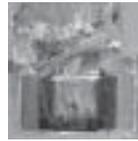


formerly North Texas Area Art League



Marie Hoffpauer



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Donna Park



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Reminder!

Slides are due January 23, 2004 for
the 36th Annual Juried Awards Exhibition

Upcoming Meeting, January 8, 2003

Our January guest speaker, Shelley Minnis, is prepared to answer "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Tools of Your Trade, but were Afraid to Ask." Minnis, Sanford Fine Art Consumer Specialist, is an art education major from the University of North Texas. She has ten years teaching experience and has been with Sanford for the past five years in the art materials business.

Her presentation will include a brief slide presentation on how Prismacolor pencils and Grumbacher paints are made, the differences in the various paint types and their uses, and lots of information related to techniques and safety in the studio. She will load you up with lots of samples and door prizes to enjoy.

Please join us as we start the New Year with an art materials tour that is sure to get your creative juices flowing.

2004 Exhibition Slide Night

January 23, 7:00 p.m. • Center for the Visual Arts

Come and enjoy a showing of all exhibition entries. It will be a very interesting and instructional event. For the first time, all members will have the opportunity to see all entries!

Need Input on 2004-05 Programs/Workshops

I am in the process of developing the VAST monthly artist and workshop schedules for 2004-05. Email/mail/call me your preferences about medium and/or specific artists to demonstrate and/or lecture at: andujarkeefer@aol.com or 3907 Cobbler's Lane, Dallas, TX 75287, 214-418-6428. With your help, we can make this a great year!

Ruth Andujar Keefer, 1st Vice-President, Monthly Programs and Workshops

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Area Students Show Work at December Meeting



Winners of the show receive a monetary award and certificates to one of two local art supplies stores, Voertman's and H.M.S. Art and Frame Shop. Cook earned \$100 for best of show; Pourrezai received \$75 for first place; Williamson took a \$50 award for second place and Roberts earned \$25 for third place.

TexasBank displayed the four winners' work December 5th through 12th and hosted a reception December 8th.

Best of Show

Jessica Cook
Flower Mound High School

Resources for Slides

Plan ahead when making your slides. You might want to consider joining with one or more artists with similar work as most photographers have a minimum charge.

Denton:

Joy Christiansen
940-891-6084; joydchristiansen@aol.com

Michael J. Madsen
940-368-1366; see his website: michaeljmadsen.com or email him at mail@michaeljmadsen.com

Larry Monroe, Magic Light Images
940-382-7946, magiclightimages@aol.com

Jonathan Reynolds, UNT Center for Media Production
940-565-2469; email jonr@unt.edu; welcomes non-UNT clients but students have priority and receive a reduced rate. Closed December 19-January 5.

Dallas:

BWC
214.528.4200

The Color Place
214-631-7174

Expert Imaging
214-748-3151

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2003-2004

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2003 - 2004 Exhibitions

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

July 25-August 19, 2004
Members Juried Exhibition

Regular Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2003

Jo Williams, president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She called for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the December issue of *Vision*. Millie Johnson made the motion, and it was seconded by Fran White Shurtleff. The president gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Nancy Donley Treasurer. We have \$3,901.88 in the checking account, and the CD has a current value of \$5,248.00.

The president then announced information about the Student Show: She stated that only members of VAST would vote, and should vote for four pieces, in no particular order. She announced that each participating student would receive a gift from Liquitex and a \$10 gift certificate from either Voertman's or HMS. This would be in addition to the cash awards for the top four winners. She invited everyone to attend the reception for the winners at TexasBank of Denton on Monday night, December 8th, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Printed invitations were passed around. Ms. Williams announced that there would be a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from Voertman's at the end of tonight's meeting. Vidya Kagal, Membership Chair, reported that there were fourteen members present and one new member, Leslie Kregel. No one came forward when the president called for any further announcements.

The president next introduced the artist presenting the night's program, Sweetie Bowman, an associate professor at Tarrant County Community College. She has had an extensive art career since getting her BFA from the University of Texas at Austin and her Masters at TWU. Sweetie talked while throwing first a teapot and then lids, handles, and spouts for the pot. She recited personal stories while making her work. She discussed her life as an artist and her work. She gave a very informative and entertaining program. She also passed out small chunks of clay so that the audience could make small tokens to exchange for other small tokens that had already been fired. She called this her "Token Exchange." In response to a request from the audience, Sweetie performed her "elbow trick" making a plate on the wheel using her elbow to form it. She then demonstrated how she makes small figurative sculptures from a clay slab. She continued to work on this during the break, when voting on the student art show was completed and refreshments were enjoyed.

After the break, the artist attempted to show slides of her latest work, but had difficulties with the computer program and could not do so. She explained that she has been working in clay and bronze during the last year, making clay molds for bronze casts. All her work is based on vessels. She and her husband, who works with wood, are opening an exhibit on Friday, December 5th, in Fort Worth at the old modern museum. She invited all to attend.

The drawing for the Voertman's gift certificate was held with Sweetie drawing the winning number. The winner was new member, Leslie Kregel. Next, there were drawings for crocheted hats donated by Millie Johnson.

The president turned the meeting over to Donna Lewis who was assisted by Ingrid Scobie. Donna introduced all the student artists and their instructors. Ingrid passed out the gifts to each participant. Then Donna announced the winners of the 2003 Student Show:

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| 3rd Place | Sara Roberts of Hebron High School |
| 2nd Place | Ashley Williamson of Marcus High School |
| 1st Place | Susan Pourrezai of Aubrey High School |
| Best of Show | Jessica Cook of Flower Mound High School |

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

Letter from the President

As this calendar year draws to a close, I am reflecting on our accomplishments. We published our first color catalog for the Spring Exhibition and had a record amount of awards. With our Summer Members Only Exhibition, we published the first-ever catalog for that exhibition and also made it a juried show, upgrading the status. We now have printed membership brochures providing information with readily available information on joining the organization. We have a new more professional look for all our printed material. We have doubled our membership over last year. We have changed our name to the Visual Arts Society of Texas. We have had lots of great programs at our monthly meetings. We were able to provide our high school art competition winners with an exhibit of their work at TexasBank through the courtesy of Randy Robinson and the TexasBank staff. We hired an Executive Director, Ingrid Scobie, whose efforts have helped make all these changes. We couldn't have done all of this without the help of some really great volunteers as well.

Last week the By-laws committee consisting of Sigrid Dubiel, Ingrid Scobie, Judy Uebelacker and myself met and worked about four hours going through the by-laws making needed changes. We not only changed the name but also contemporized the language. A printed copy of the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws in this

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—Jo Williams, President

month's *Vision*. We will be voting on these changes at the January meeting. We are also working on the 501c3 non-profit status application form.

And, the good news is that the year is not over. Slides are due January 23 for our first ever juried-by-slide exhibition. I hope everyone is making their art and also making their slides and getting them in the mail. We need everyone's support. And there is still time for you to step forward to volunteer to help maintain this organization and its wonderful missions. This is your organization. I urge each of you to volunteer in some way, whatever way you can to help with the Spring Exhibition and other VAST projects. WE NEED YOU! Please call me anytime at (940) 383-1092.

I hope to see you all at the important January meeting when Shelley Minnis will be our guest with a program on artists' materials. She represents Sanford Corporation, which includes Grumbacher and Prismacolor lines, and she will have some free goodies with her. Shelley is a native Dentonite and her parents still live here. She is just a delightful person, and I hope you all will come and meet her and enjoy this program. I think all artists love art supplies, and this should be very informative.

Jo Williams

New Members

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rospect@fash.net

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940-891-4883

Critique Group

Critique Group with Millie Giles meets **Saturday, January 24**, 8:30 a.m. at Millie's studio located at 1701 Greenwood Drive.

We are planning to begin meeting the fourth Saturday of each month. There are still a few openings for any interested artist at any level.

Call Mary Morris, 940-382-1926, if you would like more information.

2003-2004 Monthly Programs

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.

Local Shows and Events

Jupiter House

(new coffee shop north side of the Square)
114 N. Locust St. Denton, TX.
For info on artists call Susan Seaborn at 940-382-2245
Luis Beltran, Susan Whitmer - Paintings
Closes January 15, 2004

Center for the Visual Arts

Meadows Gallery

17th Annual *Materials: Hard & Soft*
January 31 - March 21, 2004

East Gallery

Sinfonia: Paintings Inspired by Music
Laurie Weller, Paintings
January 27 - February 29, 2004

Opening reception for both exhibitions:
January 30th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Please send information you wish to have included in *Vision* by the 15th of each month to:
Deanna Wood
528 Headlee Lane
Denton, Texas 76201
940.320.5102

email: deanna.wood@charter.net.

Vision is published the last Monday before the last Thursday of each month, September through May

Proposed Revisions for VAST Constitution and Bylaws

Note: We will vote on these changes at the January meeting.

PREAMBLE

This organization is dedicated to increasing community appreciation for the visual arts, continued improvement of individual artistic expression, and offering fellowship with people of similar interests.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1- Name

The name of the organization is Visual Arts Society of Texas (VAST). The name of the newsletter is *Vision*.

Article II - Object

The object of the organization is the promotion of and appreciation for visual fine art, particularly in north Texas.

Article III- Organizational Structure

- Section 1. The elected officers are President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Section 2. The appointed chairs are: Arts and Jazz Festival, Exhibitions, Historical, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Parliamentary, Photography, Public Relations, Sunshine/Telephone, Volunteers, Website, Yearbook, and other chairs as needed.
- Section 3. The Executive Board is composed of the elected officers and the immediate past president.
- Section 4. The Executive Committee is composed of the Executive Board and the appointed chairs.
- Section 5. The Finance Committee is composed of the President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and at least two other members.

Article IV- Membership

- Section 1. Anyone desiring membership in the organization may join by paying the required membership dues.
- Section 2. The membership year is June 1 - May 31.
- Section 3. The Constitution and Bylaws govern all members.

Article V- Meetings

- Section 1. General meetings are usually held the first Thursday of each month, September through May, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Section 2. Meetings are held at the Center for the Visual Arts (CVA) unless otherwise designated.
- Section 3. Executive Committee meetings are held monthly. The President shall decide the time and place. Meetings are open to all members.

Article VI- Amendments

- Section 1. The Constitution or Bylaws may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.
- Section 2. Amendment/s must be orally presented at the preceding general meeting or must appear in the preceding newsletter.

- Section 3. Amendments will become effective on the date of adoption.

BYLAWS

Article I- Elections

- Section 1. A nominating committee of three will present a slate of officers at the March general meeting. The President will then receive nominations from the floor. The list of nominees will be published in the April *Vision*.
- Section 2. All officers will be elected by ballot or as the President may rule at the April general meeting. The nominees receiving a majority of votes will be elected.
- Section 3. New officers will be installed at the May general meeting and will assume duties June 1.
- Section 4. The term of office for each administration will run from June 1 through May 31.

Article II- Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President will: a) Preside at all meetings b) Have general supervision of all VAST affairs c) Serve as chair of the Executive Board/Committee d) Represent VAST to the community e) Represent VAST to the Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC) f) Delegate duties g) Appoint and orient committee chairs as needed h) Schedule all meetings i) Develop VAST short- and long-term goals with the assistance of the Executive Committee j) Provide monthly message for the newsletter.
- Section 2. The First Vice-President will: a) Preside in the absence of the president b) Coordinate VAST general meeting schedule and introduce speaker c) Coordinate workshops for the current year d) Obtain general meeting demonstrators/speakers and workshop instructors for the following fiscal year e) Prepare grant request to GDAC for the Education Program.
- Section 3. The Second Vice-President will: a) Arrange and coordinate members' special community exhibits b) Coordinate monthly members-only art competition c) Coordinate Denton County high school student competition d) Present Artist-of-the-Year award at May general meeting e) provide grant information for the Education Program to the First Vice-President.
- Section 4. The Secretary will: a) Record activities of each Executive Committee meeting and present minutes to President and Executive Committee on or before the next meeting b) Record activities of each general meeting and present minutes to membership on the VAST website and provide copy at each meeting c) Conduct VAST correspondence.
- Section 5. The Treasurer will: a) Be responsible for VAST funds b) Pay all obligations authorized by Executive Committee c) Keep an itemized statement of all monies received/dispersed d) Submit any questionable bills to the Executive Board for approval e) Give a report of condition of the treasury at general meetings and Executive Committee meetings f) Submit an annual financial report at the end of

the fiscal year g) Announce to Executive Committee members at April and May meetings to submit all outstanding expense receipts by May 20 for finalizing the year's financial records h) Schedule a professional audit of the financial records for June i) Be present during receipt of submitted work for Members' Only Exhibition j) Be responsible for filing any reports required by government agencies.

Article III- Duties of Appointed Chairs

- Section 1. All Appointed Chairs will: a) Attend each Executive Committee meeting b) Manage affairs of each specific committee c) Select committee members if needed d) Keep a written record of activities and finances to be given to next year's chair e) Keep an accurate written record of all volunteer hours for committee chair and members for use in grant applications f) Submit receipts of expenses to Treasurer in a timely manner g) Orient successor h) Provide articles as appropriate to *Vision* editor.
- Section 2. The Denton Arts and Jazz Festival Chair will coordinate and supervise the Civic Center Information Table during the festival.
- Section 3. The Exhibition Chairs will: a) secure juror and coordinate juror responsibilities b) organize and supervise all exhibition committees including prospectus, publicity, receipt of slides and selected work, return of slides and exhibited work, installation, opening reception and invitation, awards solicitation, and publication of the catalog c) Prepare grant requests to GDAC for each exhibition.
- Section 4. The Historical Chair will: a) Keep a current scrapbook of all VAST activities that have historical value and display at general meetings b) Be responsible for organizing and maintaining VAST archives.
- Section 5. The Hospitality Chair will: a) Be responsible for supplies storage cabinet b) Coordinate refreshments for VAST general meetings.
- Section 6. The Membership Chair will: a) Receive applications for new members b) Provide sign-in sheets for attending members and visitors at each general meeting c) Introduce and welcome new members at each meeting d) Provide updated membership list to President and *Vision* Chair as changes occur e) Attend all general meetings f) Be present during receipt of submitted work for Members' Only Exhibition.
- Section 7. The Newsletter Chair will: a) Create a newsletter, *Vision*, which will preview the upcoming program, include articles from various chairs, and make announcements of events or activities relating to VAST's current activities and the Preamble b) Provide the newsletter, *Vision*, to each member at least one week prior to the monthly general meeting.
- Section 8. The Nominating Chair will: a) Coordinate a committee of three members to seek nominees for elected officers b) Present slate at March general meeting c) Provide list of nominees to *Vision* editor.
- Section 9. The Parliamentary Chair will resolve questions concerning parliamentary procedure following *Robert's Rules of Order*, rev. ed.

- Section 10. The Photography Chair will a) Document all VAST events including Artist of the Month, Artist of the Year, monthly guest demonstrators/speakers, workshops, and exhibition receptions b) Provide appropriate photos to Webmaster, *Vision* Editor, and Historian.
- Section 11. The Public Relations Chair will: a) Issue press releases to appropriate media b) Coordinate press contacts c) Publicize VAST events to other art organizations when necessary.
- Section 12. The Sunshine/Telephone Chair will: a) Communicate appropriate messages to members b) Coordinate an emergency "quick-call" plan among members c) Make other calls as needed.
- Section 13. The Volunteers Chair will a) Develop and maintain a list of members and their volunteer interests b) Work closely with Executive Committee members who need support.
- Section 14. The Website Chair, or Webmaster, shall a) Maintain an up-to-date, attractive, user-friendly site b) Include all information relating to VAST activities and mission as expressed in the Preamble.
- Section 15. The *Yearbook* Chair will a) Obtain an accurate list of current members as of August 10 from Membership Chair b) Prepare copy for the printer c) Publish *Yearbook* by September 1.

Article IV- Duties of the Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee

- Section 1. The Executive Board will: a) Advise the president on issues requiring decisions between Executive Committee meetings b) Fill vacancies that occur during the year c) Resolve questionable bills presented by the Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee will: a) Have the power of general management of VAST affairs b) Recommend changes in dues rates.
- Section 3. The Finance Committee will: a) Supervise VAST's financial affairs b) Meet in June after the professional audit to prepare budget for upcoming fiscal year c) Submit proposed budget to Executive Committee at its July meeting for approval.

Article V- Dues

- Section 1. Each member shall pay an annual fee for the fiscal year June 1 - May 31.
- Section 2. Changes in dues rates, as recommended by the Executive Committee, require a majority vote by members present at the next general meeting.

Article VI – Disbursements

- Section 1. The Executive Board must approve disbursements of \$200-\$500 outside of the approved budget
- Section 2. Disbursements of more than \$500 outside of the approved budget must be authorized by a two-thirds vote of members present at a general VAST meeting.

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: _____

January 8, 2004
Shelley Minnis: Tools of the Trade
\$50 Voertman's door prize

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