

**CONVERSAZIONE...The Newsletter of River Region Art Association**



APRIL 11, 2007

MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Gallery. The meeting was moved from its regular date because of the bicentennial. All members are welcome.

ASCENSION PARISH BICENTENNIAL: Take-in is on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-7 pm. Bring your paintings to the 4H Club Building. Donna is checking on the free parking voucher for participating artists.

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REMEMBER: ART ONLY SELLS WHEN THE GALLERY IS OPEN. WE NEED DOCENTS TO WORK THE GALLERY. HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YOUR ONE DAY A MONTH TO KEEP THE GALLERY OPEN. IF YOU NEED TRAINING, CONTACT Jean Liehe to schedule (673-5484).

ART GUMBO MARKET ON MAY 12: Start painting now for the monthly exhibit. This month's theme is Flying High. Let your imagination soar and give your talent free rein this month.

RED HOT NIGHT WITH THE CHAMBER: Red Hot Night with the Chamber is set for June 28, 5-7:30 p.m.

USED INK CARTRIDGES: Gene Ferguson asks that we give our empty ink cartridges to the docent at the gallery. RRAA will receive a monetary benefit for these cartridges.

CANCELLATION: The April art market was closed because of the weather. Now we have more time for us to get ready for the May market.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: The new membership roster is being mailed out. Members turn in your corrections to Linda Simms by email or letter.

JUNE PUBLIC TV ART AUCTIONS: Jean Liehe has arranged for 10 of our member artists in Baton Rouge and six member artists in New Orleans to participate in the LPB auction by donating paintings to the LPB Auction. The RRAA Gallery, the paintings and the artists will be showcased in New Orleans and in Baton Rouge. Details will appear in the May newsletter.

WORKSHOPS: Listed below is a partial listing of our workshops. Check on-line for workshops and supply lists.

April 25 - Pen and Ink with Louise Hanson. Time: 9:30-4:00. Cost:\$40.

April 28 - Pastels with Linda Coffman. Time: 9:30-4:00. Cost: \$40.

For more details and supply lists, please check our website.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER WORKSHOPS:

There are two sessions of children's summer workshops. The first is June 11-24 for children ages 8 to 14. We will offer small sculptures with sculpey, drawing, acrylic, photography, pottery, and mixed media. The second session on June 18-21 session is for children ages 5 to 7. Both sessions

will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and the class fee is \$45 for each session.

JUST FOR DOCENTS: Hospice moved out and removed their dumpster. Ergo, we have no trash service. We now have to take the trash home with us. Don't forget now!!

Heaven forbid Linda has reorganized the file cabinet. Journal sheets are now under "Finances." Please look over the cabinet and orient yourself with the new format and see what surprises you find.

Mail addressed to the gallery needs to be placed in Linda's box. Often checks are in these letters and she can deposit them.

If you erase telephone messages after you have taken care of them, the next docent won't do it all over again. Call the next docent and remind him that his day is coming up. Read the Closing Check List to shut it all down. Any questions, call Jean Liehe 673-5484. We absolutely love you and need your help. Thanks for all you do.

GALLERY HANGING COMMITTEE: RRAA now has a gallery committee to ensure that the gallery always looks nice. RRAA members will appreciate the changes that the gallery committee has made to the gallery. The committee members are: Sharmaine Claitor, Brian Lemoine, and Jean Liehe. They sure could use a few more hands to help with the weekly monitoring and planning and coming up a good ideas. Submit your name and suggestions to Jean Liehe.

NEW MEMBERS (and old ones, too): Gene Ferguson will post your artists' bio and photos of your artwork on the web FOR FREE! Contact him at [gene@artgumbo.org](mailto:gene@artgumbo.org).

Happy painting to all of you--