



River Region Art Association Newsletter

February 2010

From the Editor's Desk

If you have not paid your annual dues, please come by to the Art Center or attend the next Membership Meeting on February 14. The dues are \$40. This will entitle you to have your name placed in a drawing for the Artist-of-the-Month and have your work on Eatel's Cable Channel 4 TV station.

If you would like to hang at Houmas House, that is an additional \$20 for each six months.

REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1. If you have not paid dues, this will be your last Newsletter.

January 4th Board Meeting News

The president, **Betty Marks**, called the meeting to order with the following members present: **Robin Rotolo**, 1st vice president; **Cy Rawls**, 2nd vice president; **Aileen Pine**, secretary; **Donna Braud**, treasurer; **John Robbins**, parliamentarian; **Jan Hebert** and **Eugene Ferguson**, members-at-large; and **Carolyn Bowman**, Calendar at Houmas House.

The Board approved the Calendar of Events for next year. The Board meeting will be the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The General Membership meeting will be the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (with the exception of May and October).

The Board worked on revisions for the Gallery Contract and Hanging Rules with **Carolyn Milner** absent. Artists hanging at the Gallery are asked to sign a new contract for the year 2010 by February 1.

The Board voted not to ship art from the Gallery to buyers. Buyers of art who want to have it shipped, will need to get in touch with the artist and work out shipping arrangements.

There is an opportunity to work more than one day a month at the Gallery. Please get in touch with **Carolyn Bowman** if you are able to work an extra day this month. The extra time will allow the docent to hang more art.

Beginning February 1st 2010, the Board will draw three names from our list of members. If your name is drawn and you reject the Artist-of-the-Month, your name will be deleted from the drawing for the remainder of the year. The Artist-of-the-Month will also be featured on Eatel's Cable Channel 4. This person will be responsible for arrangements with Eatel. Contact Shirley Russell at starwOman@eatel.net

January 10th General Membership Meeting News

There were 25 members present with two guests; The members present: **Betty Marks**, president; **Robin Rotolo**, 1st vice president; **Cy Rawls**, 2nd vice president; **John Robbins**, parliamentarian; **Aileen Pine**, secretary; **Donna Braud**, treasurer; and **Jan Hebert**, member-at-large.

Other members and/or guests present: **Gaynell Moore**, **Frances Prestridge**, **John Hebert**, **Carol Pierce**, **Helen Haw**, **Donna and Jeff Montagino**, **Ken Taylor**, **Diane and Roger Tygier**, **Betty and EJ Hutchinson**, **Norma James**, **Linda Simms**, **Dawn Broussard**, **Karen Hatcher**, **Peg Carbo**, **Mike and Deborah Biachetti**, **Shirley Schell**, **Donna Smith**, and **Donna Comeaux**.

River Region needs the following chairpersons for 2010:

Telephone chairman

Hospitality chairman—supervise receptions

Offsite Display Coordinator—(moving screens and art from one site to another)

The following positions have been filled:



Workshops and classes—**Elaine Champagne**

Scrapbook—to help **Cricet Accardo** and **Peggy Carbo**

Supplies and purchasing—**Helen Haw** at the Art Center

Diane Tygier at the Art Gallery

Jan Hebert distributed membership packets and gallery contracts to all persons who needed them.

Donna Braud gave the Treasurer's Report.

No Minutes of the Meeting were read.

John Hebert said that there is still time for others to sign up and go on the trip to France. Donna Comeaux from the Chamber of Commerce was also at the meeting. She plans to meet with RRAA travelers in January to answer more questions regarding their trip.

The speaker was **Carol Pierce**, a new member. Carol will have a seminar on Getting Started at the Art Center on January 23rd. Those planning to attend will need to register and pay a fee of \$45.

Donna Braud announced that the new Community Coffee House on Airline Highway would like to have an artist from our association to demonstrate their work in their facility on weekends (preferably 4-11 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays). If you plan to participate, please let Donna know. She will need to make up a schedule.

CLICK ART WINNERS



The Click Art Show presented by River Region Art Association was judged by James Byron, national photographic winner and teacher of photography techniques. There were 71 exciting entries covering a vast array of subjects. Ribbons and certificates were awarded to the winners at a reception for the artists on Jan 30 at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales.

Color Photography: 1st- Donald Hume for "Mating Season Egret"; 2nd- Donald Hume for "Mating Egret"; 3rd- Liz Achee for "Little Ram"; HM- Josie Young for "Butterfly"; HM- Donna Braud for "German Castle & Vineyards".

Black & White Photography: 1st- Kim Braud for "Sleeping"; 2nd- Kitty Kuhnert for "Foggy Morn"; 3rd- John Robbins for "Grave Monument"; HM- Samantha Achee for "Zebra Trio".

Digitally Enhanced Photography: 1st- Julie Parks for "Mission Impossible"; 2nd- Julie Parks for "Where the Living is Easy"; 3rd- Julie Parks for "Raccoon with Berries"; HM- Dalton Johnson for "Sitting on Mr. Go"; HM- Dawn Broussard for "Little Red Shed".

Youth Photography: 1st- Angelle Naquin for "Crowning Rainbow Bird"; 2nd- Angelle Naquin for "Bluye Buds"; 3rd- Angelle Naquin for "Komado"; HM- Lacey Bowman for "Plantcicle"; HM- Lacey Bowman for "Frozen Fonds".

FEBRUARY ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH

Donna Smith, our artist of the month, is a photographer who likes wildlife and outdoors subjects best. She gives her take on what makes her love photography: "When I am photographing something, my main objective is to make that subject come alive to the viewer... to give it a soul or to touch that viewer emotionally & intellectually. My mind never stops & it's difficult for me to stay still or sit still for too long so I will never be one of those photographers who waits a very long time for just the right light on just the right subject. I embrace all the "Little Moments" out there & feel it's my personal challenge to try to find them all! "

Her art will be on exhibit at the Art Gallery at Houmas House from February 1 through February 28. Her work can be seen on our web site at www.artgumbo.org; and also can be seen on Eatel's Cable Channel 4 Community Connection during the week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

LAST CALL FOR DUES FOR 2010

Money, money, money!!! We need your money! Come by the Art Center and pay your dues, or come to the next Membership meeting on Sunday, February 14 at 2 p.m. and pay your dues. We have so many new things going on this year. Be part of it. Don't your membership expire. If it does, sorry, but this will be your last Newsletter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE ART CENTER.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 2 P.M. AT THE ART CENTER.