



# River Region Art Association Newsletter

## January 2011



### NEW YEAR With New Board Members for 2011

This is to remind the membership that we have a new President and Board! The Board and membership welcome **John Robbins as president for 2011**. We thank John for accepting this awesome responsibility. His dedication to this association has been demonstrated for many years through his volunteering. John's area of interest is photography. Congratulations, John!

We are very fortunate to have these additional members offer their time as Board officers. All these members are sincerely dedicated. Thank you, all!

- President.....**John Robbins**
- Vice President.....**Robin Rotolo**
- 2nd VP and Assistant Treasurer.....**Cy Rawls**
- Treasurer.....**Donna Braud**
- Secretary.....**Carolyn Bowman**
- Parliamentarian.....**Terry Farrell**
- Members-at-Large.....**Gene Ferguson**  
**Jan Hebert**  
**Betty Marks**  
**Sally McConnell**



### Changes!!!.....NEW TIME FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Due to time conflicts with a few Board members, the meeting time has changed from 6:30 p.m. to **6 p.m.** The meeting will remain on the **first Monday** night of the month.

### Changes .....FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



#### "New" POT LUCK SUPPER each quarter

Once a quarter, after the scheduled membership meetings, a Pot Luck Supper will be held. **Beginning with the March 13<sup>th</sup>** Membership Meeting at 2 p.m. a celebration with a reception cake for dessert will honor the current Artist-of-the-Month plus a Pot Luck Supper. This will be a nice way for members to get to socialize with each other. Each quarter there will be a Pot Luck Supper for the members, so we need FOOD. Please contribute with a dish. Anything will be appreciated: drinks, ice, casseroles, chips and dip, veggies, absolutely anything! No signing up or asking what to bring. Bring whatever you like! Pot Lucks turn out to be a surprise, and it works out.

### ART AT CC's in Prairieville



All members: Sign up now to demonstrate and/or exhibit your artwork at CC's Coffeehouse in Prairieville (at Junction of 42) on any weekend. The routine is sign up (with **Cy Rawls** [rawreid@eatel.net](mailto:rawreid@eatel.net) or 622-2872) and show up at the Coffeehouse with a small table and examples of your artwork (including 3D, photo and literary). You can demonstrate your techniques or simply chill and chat with customers as they come in. It's a no-hassle way to get your artwork and RRAA in front of the public.

All Saturdays and Sundays are open in January except Saturday, January 22, a.m. Artists usually stay at the Coffeehouse for 2-4 hours, your choice.



**CLICK ART**

**Michael and Deborah Bianchetti** volunteered to chair the Click Art Exhibit. Take-in will be January 13, 14, and 15 from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m.

Three (3) entries per person; photos must be framed or mounted for presentation with wire on the back. Categories are Adult Color, Adult Black and White, and Youth.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and honorable. Some alternative ribbons will be given to the non-winners in the youth group. Awards, reception, and pick-up will be January 29, 2 p.m.

Winners will be displayed at CCs Coffee for the month of February.

As usual with a show, help is needed for setup and cleanup. Please call **Michael Bianchetti at 673-5007** to volunteer.



**CHANGES with ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH**

We have expanded as an art association, and sometimes it is difficult for members to have the time to set up on assigned dates or even to have enough pieces to display. So the Board has created a new and easier manner for members to celebrate being "Artist-of-the-Month." The name will be chosen at the Board meetings from among the paid members. The artist selected will present a biography, a photo of either themselves or of a piece of their work, and a piece of their art to hang in BOTH the Art Center and the Art Gallery. This will be sent to **Donna Braud at 328-7354** for publicity. The selected member will have a plaque placed over one of their designated pieces of art work. This member will not be eligible again for a year. The vice president Cy Rawls will call that member to inform him/her. We will continue with the Membership Meeting reception for the Artist-of-the-Month.

**Diane Tygier** was selected as Artist-of-the-Month for February. Her reception will be Sunday, 2 p.m., February 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Diane!



**DECEMBER SALES**

December and May have proven to be the highest sales months for River Region artists for the year 2010. Top sales artist for December is **Shirley Schell** with her beautiful jewelry. **Diane Tygier** captured second for December and **Elaine Champagne** had big sales for third place. Other artists enjoying sales were: **Betty Marks, Carolin Milner, Carolyn Bowman, Deborah Bianchetti, Desiree Dugas, Donna Montagino, Helen Haw, Jan Hebert, Josie Young, Kitty Kuhnert, Ken Taylor, L. J. Mayers, Mary Crochet, Mary Demarest, Monica Landry, Sally McConnell, Sharon Turner, and Sylvia Rochester.**

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Art Center**  
**NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Art Center**

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**Changes.... FOR AWESOME ART**

We need your ideas for Awesome Art this year. Please attend Sunday's Membership Meeting, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.



**Changes.....TIME TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**  
**At the next Membership Meeting January 9th at 2 p.m.**

Did you say you work and don't have time to volunteer? Well.....here's a little job that will save time for the same volunteers doing all the work! Come, join in the socializing and help at the same time! If you plan to attend the next Membership Meeting January 9 at 2 p.m., please come an our eharlier to help with taking down Christmas decorations. This is a one-time volunteer that is badly needed. Some members say they cannot volunteer because they work, well here is a chance for you to participate and help the general membership.



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**BARNES & NOBLES**

Our featured artist for the month of January is **Michael Bianchetti**. Michael's featured works are photographs.

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**THANKS TO ROBIN ROTOLO**

Robin, all the membership extends a great, big thanks to you for your time and effort put into suggesting, accepting the leadership, and following through on the Artist of the Month reception after the Membership meetings!





**1. Rules for Exhibiting at Barnes & Noble Booksellers** One artist will be featured each month with 12-16 pieces of their art hanging in the Coffee Shop area and hallway.

2. Artist will come on 1st of the month and hang your own art. Management of the store will accompany you. Artist will ask for: Carron S. Fillingim, *Community Relations Manager* Artist will be shown the layout for their art.

3. Artist will be responsible to come on the last day of the month they have been exhibited and remove their art so that the walls will be cleared for the next artist who will come on the following 1st day of the month. Artists may work together to create a smooth transition.

4. Artist is expected to come equipped with at least 15-16 pieces of their art already wired on the back and any hanging equipment they may need. The hanging system will already be on the walls. **Nail may not be placed in the walls.** Bringing extra art is a good idea due to how the art may fit in the area provided.

4. Artist is responsible to have cards filled out with the title, name of artist, and price that will be hung from the painting or photography using tape from the back of frame at the right hand bottom side. These cards will be provided for the artist by RRAA and can be picked up at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales prior to going to Barnes & Noble.

5. Artist will submit a brief biography and description of the collection of art they are displaying by email to Donna Braud for media purposes. Pictures of artist and/or some of your art are requested.

6. Artist will provide a list of Art displayed to the Barnes & Noble management that will have each title and price of the art displayed and include their name and contact info at the bottom of this page. Artist should keep a copy of this list for their own reference and provide a copy to Donna Braud for RRAA to be kept on file at the Art Center.

7. Artist will receive a check for all art that is sold during their month at Barnes & Noble Bookstore from River Region Art Association on the following month of their exhibit. The 20% donation to RRAA will be subtracted from each sale. RRAA will pay all taxes and take care of any process fees. **Taxes of 9% should be included in your price** ...please just round up to an even amount. Example: \$120 is painting price taxes of 9% would be \$10.80.... round up the price to \$131.00.

8. Following your month of exhibit, a thank you note of appreciation for the opportunity should be sent by the Artist to:

Carron S. Fillingim

*Community Relations Manager*

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

7707 Bluebonnet Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70810

**9. This is a privilege for our Artists. NO EXCEPTION TO THESE RULES. IF YOU CANNOT ABIDE BY THESE RULES...DO NOT SIGN UP TO EXHIBIT. You must have an adequate amount of art...it must be framed attractively, it must be wired for hanging, you must have proper cards filled out for each piece of art, and you must have your art up on the first day and down on the last day of your month.**

**10. Neither River Region Art Association or Barnes & Noble Booksellers will be responsible for any damage to hanging art.**