



River Region Art Association Newsletter

March 2010

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPECIALTIES

Dawn Broussard.....Photography and Drawing

Monica Landry....Fabric art, quilting, Jewelry

Julie Morgan....Photography

Jo Ann Mobley....Oil painting and photography

Carol Pierce....Literary Art/Writer

Susan Rodrigue.....Functional Pottery

OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

Our art has been changed out at Community Coffee by **Donna Braud** and **Jan Hebert**. River Region Art Association now has a display of photography there. The artists featured are: **Mimi Fowler, Martha Robert, Kitty Kuhnert, John Robbins, Josie Young, Michael Bianchetti, and Dawn Broussard**. Their photography will remain on display until after Easter.

The art display at the South Louisiana Business Bank on Hwy 42 in Prairieville was also changed out. The photographers featured there are: **Michael Bianchetti, Donna Smith, Dawn Broussard, Gene Ferguson, Kitty Kuhnert, John Robbins, Josie Young, and Mimi Fowler**.

Thanks to all those who brought their art to the Art Center for these displays. We are looking good!



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Ruth Bigham Bivins grew up in Texas. She was born in Corpus Christi, lived in Cuero from age 8 to 15, then her family returned to Corpus Christi. Ruth attended Austin College at Sherman, Texas. She married and moved to Louisiana.

After graduating from Nicholls State University, she began teaching school in Galliano, La., on Bayou Lafourche. Being blessed with four sons, she left teaching and spent her time with her sons Tyler, Kyle, Darryl and Dwayne. Returning to teaching, she taught remedial reading, first grade and kindergarten, and retired in 1995 after teaching for 25 years.

From her early years, Ruth doodled and drew, made families from clay, enjoyed the beauty of God's world, especially looking and feeling the softness of animals and flowers. After her children had grown up and left home, she returned to sketching and painting with oil. Her art world has grown to include pastels, watercolors and acrylics.

Ruth has enjoyed being a member of River Region Art Association, with its variety of talented artists in many areas of art. She says it is an honor for her to be selected Artist of the Month.



Youth Summer Workshops at RRAA

Before you know it school will be out and summer sunshine will be beating down on us! Now is the time to plan those creative summer activities for the kids. River Region Art Association will present two workshop sessions in June. Pass this information along to your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.

Students 8-12 may choose from these classes:

Acrylic Painting ... **Mary Crochet**, Instructor June 7-10 or June 14-17

Basic Drawing...**Carolyn Milner**, Instructor June 7-10 or June 14-17

Photography...**Donna Smith**, Instructor June 7-10 or June 14-17

Three Dimensional Art...**Terry Farrell**, Instructor June 7-10 only

For 6 & 7 year olds there will be a Multimedia class with **Vicki Durfey**, Instructor. Classes will be June 7 -10 and June 14-17.

These workshops will run Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. - Noon. Ten students per class...first come first serve. Class fee is \$45 with all supplies furnished. Registration begins March 13.

For ages 13-17 there will be a Teen Writer's Camp on how to publish your ideas with instructor, **Carol Pierce**. This class for future authors will be on June 11 from 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$60 which includes a copy of Wanna Self Publish, the text used for the program.



FOOD! GLORIOUS FOOD!

Reminder for all artists: Get your artworks ready for the "Food ! Glorious Food!" Art show coming up at the Tanger Outlet Mall March 27. Great Prizes! Adults may submit up to 3 FREE entries in any of these categories: painting, drawing, photography, and three-dimensional art. Youth 17 and under may enter paintings and drawings only. Take in at River Region Art Center March 25 & 26 only from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Don't miss this one...just remember FOOD is the subject...you don't have to cook it....just create it in your art!



WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Discover how to write so people will want to keep reading at the "Spring Forward with Your Writing" workshop at River Region Art Center on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m.-noon. Class fee is \$45. Instructor is **Carol Pierce**, author, publishing consultant, and professional editor.

ARTISTS-IN-ACTION

THANKS to **L.J. Mayers** for designing and building the new stand for three-dimensional art in the Houmas House Gallery. It looks great and makes a nice display for a lot of art.

THANKS to **Ronnie Nettles** who volunteered to be the sign coordinator for Art Gumbo Market each third Saturday of the month.

THANKS to **Jan Hebert** for designing the new RRAA business cards and the Membership handbook. If you want any business cards to give out they will be available at both the Art Center and the Art Gallery at Houmas House.

THANKS to **Anne Thigpen** for volunteering to make the winners certificates using calligraphy for the Click Art Winners.

THANKS to **Carolyn Milner** for volunteering to be the Houmas House Gallery Coordinator. She will be keeping things in order there.



RRAA AND THE BOY SCOUTS

The February speaker at the Membership meeting was David Breaux from the Boy Scouts of America. RRAA has formed a relationship with the Scouts. We will help at their October 23 Centennial celebration at Camp Avondale in Clinton, and they will help us at Awesome Art. They are asking us to donate some Boy Scout related art for their silent auction. I hope some of you will want to participate in some way. There is an unbelievable list of events and people who will be at the celebration. This can only be a good thing for us. By working with the kids, we will also meet lots of parents. We will also help the Scouts earn their art merit badges by providing demonstrations, workshops, etc. for them.

ART CENTER BULLETIN BOARD

There is a bulletin board at the Center now. Please drop by and check it out when you can. There is a list of Scouting links and ideas, as well as other things you might need to see. If you have something to leave for another member, you can stick it on the bulletin board.

All the magazines on the top shelf of the library bookcase will be thrown away. Please feel free to take any that you want.

MARCH SPEAKER AT NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

River Region Art Association Membership meeting will be March 14 at 2 p.m. at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales. President Betty Marks will discuss a busy spring for the arts. The RRAA Artist of the Month will be chosen.

Guest speaker for the day will be Rod Talbot from the Shreveport Art Club who will introduce Art Trading Cards to the RRAA members. These are little masterpieces only 2 1/2 " by 3 1/2". Come learn about this new craze in the art world.

Rod formerly lived in Gonzales and was the first president of the Gonzales Art Guild. He helped organize the first Jambalaya Art Festival in Gonzales. Rod earned a BFA in Design from LSU and refers to his artworks as Black and White with a touch of color! He creates with scratchboard, pen and ink, color pencils, and watercolors. Rod will also explain his interesting art method. This meeting is open to the public.

**THE MARCH BOARD MEETING WAS MONDAY, MARCH 1, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE ART CENTER
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