



# River Region Art Association Newsletter

June 2011

From the President,



**ARE YOU MICE OR MEN????????? DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO STEP UP AND STRUT YOUR STUFF? CAN YOU "HANG" WITH THE BIG DOGS?** Hello, Hello!!! Another busy month for River Region Art Association and more to come in June. I am challenging all of you, daring all of you and asking sincerely that each and every member hang or display at least one piece at the art center in Gonzales. I am trying very hard to get us a new location, will be looking at a few in the next few weeks also but if we do not have more interest than I see at this point, I am not sure timing would be right. Please make sure at least one piece of your art is being shown at the Art Center in Gonzales, it is very important and your participation will impact future decisions.

On a serious note, our dear friend **Donna Braud** has been under the weather this month and others have been stepping in for her. She is a serious part of RRAA and has been with the organization since the beginning. She takes care of our advertising, monthly reminders for meetings and Art Gumbo Market, writes the Art Grants for us and is Treasurer of our organization. In other words, she is indispensable to our group! As she gets better, she will take back more responsibilities. In the meantime, please be patient. We are filling in as we can and will continue with her coaching to get things done so she does not fall impossibly behind.

Do not forget Red Hot take-in is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We have volunteers who will be at the Art Center to take your pieces in. Please participate with your best interpretation of HOT! Like, "hey, you are one hot mama!!" or maybe, "it is soooo hot outside", or, "that is hot as a jalapeno" or "I am in hot water again".....you decide but bring it on...let's make this a real competition....like REAL!!!!!!! And do not forget the Red Hot Pot Luck on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m....games prizes and lots and lots of fun things going on that evening.....one of my favorite group evenings and at OUR art center....

I will be personally spending some time at the Art Center in the next few weeks to do some restructuring of the rooms. From now on, all art hanging in the room by the kitchen where classes are taught will have glass in the frames. No student adult or child should be outside the classroom with art materials. We have had two instances where our artists' work has been either damaged or altered in one way or another in less than a month. Come on guys, please treat each other's work with some respect and make sure everyone else that walks through our doors does the same.

Do not forget to be part of CC's coffee, Saturday and Sunday, all or part of the day. The people there are fun to be around. Our mission is accomplished each time one of shows our art, please plan to be there for at least half a day once in a while...it really is worth the time.



Thank you, **Carolyn Milner** for being our Summer Program principal. She has agreed to do another set in mid-July TBA. The classes are running well. We have a great turn out and the plan for mid-summer will include art that was not covered during the first session. More in early July about the new additional program.

If anyone knows of or learns of a place we could possibly rent, on a busy street approximately 1200 – 1500 sq feet, please let someone on the board know or let your members at large know (**Gene Ferguson, Betty Marks, Jan Hebert and Margaret Lee**). We need to move, and we need to get our art spread wherever we can get it.

Last but not least, I would like to personally thank some people who have worked very hard this month, **Sally McConnell** hosted the French group and their sponsors, ended up basically doing most of the prep work. She did have help the day of the cook out, but she did the planning, shopping and took care of the necessary items to get it done the right way. **Carol Pierce** jumped in and helped with the wine pouring. Thank goodness, we needed that help too. The people in our group who hosted a French visitor went over and above by not only having a stranger in their homes, but they took them to interesting places like the Art Center and Sally's back yard. They spread our art to beyond the country...how much better can it get? One person who gets little recognition is **Shirley Russell**, who does our newsletter every month, no small feat to say the least. I look forward to getting my copy each month! Have a great June everyone!

Robin

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RED HOT ART NEEDED



Are you thinking RED...HOT...FIERY??? Although we've said it before, we'll say it again! Get the reds out and bring your RED HOT ART to the Art Center in Gonzales on June 2, 3, or 4 for the RED HOT ART SHOW. Free to enter....you may enter three pieces of art. All categories: Painting, drawings, photography, or three-dimensional art. Just be creative! The show will be judged by People's Choice. All winners will receive RED RIBBONS!

The exhibit will be presented at RED HOT NIGHT at the Art Center on June 24 from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. **Gaynell Moore** will provide RED HOT Music. There will be RED HOT prizes given out. Every member who participates brings a RED or HOT pot luck dish or a fun party food. We guarantee that everyone will have a RED HOT NIGHT! OH! Be sure to wear RED! and bring a friend or two!



NEED MORE ART AT THE CENTER!!!

I've said it before, I'll say it again, "More art!!!! More art!!!!!! We need more art at the Center! We are an ART CENTER. We need old members who do not have a single piece on display to bring in at least one piece! We need new members to bring in at least one piece to display!

It's boring looking at the same old, same old stuff. Time to jazz it up! Summer's here. Come on out!!! If you have something old on display, time to change it OUT! If you don't have anything, time to bring something IN!!!

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### ARTISTS-IN-ACTION

**Peggy Carbo** and a friend have opened a shop called Lagniappe Art and Gifts on Hwy. 16 in French Settlement. She displays her paintings and 3D art work for sale and also has vendors with collectible antiques, vintage items, jewelry, and many other items!

The shop's hours are from 10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. from Monday through Saturday! The shop's number is 698-0900. and Peggy's cell is 315-7109.

So when our members are looking for gifts, let's remember her new venture and give it a try!

**Cy Rawls** is our featured artist of the month at Barnes & Nobles! See our web site for her biography!

If you are an Artist-in-Action, your name should be here! Email me at [starw0man@eatel.net](mailto:starw0man@eatel.net) and tell me what you're up to!!!!!! Give me the who, what, where, and why or how!



Tribute to the one Artist in Action that can't be beat is Donna Braud; always thinking RRAA, always working for RRAA, always leading the way for RRAA! We love you! Get well!



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### ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH

Congratulations to **Monica Landry** our June Artist of the Month...we will have a reception after our general meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> (2:00 p.m.) to honor her accomplishments. Please read our web site to find out just what a talent Monica is!

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NEXT BOARD MEETING, Monday at 6 p.m. June 6 at Art Center

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Art Center