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# VISION

March 2007



High School Art Competition winners (l to r): Christine Barcellona (BOS), Macie Becker (1st), Megan Gault (2nd), Zack Chicoine (3rd). More on page 2.

## March 1, 2007

### Linda Leonhart McCall - Oil Painter

The March 2007 meeting will feature oil painter, Linda Leonhart McCall from Flower Mound. Her program will include an oil painting demonstration and a two-step lecture on the following: (1) the use of technology as a tool for problem solving and experimentation prior to painting, and (2) color mixing and paint application.

McCall is currently on the faculty of Ursuline Academy of Dallas where she also serves as Chair of the Visual Art Department. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas. In addition, she studied art in Italy with Pratt Art Institute of New York. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Brookhaven College of Dallas and at the University of North Texas. McCall has received numerous awards for her work including the 1998 Critics' Choice at the Dallas Visual Arts Center. Her work has been exhibited at various venues in Dallas and Fort Worth. She is currently affiliated with the Craighead-Green Gallery in Dallas.

*Carmen Underwood*

### Kathy Liontas-Warren 2007 Summer Workshop Instructor

Kathy Liontas-Warren, Professor of Printmaking and Drawing at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma, will conduct a three-day workshop on watercolor, colored pencils, and pastels July 24-25-26, 2007, from 9am - 4pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). The title of her workshop is *Naturalistic and Expressionistic Drawing Using Mixed Media*.

Liontas-Warren received her Bachelor of Science degree with a specialization in Printmaking and a minor in Drawing from Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, in 1981, and her MFA with a specialization in Lithography and a minor in Drawing from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, in 1983.

The workshop will take place at the Center for the Visual Arts. Information regarding the cost of the workshop will be available at the next VAST meeting. In the meantime, please mark the dates of July 24-25-26, 2007, on your calendar and be planning to enroll in this exciting multimedia workshop. To view some of Liontas-Warren's work, please visit her website: [www.cameron.edu/~kathyl/LifeinOK.html](http://www.cameron.edu/~kathyl/LifeinOK.html). To hold a place, please send a check for \$50 deposit to P.O. Box 1281, Denton, TX 76202 or bring it to the next meeting March 1.

*Carmen Underwood*

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### Mark Your Calendar

March 9	Ultra Extra Arts Mix, CVA
March 15	Artists' Day Out, 9 am-1 pm, CVA
April 19	Artists' Day Out, 9 am-1 pm, CVA
April 26	39th Annual National Exhibition Opening Reception, 6-8 pm, CVA
April 27-29	Denton Arts & Jazz Festival
May 17	Artists' Day Out, 9 am-1 pm, CVA
July 24-26	Kathy Liontas-Warren Workshop

### Ultra Extra Arts Mix

Friday, March 9 • 7 pm - 11 pm

You are invited to attend the Ultra Extra Arts Mix, the first such event produced by the Greater Denton Arts Council ([www.dentonarts.com](http://www.dentonarts.com)) specifically for 25 to 45-year-old art lovers. The Ultra Extra Arts Mix will be filled with music, spoken-word artists, visual artists creating art on site, and dance. UNT School of Visual Arts students will provide informal tours of *Materials: Hard and Soft*, a nationally-recognized juried craft exhibition in the Meadows Gallery.

Ultra Extra Arts Mix is the premier event for the new Contemporary Circle membership level of the Greater Denton Arts Council. Tickets are \$20 for one person, \$35 for two people. GDAC Contemporary Circle members' tickets are free. If you join any time that night, your ticket price is refunded. (Cost of Contemporary Circle memberships are \$100 for one/\$150 for two.) Tickets are available at 940-382-2787 using Mastercard or Visa or may be purchased at the door. Food, wine and beer are included in the ticket price.

One of the art creations that evening will be *Art is a Four Letter Word*, an interactive community project using descriptive words that relate to contemporary art. All participants will be anonymous and there are no restrictions on word choice. Please make this a success by emailing any words you associate with art to [art\\_4letter\\_word@yahoo.com](mailto:art_4letter_word@yahoo.com); four-letter words are preferred.

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**MUSIC:** The Baptist Generals, Shiny Around the Edges, and Mom

**VISUAL ARTISTS:** Amber O'Dell, Andie Sterling, Annie Carter, Ashley Ellis, Colby Parsons, Elizabeth Hurtado, Joe Davis, Mark Collop, Renee Brown, and Tommy Potter

**DANCERS:** Stereo Sarah and Guests/Music, Performance and Dance; Sarah Alexander, Sarah Gamblin, Funmilayo Hill, Jordan Berg, Kristin Diggs, Stephani Herzog, and Julie Rowley

**SPOKEN WORD:** Will Ritchey, Miles Campbell, and Tiffany Brasley

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## High School Art Competition

We had, as always, a wonderful evening at our last meeting with twenty-one Denton County High School students from 11 schools. Members were very impressed with the range of media and ideas expressed in the work that each student brought. It seems so clear that the arts are alive and well in many high schools and that the teachers devote so much time, energy, and commitment to their students. Paul Chandler, president of Compass Bank in Denton, hosted a nice reception. The work of the four winners was on display at the bank the week of February 5.

**Denton High School**  
Megan Gault - 2nd place

**Flower Mound High School**  
Christine Barcellona - Best of Show  
Macie Becker- 1st place

**Lewisville High School**  
Andrea Abundis  
Adriana Holland

**Liberty Christian**  
Hope Jones  
Andrew Hart

**Marcus High School**  
Shaun Jones  
Milan Radivojevic

**Northwest High School**  
Alyssa Hoberer  
Amanda Frena  
Nicole Nandrasy

**Pilot Point High School**  
Lori Harris

**Sanger High School**  
Becky Gray  
Mallory Krahl

**Selwyn High School**  
Kara Scanlon  
Deni Anderson

**The Colony High School**  
Hannah Glaser  
Zack Chicoine - 3rd place

**Guyer High School**  
Shelby Payne  
Kelly Palma



**Christine Barcellona**  
Best of Show  
*The Student*  
24"x36" acrylic

## VAST's Artists' Day Out

We have our 15-member slots filled for VAST *Artists' Day Out*, but we still hope anyone interested will sign up to be a substitute. Just contact Mary Emerson at maryem@cebridge.net or at 972-294-8604 and let her know your interest. There will always be a need for subs! The next dates for *Artists' Day Out* are: **March 15, April 19, May 17.**

For more information, please see page two of the February 2007 *Vision*.

## 2006-2007 Monthly Programs

March 1, 2007	<b>Linda McCall</b> - Oil
April 5, 2007	<b>Beverly Montgomery</b> - Watercolor
May 3, 2007	<b>Craig Nance</b> - Faux Finishes

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

## Focus on Member Artist Bobbie Halpenny



I went out to interview Bobbie, a long time VAST member, on an overcast Sunday afternoon. She and her husband Don, a retired pilot, live in the countryside near Pilot Point in a yellow and white Victorian home. She led me up a wooden spiral staircase to her studio on the second floor. In spite of the cloudy sky, the studio was filled with light from the big north window that overlooked the Texas winter landscape. Her visiting daughter, Anne, brought us refreshments. Lilly, a soft gray cat with turquoise eyes kept us company.

Bobbie was born in Dallas but lived in many places where her Air Force father was stationed. California, Arizona, Florida, Labrador, and Puerto Rico were all homes for the family as well as Texas. She says that she loved living in different places and always made a place for herself wherever they went. She still loves to travel to see new and even old places.

Often, as a child, Bobbie entertained herself by creating fashionable clothes for her paper dolls. She began her college work in art before marriage but did not complete it. When Scott, her second child, was in high school, she returned to college and received her degree in Fashion Design from TWU, earning a minor in art as well. A favorite teacher was Millie Giles.

Bobbie loves to paint portraits. She says as far back as she can remember, she has wanted to do portraits. Every year since its inception, she has attended the annual conference of the Portrait Society of America. She plans to attend this year when it is held in Washington, D. C. It is an exciting time for her when she gets to see, and sometimes meet, her favorite portrait artists. She has studied more than once with her favorite portrait teacher, Tony Ryder, and also with Peggy Baumgaertner.

She works in oils on smooth canvas, usually making a basic contour drawing with charcoal before starting to apply the paint. When she works in watercolors, she likes Arches 300 pound Cold Press paper, and she makes a more complete pencil drawing as preparation. She prefers to paint from life, but will use photos as reference, often working on them in Photo Shop to enhance the contrast, enabling her to see the variations in value better. When I asked her to describe her work, she said she works in a classic style.

Her second favorite subject matter is landscapes, which she also paints in oils or watercolor in a classic realist style. She went with the group that Rob Erdle took to England and thoroughly enjoyed painting the landscapes there. She attends few workshops but did go to one taught by Melodee Martin Ramirez and, recently, one taught by Carol Fairlie. Both were sponsored by VAST.

Other interests of our March artist include the Denton Dickens Fellowship and the Red River Branch of the Clan Cameron. She and Don are active in the Scottish organization; she has been president in the past. This brings up another interest of Bobbie's: genealogy. She and Don have been to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City twice and have traveled other places, including Ireland, to do family research.

The more interviews I do with our members, the more I learn how varied we are and yet how we have a lot of similar traits. It is wonderful to get to know us better!

Fran White Shurtleff



## Letter From the President

Greetings VAST friends!

Spring is just around the corner! That means several things: my flowers will be blooming and so I will be in the garden more, summer will soon follow and I will wonder how we can already be halfway through 2007, and VAST will elect new officers for the 2007-2008 year. Based on our Visioning sessions last fall, the current Board will be working on revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws, staff positions, board structure, and operating practices. The Board will make recommendations to the VAST membership at the March meeting. At that time, I hope you will consider where you can best serve the organization. If you would like to nominate individuals to serve on the Board, please contact one of the current elected officers: Carmen Underwood, Thom Anderson, Mary Jo Armstrong, Mary Ann Byerly, Jo Williams or me.

It is with great joy that I announce the birth of Alanna Kam, daughter of Billie Jean (VAST webmaster) and Robert, sister of Dezi, and granddaughter of Paula Collins. Alanna joined VAST (and the rest of the world) on Tuesday, February 6, at 3:17 a.m. I'm glad to see that she is already a night owl like me; welcome to our newest and youngest member!

It is with great sadness that I share the news of Pam Monroe's passing after a long, valiant battle against lung cancer. A celebration of her life is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Oak Street in Denton. Larry has asked that in lieu of flowers, people consider making donations to The American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, or Our Daily Bread. In the words of William Shakespeare, "I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul rememb'ring my good friends." The world's loss is Heaven's gain; I am going to miss Pam's smile and goodness.

Love,

## George Cadell Exhibit

If you have not had a chance to see **George Cadell's** exquisite sculpture exhibit, *From the Banks of the Washita*, the exhibit will be up through March 4. We are pleased to announce he has sold two prints and one sculpture from the 2007 gala exhibit in the East Gallery at the CVA.

## Exhibition Opportunities

A new gallery, **The Art Project**, located at 222 W. Hickory right across from Burgundy (steak and seafood restaurant), is inviting artists to have exhibits for one or two months. Two-dimensional and three-dimensional work is welcome. They will be charging 30% commission on sales. If you are interested, contact Justin Forbes at 940-206-1910.

**The Chestnut Tree** at 107 W. Hickory has invited VAST to exhibit two-dimensional art work in their Tea Room. We are planning exhibitions to rotate every two months. If you are interested in exhibiting there with one to three other people, please contact Jo Williams (940-383-1092 or texjo@msn.com). The current exhibition includes the work of Robin Butt and Fran Shurtleff.

VAST is also continuing to exhibit VAST artists in the Denton **Barnes & Noble** Booksellers Café. These exhibits rotate every two months also. Jo Williams currently has work currently on exhibit through February. Joan Hart will exhibit work beginning March 1. Please contact Lynne Cagle (lynne.cagle@verizon.net) if you are interested in this opportunity.

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## ■ Art Around Town

### Center for the Visual Arts

**Meadows Gallery**  
*Materials Hard and Soft*  
Through March 25

**East Gallery**  
*George Cadell: From the Banks of the Washita*  
Through March 4  
*Youth Art Month*  
March 13 - 30

**UNT's SOVA Gallery**  
*Daniel Bozhkov: Underground Waterways*  
March 14 - May 3. Opening reception May 14, 5-7 pm

**UNT artspace FW**  
*Artists and Cowboys Should Be Friends*  
Through March 15

**DMA**  
*Contemporary Collections for the Dallas Museum of Art*  
February 11 - May 20  
*Matisse: Painter as Sculptor*  
Through April 29

### Nasher Sculpture Center

*Matisse: Painter as Sculptor*  
Concurrent with the DMA exhibit. Through April 29

**Crow Collection of Asian Art**  
*Female Buddhas: Women of Enlightenment in Himlayan Art*  
Through August 26

**Amon Carter Museum**  
*Sweet Medicine: Photographing American Indian History*  
Through July 15

**Kimbell Art Museum**  
*Drama and Desire; Japanese Paintings from the Floating World, 1690 - 1850*  
Through April 29

**The Modern**  
*Pretty Baby*  
Through May 27

Linda Leonhart McCall  
Oil Painter  
March 1, 2007  
\$50 Voertman's Door Prize

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