

## March 3, 2005

### Mary Anne Durnin, "Painting With Design Confetti"

Our guest artist March 3rd is Mary Anne Durnin of Plano, Texas. Durnin will present a realistic watercolor demonstration with a twist! She will take the painting from the design phase to completion using design confetti. Although Durnin is primarily a transparent watercolor artist, she says this method can be used with any painting medium. Diverse subject matter and varied style are typical of Durnin's artwork. She has studied watercolors with Dan Burt, Rob Erdle, Frank Francese, Jane E. Jones, Pat Kochan, and Leo Smith. She has been painting full time since 1998 and designing jewelry since 2002. Her jewelry is displayed at the Artist's Showplace in Dallas. Durnin has degrees in Fashion Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology and Computer Science from the University of Dallas. She is a signature member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society and the Texas Watercolor Society. Durnin is also an active member of the Plano Art Association and the Richardson Civic Art Society.

*Diane reader Dorn*

### 2006 Calendar Art Competition

Entries for the 2006 Calendar Competition are being accepted from now through April 29, 2005. Members may submit two entries for a fee of \$10.00. Submissions must be two-dimensional and horizontal in format. Entry forms and additional competition information is available on our website or by contacting Kathy Mendes at [krmendes@earthlink.net](mailto:krmendes@earthlink.net) or at 940-482-5655.

### A Great Turnout for the Annual High School Art Competition

The Annual High School Art Competition was outstanding again this year. There were so many strong pieces to judge. Thankfully we had a record turn out of 57 members to help with the task. The Best of Show went to Simini Blocker from Flower Mound High School. First Place went to her classmate Christen Bowman. Second Place went to Adelle York from Ryan High and Third place to Sally Meyers of Marcus High School. The Best of School winners exhibiting at The Cupboard for the month of March are:

Lily Owens, Aubrey; Sloane Curry, Denton; Simini Blocker, Flower Mound; Nicole Martin, Lake Dallas; Jon Adair, Lewisville North; Charles Admire (exhibited ceramic work at Uncommon Ground), Liberty Christian; Mitchell Bartz, Little Elm; Sally Meyers, Marcus; Rose Baca, Northwest; Tyler Barmore, Our Lady of Grace; Adelle York, Ryan; Tiffany Ferguson, Sanger; Lisa Rogers, Selwyn; Tiffany Jensen, The Colony; Maggie Borders, Argyle.

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Patricia Tieszen



Sharon Dawson



June Dalton

### April 1 VAST Celebration Honoring Jesús Moroles and Featuring Carlo Pezzimenti

VAST is hosting a first-ever event Friday night April 1 at the Center for the Visual Arts. We are having a wonderful party to celebrate our juror for our spring exhibition. Festivities will begin at 5:00 with drinks, snacks and visiting. Dinner catered by El Zape will be served at 6:00. Noted classical guitarist Carlo Pezzimenti will perform at 7:00. We are offering tickets for the event at cost for \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a couple.

Following this event will be an 8:00 pm free public lecture presented by Jesús Moroles on his sculpture and public art plus a book signing of his new book: *Moroles, Granite Sculpture*. Jo Williams is donating an original watercolor for a door prize!

In order to offer this at cost, we need **lots of volunteers** to help with serving and cleanup and to make some desserts and some "Texas caviar" (a black-eyed pea salad—we have the recipe). Please contact Jo Williams at 940-383-1092.

We have made a special effort to make this affordable for everyone. We hope to see all you members at this special event.

We are working closely with the Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. To date, we have received financial support from WheelerPress, El Zape, Texas Woman's University, and Wells Fargo.

### PLEASE DONATE YOUR ARTWORK FOR TSUNAMI AUCTION MARCH 24!

#### Silent Art Auction to Raise Money for Tsunami Victims

The Denton High School Art Club and VAST are co-sponsoring a silent art auction fundraiser for the South Asian tsunami victims. It will be held March 24, 6:30-8:30 pm at the CVA. The idea was generated by students in Cathy Mitchell's Denton High School art class. The student's initial idea was to donate their own works of art for the sale. There were told by school officials that they could not do this. VAST stepped forward to co-sponsor this event. These works should be matted; framing is optional. If anyone would like to help with the auction as a volunteer, please contact Cathy at 940-369-2211 or 940-453-1370.

I urge all of you to support these young people with their noble efforts to do something for the victims of tsunami by contributing a piece of your art. Proceeds will be donated to Operation USA. There is a form on the back of the newsletter for you to fill out. Please send the information to Cathy Mitchell by March 17. Bring your works of art to the art center on March 24th between 5 and 6 pm.

*Jo Williams*

### Opening for the Gale Webb Workshop

We have a spot free for some lucky person to join us at the Gale Webb workshop - February 28 - March 3 - \$180. It will be lots of fun and inspiring. Let me know soon! First come, first served! Mary Emerson, 972-294-8604.

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**2004-2005 Monthly Programs**

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.	

**VAST Critique Group**

VAST Critique meets the 4th Saturday of every month at 9 am. Millie Giles, UNT Professor of Art, is the critic. The group meets at members' homes on a rotating basis. Each member may bring two pieces of art (any medium) that they have finished or are currently working on to be critiqued. The cost is \$120 for eight critiques payable in two installments of \$60 each on September 25 and February 26. There is a substitute list for members who feel they may not be able to attend regularly. If interested please contact Jackie Haugen at 972-317-1546 or at waterjourney@verizon.net.

**The Denton Craft Mafia**

The Denton Craft Mafia is a new arts group for anyone who creates crafts and is interested in being with and learning from other people who do the same. They welcome men and women, beginner and more advanced artists, and are hoping to create a network of groups who are interested in crafts and in marketing themselves as serious craft artists. Please consult their website for lots of great information on contemporary crafts in Denton [www.dentoncraftmafia.com](http://www.dentoncraftmafia.com).

**Art Around Town**

**Center for the Visual Arts**

**Meadows Gallery**

*Materials Hard and Soft*

January 29 - March 26

Opening Reception, Friday, January 28, 7-9 pm

**East Gallery**

*Youth Art Month*

March 14 - April 1

**Texas Woman's University Fine Arts Building**

**West Gallery**

*Woman Playing with Fire: Ceramic Art Invitational*

March 7-April 5. Reception March 31, 5-8 pm

**University of North Texas**

**SOVA Gallery, Fine Arts Building**

*Voertman's Student Art Competition*

March 24-April 7. Opening reception and award ceremony

Thursday, March 24, 12 noon

**Union Gallery**

*Alison Mendenhall and Angela Smalley Exhibit*

March 7-23. Reception Monday, March 7, 7-9 pm

**Art Prostitute**

*Passive Moles, Dalek and Giant*

February 26-May 2. Reception Saturday February 26, 7-11 pm

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](mailto:devonpaiges@charter.net).

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

## Focus on Member Artist Lisa Daniels



Lisa Daniels is an artist best known for her paintings and drawings of classic autos and boats. At the age of twelve, Lisa was in an adult art class with a very influential teacher. She liked watercolors, but credits her later classes with Jane E. Jones as the most likely reason she didn't give up on this challenging medium. Her interest in cars began at about the same time she moved to Texas at age 16. Her father taught her to work on cars,

and together they built and restored her first old car, which Lisa brought home in boxes. Following these two passions has helped her to develop into a successful and continually motivated artist.

Lisa's love of art is evident in her modest goals; she just wants to be able to paint all the time! She feels a great sense of satisfaction when those who commission her paintings tell her that she captured just what they wanted. "I think many classic and sports cars are works of art" she says. "I want the viewer to feel the desire to take a ride and get to know the vehicle. I want them to feel as if the car had a life of its own." When asked about challenges in starting off as an artist, Lisa echoes the complaint of many artists: "The toughest part of being an artist is marketing your work. . . We are also constantly trying to decide if we should just do what we want or what we think will sell."

While working, Lisa says she has a hard time leaving a painting alone, taking a step back. She gets completely caught up in a painting, but at the same time is always looking forward to starting the next one. If only we could all have such inspiration! She finds that she paints better in the morning, draws better at night, and she enjoys listening to the blues, old rock and roll, and a lot of David Bowie while she works.

Lisa has a degree in Industrial Arts from UNT. She is not only a member of VAST but of many other groups, including the Rolls-Royce Owners Club, the Classic Car Club of America, and the Antique and Classic Boat Society. Her next exhibition will be at the "Wooden Keels and Classic Wheels" show near Houston, where she has done the art for the program, poster, and T-shirt for the show four times. Lisa and her husband live in Oak Point with their three cats and five cars. You can link to her website, [www.lrdaniels.com](http://www.lrdaniels.com) from our own to view her expert paintings.

*Devon Wattier*

## Members Doing Great Things

**Claude Cheek, Glenda Smith, and Ingrid Scobie** have paintings accepted into the Richardson Civic Art Society's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Art Show, jurored by Rob Erdle. The awards reception is Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

**Mary Emerson** will have a solo exhibit, "Announcing Spring," at the Irving Art Association's West Gallery, March 26 - April 28. All are invited to the reception, Sunday, April 10, from 2-4 pm.

**Mary June Impson** will have a one-woman show in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, at "The Gallery." The reception is Friday, March 4 at 7 pm. She also had two paintings purchased for the new Presbyterian Hospital in Denton.

**Fran Shurtleff** received an Honorable Mention in the SWS Signature Member Exhibition in Irving last month.

**Beverly Sipos and Jo Williams** also had paintings purchased for the new Presbyterian Hospital.

**Deanna Wood's** show "Clearing, recent work" can be seen at the East Gallery of the Irving Center for the Arts at Jaycee Park through March 25. The closing reception will be Sunday, March 20 from 2-4 pm.

## Letter From the President

The Art Guild of Denton has been in existence for 25 years, and in that period of time, it has contributed \$990,850 to GDAC and its member organizations. This year that number will exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS! TAG's sole reason for existence is to raise money for the arts, and it does that through its Auction for the Arts held annually on the second Saturday each November. Immediately after the auction, work begins again planning and soliciting merchandise, services, and art from local businesses and artists for the following auction.

In the spring, VAST, along with all the other GDAC member arts organizations in Denton, apply to GDAC for grants for the following year. We submit grant applications for our two annual exhibitions and for our educational program. The money we receive is crucial to the success of these events.

"If you know any TAG members, please thank them for the service they provide to the arts in Denton."

Many of our members contribute work to the auction each year, and many members are also members of TAG. I encourage those who are not to consider joining this organization. Dues are \$25 for active members and \$50 for patron members, and yes, it is a working organization. There are two luncheons a year and the next one will be on Tuesday, March 8, at the Center for the Visual Arts. If you choose not to be a member, please contribute a piece of your art for auction. Just a word about that: It is not for the faint ego; if your work does not sell, then you may have it back and put it on the market to sell. It happens sometimes; we all know there is no predictor of finding the right person for the right piece at the right time.

If you know any TAG members, please thank them for the service they provide to the arts in Denton. I know they don't do this work for any recognition, but because they love the arts, as we do.

*Jo Williams*

## Upcoming Workshop

**Joye Moon**

To Be Announced - July 19 - 22

## Spring Show Update, Final Show Stats!

Ten VAST members will be included in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Exhibition, and there are 27 states represented this year! Congratulations to members Bev Sipos, Patty Kreider, Fran Shurtleff, Laura Thomas, Robin Butt, Kate Nelson, Dan Lattimore, Paul Matthaus, Katie Eberhart and Mary Emerson, as well as the 34 other Texans included in the show. There are at least 21 paintings with the remainder of the 2-D work ranging widely, but including lithography, etching, photography, and digital printmaking. The media for the 25 3-D pieces varies widely. Should be a very interesting show - something for everyone! The opening reception is April 24, 2-4 pm.

We are still looking for volunteers . . . especially for shipped work take-in, Mar. 22-24, all day at the CVA — if you don't have a day job and have some reading to catch up on, your help would be immensely appreciated.

## 2004 - 2005 Exhibitions

April 24 - June 2, 2005  
37<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Awards Exhibition

July 31 - August 25, 2005  
Members Juried Exhibition

**Calls for Entries**

**"2005 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Small Works Exhibition Call for Artists"** presented by Red Dot Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM. Exhibition dates April 1 - April 16, **slide deadline March 11**. Work must be 16" x 16" or smaller. For Prospectus: <http://www.reddotfineart.com/calls.html> or send SASE to Red Dot Fine Art, ATTN: Small Works Exhibition, 616 1/2 B Canyon Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

**"Regional Artist Consortium San Antonio National Juried Art Exhibition."** Exhibition held at the San Antonio International Airport July 1-30, 2005. \$1,000 first prize, **deadline April 15**. For prospectus, visit [www.racsat.com](http://www.racsat.com).

**"Irene Roszweig 2005 Biennial Exhibition."** **Deadline June 10**. \$10 per slide, maximum entry of 5 slides. Send SASE to the Arts and Science Center for South East Arkansas, 701 Main Street, Pine Bluff, AK 71601.

**The University of Dallas Haggery Gallery is seeking proposals for their 2005-2006 exhibition season.** Please send 20 slides, resume, statement and proposal to Sherry Giryotas, Art Department, University of Dallas, 1845 East Northgate Drive, Irving, TX 75062.

**The Stratford Green Gallery** is soon to open its doors in Old Town Lewisville. They are looking for artists interested in showing traditional oils and acrylics, landscapes, and glass. Contact Ms. Mihalick at 972-353-3242 or at [information@stratfordgreengallery.com](mailto:information@stratfordgreengallery.com) for more details.

**The Artist of the Month Competition will resume at our March 3rd meeting, remember to bring your art with you!**

**Entry Form for the Silent Art Auction Benefiting South Asian Tsunami Victims.**

**Please mail to Cathy Mitchell at 1512 Panhandle, Denton, TX 76201 by March 17, and be sure to drop off your artwork at the Center For the Visual Arts on March 24<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 6:00**

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested opening bid \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in Joining? Visit us on the web!**  
**[www.VASStarts.org](http://www.VASStarts.org)**

In this issue, important details about donating your artwork for two worthy causes: The Art Guild of Denton (one of our supporters) and the Silent Art Auction to raise money for tsunami victims, in partnership with The Denton High School Art Club.

**March 3, 2005**  
**Mary Anne Durkin -**  
**"Painting With Design Confetti"**  
**\$50 Voertman's door prize**

**April 1 VAST Celebration**  
**Honoring Jesus Morales**

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