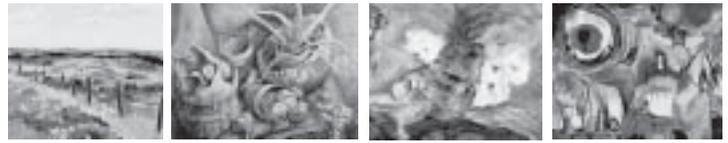


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## Upcoming Meeting, February 5, 2004

**Don Schol, Associate Dean, UNT, School of Visual Arts, will speak on "The Artist and War."**

Don Schol is a Professor of Art and currently an Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs at the University of North Texas, School of Visual Arts. Schol joined the art faculty at UNT in the fall of 1969 immediately after he was separated from a three-year tour with the U.S. Army. Raised in Dallas, Schol received his BA in Philosophy from the University of Dallas in 1963 and his MFA in Sculpture and Drawing from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966. Immediately after his graduation from UT he was drafted into the Army. He elected to go to Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he trained to be an infantry officer destined for the Vietnam War. In the fall of 1967 Schol received orders to go to Vietnam as a combat officer. When he arrived in Saigon, he was met by another officer who said that he had been selected to work for the Office of Military History. Schol was placed in charge of a team of four artist/soldiers who were given the task of recording the war from artistic eyes. These five men were given a set of orders that gave them priority to go anywhere and do anything in Vietnam that would assist them in accomplishing their mission of illustrating the war in a way that would be more insightful than mere photographs. Schol's team survived the Tet Offensive of 1968, accomplished their mission, and returned to the States only to be met with disdain by the majority of the American people because they had made art about the war. When Schol separated from the military in 1969 to take a faculty position at UNT, in what was then the Art Department, he kept his former career a secret for many years so as not to suffer the prejudice of his colleagues and students, since the war was still going on in Vietnam. It has only been in the last few years that Schol and his other combat artist comrades have dealt with their memories of the War in their art.

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### ■ January Artist of the Month



Mary Emerson  
**Afternoon Peace**  
watercolor, 22x30

I began "Afternoon Peace" when I first started painting about 6 years ago. It was originally very pale, few shadows and high key. As a new painter, I was timid about adding darker values and would stop painting at a point before I had very much value change. I loved the scene and wanted to convey a peaceful, yet bright setting. So, being much braver now, I added warm shadows, depth to the wisteria bush, and more foliage.

Mary's work can be seen at:  
<http://www.your-pet-portraits.com/paintings.htm>

Second place: Circe Joines, mixed media ceramic

### ■ New in Vision

Starting with this February *Vision*, we are going to open up space for members to run classified ads in the newsletter on a space-available basis. The criterion is that the item/items advertised must be related to the mission of VAST. Cost will be 60 cents per word or \$25 for a business card-sized ad. As with all other items for *Vision*, your copy must be sent to Deanna at [deanna.wood@charter.net](mailto:deanna.wood@charter.net) by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter. You will receive an invoice via email.

### ■ Sharon Zimmerman Watercolor Workshop

**June 9, 10, & 11, 2004**

Workshop fee is \$125. A deposit of \$65 will hold your place.

The balance of \$60 is due by May 1. The fee for the class is transferable, but non-refundable, after May 1 as long as we can fill the slot from the waiting list.

THERE IS STILL ONE SPOT LEFT, AND WE WILL START A WAIT LIST AFTER THE CLASS (12 PARTICIPANTS MAX) IS FULL.

For more information, contact Ruth Keefer at 972-713-6428 or by email at [keefer@unt.edu](mailto:keefer@unt.edu).

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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

**Member News**

For all the friends and acquaintances who have been wondering, "What has happened to June Impson?" this should answer your queries. A whirlwind tour of New York's museums, galleries, and theaters in early September was closely followed by an oil painting workshop at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. June returned home only to undergo exploratory abdominal surgery that revealed ovarian cancer. Chemotherapy soon started and will continue for many months with all its accompanying side effects. Right now June is doing well and is also doing her very best to take good care of herself, keeping life as close to "normal" as possible, and even painting some. She continues to enjoy the lovely cards that she has received and suggests that, for the present at least, this is the best way to contact her. June has been an active, vital member of NTAAL for many years; she had to step down from the office of Secretary this fall. We look forward to the time soon when she can be back with the group.

Mary S. Morris

**VAST Members Doing Great Things**

Mary Emerson was asked to have a one-woman show of her paintings in September, 2004, in Vernon, Texas.

Jennifer Quarles has a solo show at TWU (see "Local Shows" on page 3 for details).

Ingrid W. Scobie has a one-woman show, "San Miguel, Mexico: Matisse-Inspired Palettes and Responses" opening at Denton's Cappuchino Café in March and April.

Beverly Sipos was asked to have a one-person show at the Irving Art Center in March, 2005

**Member Webpages**

Due to a recent vote at an executive board meeting, web pages for members will now be \$20, payable to NTAAL. This service was previously free to our members, and those of you who already have web pages are "grandfathered." If you wish to have a web page, please contact our webmaster, Beverly Sipos, at 940-464-0633 or by email at beverlysipos@direcway.com.

**VAST Classifieds**

Used Skutt electric kiln (firing chamber diameter is slightly over 14") with kiln furniture and some accessories - **\$300.00** - List price new with furniture is \$870. Call Bev Sipos, 940-464-0633.

Custom-made light boxes. Call Johnny Williams, 940-383-1092

Winter Watercolor Classes "Exploring Mixed Media," Tues. and Wed, Call Jo Williams, 940-383-1092

**2003-2004 Monthly Programs**

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.

## Letter from the President

"Being creative is not a once-in-a-while sort of thing. Being creative is an everyday thing, a job with its own routines. ...The routine is as much a part of the creative process as the lightning bolt of inspiration (perhaps more). And it is available to everyone. If creativity is a habit, then the best creativity is a result of good work habits. They are the nuts and bolts of dreaming." This is a quote from *The Creative Habit: Learn it and Use it for Life* by Twyla Tharp, one of America's most renowned choreographers. Ah, the wisdom in those words! I received this book for Christmas, and it is a great read, brand-new off the press in the fall, and I highly recommend it.

By this time, our slides for our Spring Exhibition are in the hands of our juror Carol Benson and we eagerly await their return. Best of luck to everyone.

Executive Director, Ingrid Scobie, is currently working to complete the application form to change our non-profit status to

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—Jo Williams, President

a 501c3. After we submit this application, it will be several months before we are informed of the results. We are anxious to do this because it is going to open some new doors for us. With it, donors will be able to deduct their donations, and we intend to open up various levels of memberships as well as pursue other avenues of fund-raising. One of the projects we are planning is to produce a calendar with color images of works by our members. We will keep you apprised of these plans as they are solidified.

My wish for you is that you are having a creatively productive winter. I enjoy all the seasons of the year, but I really love the bare trees this time of year. They have such a lyrical quality, and the variety of grays and colors in the distant trees

and grasses are just awesome! Cast shadows caused by that lateral winter sun made particularly visible because of the bare bushes and trees create patterns galore. And then we have the winter sunsets. Enjoy!



## Local Shows and Events

### Center for Visual Arts, Denton, TX

#### Meadows Gallery

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

#### East Gallery

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

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

### TWU Gallery 010

TWU Student Center, Basement Level  
Jennifer Quarles, *Ceramics, Overmedicated*  
Jan 25 - Feb 5, 2004

**Reception - Thurs, Feb 5, 5:00 - 7:00**

*Bunte Welt: Paintings by Christa Diepenbrock and Luana Aldrete*  
Feb 8 - Feb 19, 2004

**Reception - Sun, Feb 8, 3:00 - 5:00**

*Self: Photographs by Danielle Grove*  
Feb 22 - March 4, 2004

**Reception - Mon. Feb.23 5:00-7:00**

### TWU Fine Arts Building, West and East Galleries

Corner of Texas and Oakland, Denton, TX

#### West Gallery

Joyce Elaine Grant *Photography Exhibition*  
January 20 - February 13, 2004

**Reception: February 12, 6-8 pm.**

*Women Playing with Fire Series* - ceramic artists  
February 23 - March 26, 2004

#### East Gallery

*Heautoscopy: Photographs by Victoria Hirt*  
January 20 - February 13, 2004

**Reception: February 12, 6-8 pm.**

### University of North Texas

#### UNT Union Gallery

Student Union Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*Breathe: New paintings by Matt Metzger*  
February 2-16, 2004.

**Reception February 2, 7-9 pm.**

#### Visual Art League Center,

#### Lewisville West Shopping Center

701 Stemmons Fwy., #115, Lewisville, TX 75067  
*Surfaces & Textures: Mixed Media Art Works by Lorraine Hayes*  
February 2 through February 28, 2004

**Reception: Saturday February 7, 4-7 pm**

#### Plaza Art Center

The newly opened Plaza Art Center on the square in downtown Carrollton is inviting groups to tour the gallery. The Gallery Director is Pat Cochran.

They offer facilities for parties celebrating birthdays, wedding receptions, bridal showers, anniversaries and special days such as Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Valentine's Day. For more information, call Pat at 214 802 2896.

## Other Workshops and Classes

The Society of Figurative Arts have started their first workshops of 2004. To find out more about The Society of Figurative Arts visit: [www.tsofa.com](http://www.tsofa.com) or call the studios at: 972-679-1625.

Drawing Class at Collin County Community College

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-3:20, at the McKinney campus. If you are over 55, the cost is only \$40, otherwise the cost is about \$225. For more information, visit [www.ccccd.edu](http://www.ccccd.edu).

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, or email: [deanna.wood@charter.net](mailto:deanna.wood@charter.net)  
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**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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**Don Schol: The Artist**  
**and War**  
**\$50 Voertman's door prize**

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