 cash and Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio \$200. WheelerPress reduced invitation printing costs by \$300 and WellsFargo gave us a \$300 shopping spree at Sam's. Ben E. Keith donated beer, Paradise Liquor sold us wine at cost, Denton Florist donated a beautiful Oriental flower arrangement, and Holly's Gardens sold us flowers at cost. The *Denton Record-Chronicle* provided \$1000 for three ads during 2006, one of which we used for the Gala.

We can't forget the food! Mr. Chopsticks, Andaman Thai, Evergreen Super Buffet, Mr. Munchies Vietnamese Street Fare, Siam



Rob Erdle

Letter From the President

Greetings VAST friends!

What a wonderful Gala we had Friday night! What a perfect opportunity to honor Rob Erdle. One of my favorite Ancient Chinese Proverbs states that "an individual's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark." Over the course of the past year, countless people have shared with me how Rob has impacted their lives. He is a teacher, mentor, and friend. He is an inspiration. The words classy, talented, creative, dedicated, innovative, enthusiastic, caring, and humorous are used consistently to describe him. It is apparent to me that Rob's mark on each life he touches is absolutely indelible. Rob is simply beloved.

Because of the coordination efforts of our VAST members and Ingrid Scobie, the evening included delicious food, good friends, and an atmosphere of elegance. According to Rob, VAST "made it seem seamless and gracious." He was "humbled as well as pleased by the evening of events done with such professionalism." Wonderful praise indeed from someone who is held in such high esteem by so many. It is with great humility and gratitude that I pass along this praise to every member of VAST. It is a pleasure to work with you in extending the spirit of grace and charm to those whose lives are touched by our efforts.

We are headed into the time of the year when our Nominating Committee looks for individuals to fill leadership positions on the Board. Please spend a few moments reflecting on your personal strengths to see where you can make your mark. Mary S. Morris has undertaken the enormous task of leading the Nominating Committee this year. Please contact her if there is a specific task for which you feel your abilities are perfectly matched (940-382-1926 or paintbrush76201@yahoo.com). If you are willing to serve, VAST will create an avenue for you.

House Thai Restaurant, and Thai Ocha donated delicious house specialties. Chinatown Café/Red Pepper's provided several fine dishes at a substantially reduced cost. Jupiter House gave us excellent coffee. In addition to catering management from Extreme Caterers, we had four volunteers: two students from Denton High School's Hospitality Program and Christopher Mullins and Abbie Marshall, Andaman Thai wait staff.

One final note: SOVA has established the Rob Erdle Endowment to fund a prize for a watercolor painter at its annual Voertman's Student Competition. In future years, the fund will also provide scholarships to watercolor students. If you would like more information, please call Peggy Howell, Development Officer, UNT School of Visual Arts, 940-565-3379, or Stephen Zhang, 972-509-8595.

Thanks also to all the members who came to the Gala and represented our wonderful organization!

*Ingrid Scobie,
Event Coordinator*



*Member Jim Johnson, Jr.
captures the evening
in a sketch.*

Members Doing Great Things

Christa Diepenbrock's exhibition "Dancing with India" will be at the Bradshaw Gallery (4th floor gallery) at the Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201. There will be a closing reception on Saturday, February 25, 2-4 pm. Her paintings combine Sari fabric with oil and Indian dance. **Brandon Graham** and several of his paintings were featured in an article by Mindy Bruce in the January 2006 issue of *Denton County Connection*. **Joan Hart** is now represented by Watercolor Gallery in Laguna Beach, CA, as well as Whites Gallery in Montrose, CA. **Marci Kawalek** is featured in a one-person exhibition at the Art House Gallery at 509 West Bethel Road in Coppell. "Figuring It Out" will run from March 1 through April 20, 2006, with the opening reception from 2 pm - 4 pm on Sunday, March 4. **Jo Williams** taught a workshop in January for the Artists of the Arbuckles in Sulphur, OK.

VAST 2006 Exhibitions
April 23 - June 1, 2006
38th Annual Juried Awards Exhibition
July 30 - August 25, 2006
Members Juried Exhibition

2006 -2007
Membership Form:
New Members/Renewal

Please complete the form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to the Visual Arts Society of Texas, c/o Membership Chair, P.O. Box 621, Denton, TX 76202. 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.VASTarts.org.

Please respond:
 New member Renewing member
 Year first joined: _____

Please print clearly:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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 Primary _____
 Work _____
 Email _____

- Sign me up for e-Vision.
- Please *do not* include my listing on the website

Annual Dues (June 1-May 31)
 Individual \$30 Family \$40 Student \$15

We would like ALL new and renewing members to complete the entire form. Thanks!

2005-2006 Monthly Programs

February 2, 2006	Arlene Anderson - Gourd Art
March 2, 2006	Pat Kochan -Watercolor
April 6, 2006	Mary Treadwell - Watercolor
May 4, 2006	Mark Thistlethwaite - Public Art Today

Regular meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Visual Arts, 400 East Hickory, Denton, TX.

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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Volunteer for VAST

■ **How would you envision helping out?**

- Skills:**
- accounting
 - computer
 - financial planning
 - fundraising
 - graphic design
 - organizing
 - photography
 - record keeping
 - writing
 - other _____

- Specific events/general activities:**
- spring juried exhibition
 - summer juried exhibition
 - monthly demonstrations/lectures
 - newsletter
 - workshop chair
 - high school student art competition
 - annual calendar
 - docent
 - receptions
 - Arts & Jazz Fest
 - telephone
 - refreshments
 - willing to do anything
 - other (be specific) _____

About Your Art

- **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) _____

Members' Marketplace

- **Do you offer art-related services? (please give specifics below)**
- children's/adult art classes
 - artist website design
 - merchandise (eg. note cards)
 - other services specifics: _____
 - calligraphy
 - quilting

■ Calls for Entries

It's in the Bag! TAG fundraiser benefitting the Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX. Design a one-of-a-kind handbag to be sold at a silent auction on May 11 (\$20 tickets for the Auction will be sold at the door) at the Center for Visual Arts. Think of a theme, find a purse, and decorate it. Each creation will be photographed and included on the GDAC website. Each participating artist will be given a donation letter for the value of his/her creation. Handbags must be delivered to the CVA by April 17. Contact Margaret Chalfant, GDAC Executive Director, 940-382-2787, by **February 15th** if you wish to participate.

The American Juried Art Salon, online competition and exhibition. Leading American art educators jury this show, the 2006 Spring/Summer National Juried Exhibition. Sixteen percent of accepted artists in last fall's show were contacted by major North American galleries. **Deadline February 28.** Entry fee is \$10 for each entry, unlimited entries can be sent, digital images or slides. Contact Jennifer Spencer at director@artjury.com and visit the website www.artjury.com for more information.

American Art Splash National Art Competition, Graham, TX. Juror is William Kalwick Jr. Best of Show: \$3,000; total awards \$5,350. **Deadline March 3, 2006**, all media. For prospectus, download at the website or send SASE to: Art Splash on the Square, Attn: American Splash, P.O. Box 1684, Graham, TX 76450. Call 940-549-8900, email info@art-splash.com, or visit www.art-splash.com for more information.

Miles Batt Workshop, The Artist's Showplace Gallery in Richardson, TX. March 27 - March 30. \$300. Send \$75 deposit to Artists' Showplace, 15615 Coit Road #230, Dallas, TX 75248. Prospectus and entry forms at www.artistsshowplace.com.

■ Art Around Town

Center for the Visual Arts

Meadows Gallery

Materials Hard and Soft

January 28 - March 26

Reception January 27, 7-9 pm

East Gallery

Works by Rob Erdle

January 20 - March 3

UNT's SOVA Gallery

Bytes and Pieces: Feng Mengbo and Galo Moncayo

February 8 - March 25

Reception February 8, 5 pm

UNT's Union Gallery

Annual Student Art Competition

February 24 - March 23

Reception February 24, noon

TWU West Gallery

Joyce Elaine Grant

Juried Photo Exhibition

Through February 17

TWU East Gallery

Holly Matthews, Photography

Winner of last year's *Joyce*

Elaine Grand Juried Photo

Exhibition

Through February 17

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Wall of Light: Sean Scully

February 12 - May 28

Focus: Cornelia Parker

January 7 - February 26

Kimbell Art Museum

Gauguin and Impressionism

(only American venue)

Through March 26

Dallas Museum of Art

Power Series, Charles Sheeler

January 15 - April 9

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