

# CONVERSAZIONE

THE NEWSLETTER OF RIVER REGION ART ASSOCIATION

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## OCTOBER GALLERY EXHIBIT

For our October exhibit we invite you to bring in artwork that you have done in any art class sponsored by RRAA. This should be an interesting exhibit and an inspiring example of the benefits of joining your friends and fellow members in the many workshops RRAA offers. The rules for this exhibit are a limit of three artworks and wire hangers for wall art. This is to be a non-judged, non-competitive event. Just show your stuff!

## AWESOME ART EXHIBIT AND SALE AT HOUMAS HOUSE OCT 13 and 14

**TOP SELLERS OF ADS FOR THE AWESOME ART BOOKLET** were 1<sup>st</sup> Place is Donna Braud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (team) Carol Bryant & Mary Crochet; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cy Rawls. They were winners of five dollar Gallery vouchers. The Awesome Art booklet sale was a success yada yada yada. 1000 copies of the booklet will be printed, 500 distributed locally before the exhibit and 500 distributed at Houmas House during the exhibit.

**MORE INFO ABOUT AWESOME ART.** The exhibit and competition is open to all artists. The fee for adults entering artwork is \$9.00 per item or 3 for \$25, for youth \$3:00 per item. Adult categories are Painting (mixed media, oil, acrylics, watercolor, gauche, collage with paint); Drawing (pen & ink, pencil, watercolor pencils, charcoal, pastels); Photography (35mm and digital); and Three Dimensional (collage, sculpture, fused or stained glass, pottery, jewelry, metal etc.) Youth categories are Painting and Drawing. All items entered will be judged and money prizes and ribbons will be awarded in various categories. The awards reception will be Sunday, Oct 14 at 2:00PM. You may bring your artwork to the Gallery On Thursday, Oct 11 from 10:00AM to 7:00PM or bring it to Houmas House on Friday, Oct 12, from 9:00 PM to 12:00 Noon ONLY. There is a \$10.00 visitors fee for the event but each entrant will receive 2 free admission tickets for both days at time of registration.

In addition to the Awesome Art competition there will be fine art and folk art demonstrations at booths throughout the gardens along with performing arts entertainment both days between 10AM and 4PM.

**RAFFLE.** RRAA will again sponsor a raffle at the **Awesome Art** event. We need donations of art work to be raffled off. We will start collecting donated art at the Gallery on September 15.

**BOOTH** rental will be available for RRAA members at Houmas House for the weekend of **Awesome Art**. You may share a booth with another member.

Check the website at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) for more information on Awesome Art, the booklet, renting a booth, entering your artwork in the exhibit, and the sale of ads.

**DOCENTS:** Many thanks to all members who volunteer to man the gallery on the five days a week which we are open. Every member should consider donating a day (6 hours from 10AM to 4PM) or a half a day (10 to 1 or 1 to 4) every month. It is not a difficult job. You will have a brief training session to acquaint you with the routine of opening and closing the gallery and making sales. You may bring a friend to keep you company or spend your free time sketching or painting. Call the Gallery (225 644-8496) to volunteer.

### **ART CLASSES**

**Doug Crawford** - Watercolor - Tuesday evenings 6:00 to 8:00, Sept 4, 11, 18 and 25 - \$50

**Helen Haw** - Photography - Sept 22, 9:00 to 4:00 (Bring bag lunch), Ages 6 to Adult - \$45

**Rene Fletcher** - Portraits - any media - Nov 19, 2007, 9:30 to 4:00 - \$50

### **RRAA WEBSITE**

**Gene Ferguson** is doing a fantastic job on our Website but he wants some help from you. All members need to post a **BIO** on the website. All you have to do is write a short biography and send it to Gene at [gene@artgumbo.org](mailto:gene@artgumbo.org). You may include photos of your artwork. A good resource for writing your Bio is the Book of RRAA Members which is always displayed at the Gallery or click on the member names on our website. This is a great publicity tool and **FREE**. If you need help in doing this; e-mail Gene at [gene@artgumbo.org](mailto:gene@artgumbo.org). Gene can also set you up a free e-mail address through the website.

### **ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

Artist of the Month for September is Doris Cowan.

**OPEN PAINTING DAY** --- every Wednesdays at the Gallery. Open from 10:00 to 4:00; come when it is convenient for you and stay as long as you would like.

### **EXHIBIT FEES FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DUE ON OCTOBER 1**

**APPOINTING OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE. OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING TO FEATURE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008. Something here about the rewards of volunteerism and obligation of members to volunteer and serve as officers and board members.**

**Big Hurray for Mary Crochet** she is our gallery big seller for the month of August.

**PASS THE WORD.** Tell a neighbor or a friend about River Region Art Association. Invite them to visit our Gallery. Invite them to join our Association.

### **PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

Sept 15	Take-in for donated art for Awesome Art Raffle (Bring to the Gallery)
Sept 23	September General Meeting. Open to all members.
Oct 11	Take-in at Gallery for Awesome Art entries 10AM-7 PM
Oct 12	Take-in at Houmas House for Awesome Art 9AM-Noon
Oct 13-14	Awesome Art at Houmas House Exhibition and Competition

## ART GUMBO MARKET

River Region Art Association will join with the Farmers at the Ascension Fresh Market on every third Saturday of the month from 8am-Noon. Our first Art Gumbo Market will be on Sept 15 at La Mar Dixon under roof of open building 7. Anyone interested in setting up their art at this market, contact Donna Braud (328-7354) to get your name on the list.

So far these artists have decided to sell on Sept 15: Mary Crochet, Peggy Carbo, Gerard Lotz, Jean Liehe, Donna Smith, Helen Haw, Fred Guidry, Toni Cookman, Gaynelle Moore.

Jan Hebert will set up 2 screens for RRAA members who may just want to bring 1 to 3 pieces of art because they do not have a large inventory of their own art. We will group those pieces together in a nice exhibit. But you need to let Donna Braud know you are bringing your art to the Market and tell her how many pieces. **Artist must bring their own art...and have it marked with sale price.** RRAA will collect all money for all sales and take care of taxes, required insurance, and Market fees. Artists will receive 80% and RRAA will receive 20% just like sales are usually processed in the Gallery.

Gaynelle Moore will entertain with songs from her latest CD, Jean Liehe will do caricatures, and Carol Bryant will organize a Free Art by Parc Booth for the children.

Future dates for RRAA at the Ascension Fresh Market will be Oct 20, Nov 17 and the first three weeks of December (1st, 8th and 15th) Get involved and promote your art!

River Region would like to **WELCOME** our new members Kathy Guidry and Bill Biggio. Happy painting----

**RIVER REGION ART ASSOCIATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. WE RELY ON UNPAID VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THE GALLERY OPEN AND THE ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONING. PLEASE COME TO MEETINGS AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP US REALIZE OUR MISSION TO MAKE ART AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL IN THE RIVER REGION.**

Do you have suggestions for activities you would like to see at RRAA Gallery; for boosting participation by members; for getting new members; for attracting the public to events; for generating interest in art by the general public; for assisting artists; etc If so, call our Gallery at 644-8496.