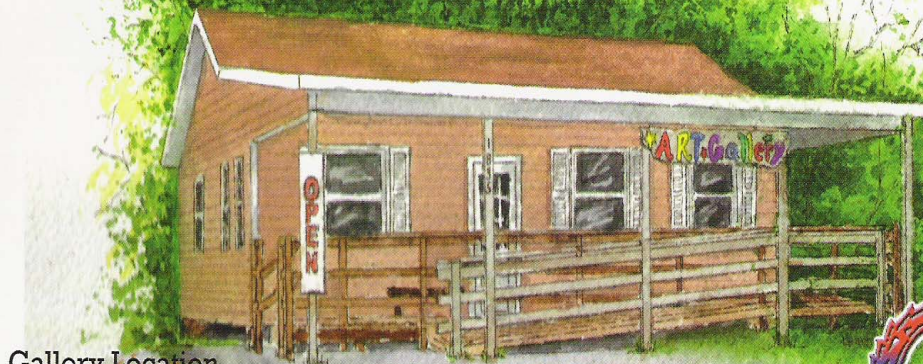


River Region Art Association



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Membership Handbook



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Dear New Members,

Welcome to River Region Art Association! We're happy to have you join our art family. Thanks for your appreciation and support of the arts in Ascension Parish. We invite you to participate in the myriad of activities that go on throughout the year. We offer monthly special exhibits; offsite exhibits and art enrichment classes. We have our Art Gumbo Market on the ground at Houmas House, every third Saturday of the month.

Please come to our monthly general meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. You will be able to voice your suggestions and opinions. The meetings are held at the RRAA Art Center on Magnolia Street.

RRAA has a great website with the help of a dedicated volunteer, Gene Ferguson. Provide Gene with your artist biography and photos of your artwork and yourself; he will place them on our Art Gumbo website. (gene@artgumbo.org)

The success of River Region Art Association depends on each and every member to promote and enhance the arts in the community. Let's keep our spirit positive and our minds creative!

Together we can uplift the Arts!
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of River Region Art Association shall be to allow artists from all disciplines to work together to improve public awareness of all art forms. We associate to help individual artists in whatever way they need, and to help promote the Arts in the community. We associate to help artists and communities to relate. Most of all, we associate to share the sheer joy of creating!

RRAA members act as ambassadors for Louisiana to traveling visitors. Our original art forms represent the diversified art and culture of our state.

We offer our local community and the surrounding river Parishes a place where they can share, celebrate, and participate in creative functions.

River Region is a 501c(3) non –profit organization run solely by volunteers.



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Contact Information

(Please complete and return to RRAA).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/ST./ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

List your talents and areas of expertise: _____

Are you interested in doing demonstrations or teaching? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what will you offer? _____



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BIOGRAPHY FORM (This is a guideline to write your bio. Email your completed bio and picture of your artwork to gene@artgumbo.org and he will place it on our website).

Full Name: _____

Where were you born, raised and lived? _____

Do you have formal/informal or artistic education that you want to include in your bio? _____

How long have you been an artist and how did you become an artist?

What would you tell about your artwork to viewers? (You like landscapes, etc.)

What are your artistic and non-artistic interest areas including hobbies? (Mentoring, teaching, writing, etc.)

What types of art forms, mediums, materials and techniques do you use and give your favorites?

How does art affect your life and why do you continue with your artistic talent?

What are you trying to accomplish or say with your art?

Who/What inspires you and how? What is your passion? Where do you see or find sources for your ideas and influences on your art?

Services you provide: _____



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

River Region Art Association cannot solely operate by the President or the Board. Members are asked to work one day a month, please review the following list and choose one activity. When you have chosen something that interest you call the number above, someone will give you the number of our current President.

1. Art Shows.
2. Purchase Awards
3. Telephone Committee
4. Publicity
5. Grant Securing
6. Volunteer Coordinator
7. Art Center/Off Site Displays
8. Hospitality
9. Program (workshops)
10. Holiday Decorations
11. Scrapbook/Yearbook
12. Newsletter
13. Biography Book
14. Nominating Committee
15. Gallery Displays (Houmas House)



RIVER REGION ART ASSOCIATION
GALLERY AT HOUMAS HOUSE
225.473.9330
EXHIBITING CONTRACT

River Region Art Association does not exist to operate a gallery. Displaying in RRAA Gallery at Houmas House is a privilege reserved for active members as defined in the RRAA by-laws:

1. As an RRAA member displaying at Houmas House, member will also be required to work 1 day a month (One whole day or Two half days). Two people can team together but are required to work two days. Gallery hours will be 10:00 to 5:00. (Half-day hours will be 10:00 to 1:30 and 1:30 to 5:00) The gallery will be open seven days a week. If you are not able to work, you are responsible for finding a replacement Docent (or trading days with someone else). **If 1 day a month is not met, artwork will be removed.**
2. Docents are asked not to interfere or socialize with Houmas House employees. These are paid employees with work to do, and we should not interrupt with their daily routine. We are invited guests to Houmas House and we should conduct ourselves in a professional manner.
3. Exhibit fees will be \$20 for six months. This will be collected on the first of that half a year. (January 1st and July 1st)
4. The Gallery Committee will evaluate all artwork to meet hanging requirements; if these requirements are not met, that piece of art will not be accepted.
 - *Paintings and photographs must have screw eyes and wire only. (No saw tooth hangers.)
 - *Art pieces shall be no larger than 36" x 36" (including frame).
 - * Prints must be labeled with the method of reproduction (Giclee, laser print, etc.). Additional prints must be placed in a round cylinder or matted and in an approved sleeve and labeled ready for sale.
 - * Jewelry must have a gift box or bag with price and artist name.
5. Artists are allowed the following:
 - a. Maximum of 3 pieces from the following: Paintings, Photographs, 3-D, Pottery, sculptures, paintings on un-frame-able surfaces, Books, CD's.
 - b. Jewelry—10 pieces
 - c. Maximum of 10 pieces: Cards or prints and originals in sleeves (No individual baskets allowed. The Gallery provides one basket for prints and originals in sleeves, and one basket for cards.)
6. All art displayed must have proper RRAA display card with correct information. Display cards will be available at the Gallery.
7. Docents may bring extra artwork to sell the day they work. This extra artwork must be displayed professionally so as not to block permanently displayed art. Any sales from this artwork must go through the gallery.

8. A 20% donation is made to RRAA on any sales. Your check from any sales will be processed at the end of the month and checks will be mailed on the first of the month.
9. RRAA and Houmas House will take all possible care to protect your artwork; however, we assume no liability for damage or loss. There is no insurance on the contents of the gallery.

I understand that I am a member of RRAA and agree to do my part. I have read the above and the addendum rules and agree to the terms. Please sign and mail this form to RRAA at 1835 N. Magnolia St., Gonzales, LA 70737 (225.644.8496).

Signature of Member

Date

Addendum:

1. The RRAA Gallery at Houmas House does not exist to promote the work of any one artist, but to present the art of the River Region. Every effort will be made to ensure that each artist's work has equivalent display space and view ability.
2. Artists are advised to change out their artwork after it has been on display for 3-4 months. This is to keep the Gallery looking "fresh" and the artwork more marketable.
3. When an artist has new work to display, he/she may hang or display in a vacant spot. **Artists are not to move another artist's work.** If an appropriate space is not available, please advise the Gallery Coordinator, and leave your work on floor propped against the display stand, or leave behind counter. Be sure you fill out the Gallery Card and the Artist index card. Artists may also leave work at Art Center (Gallery Cards and Artist Index Cards will be available there), and Coordinator will pick up and bring to Gallery. (Keep in mind that a few days may pass before this particular service can be rendered.)
4. The above contract contains *guidelines*, not *rules*, which may have to be adjusted, as needed depending on display space available, and number of artists displaying. Therefore, it is possible that artists may be asked to temporarily remove some pieces or add some pieces.

Any questions or problems, call Gallery Coordinator, Carolin Milner, 802-7310 for more details (if no answer, please leave name, number and brief message), or email me at cmilner@eatel.net.



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CALENDAR FOR 2010

Jan 30, 2010

Click Art Competition

January offers the artists with cameras a chance to shine. Black & White, Color, and Digitally enhanced photography will be featured...all ages. Take in for framed photography will be January 14, 15, & 16 at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales from 12pm-4pm each day. Ribbons will be awarded at the Awards Reception at 2pm on Jan 30 at the Art Center. Art will remain on display at the Center on Thursdays & Saturdays from 10am-4pm until the end of January. River Region Art Center, Gonzales

March 13, 2010

March into Art & Children's Creativity Day

The Youth "March into Art" Show features all students 17 and under in painting, drawing, and 3 dimensional art. Take in of art is March 4, 5, and 6 at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales. The Awards are given at a reception on March 13 at the Art Center. Also the Children's Creativity Day with fun art activities will take place from 1:00-3:00pm at the Center. The youth art will fill the Gallery for viewing pleasure until the end of March. The River Region Art Center Regularly Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm. River Region Art Center, Gonzales

March 27, 2010

Spring Mall Show At Tanger Outlet Mall

Just before you down your Easter Bonnet, the River Region Art Association, Harry & David, and the Tanger Outlet Mall combine forces to present a Spring Community Art Show. Take in for the art will be at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales March 25 & 26 from 12pm-4pm. All ages may enter.....no entry fee...categories include painting, drawing, and three-dimensional art. The show will be displayed at the Tanger Outlet Mall on March 27, and prizes and ribbons will be awarded at 4pm.

Tanger Outlet Mall in Gonzales

I-10 and Hwy 30

May 27, 2010

Red Hot Night 5-7pm

Chamber-to-Chamber Evening at Houmas House

This is a celebration reminding us that the heat of summer is on its way to Louisiana. So we have a RED HOT ART NIGHT featuring a Red, Hot, & fiery art displays, Red Hot food & refreshments, Red Hot entertainment, & definitely Red Hot door prizes. Red Hot Artisans will be featured under the trees around the grounds.

Houmas House Plantation & Gardens / Burnside

Scarecrows Swamp the Gardens

Art Competition

Sept 18- Oct 16, 2010

This new and unique Art Competition involves both Youth and Adults in creating three-dimensional life sized Scarecrows dressed elaborately using artistic imagination! The one thing they will all have in common is they must be stuffed! The Scarecrows will be displayed throughout the Houmas House Gardens for autumn viewing pleasure. Take in for the Scarecrow Competition will be at the Houmas House Gardens on September 18 from 10am -4pm.all ages...no entry fee. Scarecrows will continue to "swamp the Gardens" until Oct 16 when winners will be awarded their prizes at the Art Gumbo Market at 12 pm. For Rules & entry form go to www.artgumbo.org.
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October 9 & 10, 2010

Awesome Art In Autumn Gardens Arts & Cultural Festival

Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens Festival is a lively gathering of Louisiana artisans, musicians, and dancers sprinkled throughout the 34-acre grounds of the historical Houmas House Mansion surrounded with lush greenery, flowers, fountains and lagoons. This is the biggest Art event of the year in Ascension Parish which includes an exhibit of over 300 artworks in competition for the famed blue ribbons, over 175 demonstrating artists & entertainers, and a pathway through the gardens filled with Arts & Crafts & Book signing booths all along the way. It is a lovely experience of Fine Art, Folk Art, Literary Art, & Performing ARTS intertwined with history and nature. Restaurant on site. Guided mansion tours available. For entry forms for booths or competition go to www.artgumbo.org
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December 5, 2010

Deck The Halls

This is a celebration of the Holiday Season with an Open House and the Halls have been decked with all Original ART. "Make ART a Part of your Christmas!" Artisans decorate the tree with all hand made creative Louisiana ornaments. Music will help set the festive mood. Put on your party clothes and join the artists for a Holiday feast at The River Region Art Center in Gonzales. Free



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By-LAWS:

River Region has placed a copy of the By-Laws on our website. Please go to artgumbo.org and download a copy for your records.

EXHIBIT ACTIVITY RECORD “EAR”

RRAA has supplied you with this form. You may find this form useful in keeping a record of your inventory.