



# River Region Art Association Newsletter

September 2011

## From the President's Desk

Hello ! Everything is coming either to an end or to a beginning for us and it is all so exciting!

- We are starting a new relationship with our City and Parish governments, they want to help us fulfill our mission!!!
- We have found a home for Awesome Art on the Bayou, it can do nothing but get bigger and better
- We have so many new members, each one comes to us with a special talent (or two or three or ten) that will enhance our mission.
- We will be leaving our Magnolia location, that wonderful setting and great building...all in the wrong place for us.
- We have a new and improved scarecrow contest this year, they will be seen by anyone who travels on Irma Road.
- We will elect a new board of directors in November (which means I need a Nominating Committee this month)
- We will be moving into our new Art Center location ending our being cloistered in our little Magnolia corner and starting great exposure!

I could go on and on and on but really wanted to say how happy and grateful I am for all the help and cooperation everyone is providing to make Awesome Art, the Scarecrow Contest and the move, all these things are pending and hanging over us now. Soon they will be behind us and we will move on as if none of this took a bit of effort, we all know that is not the case.

I almost feel guilty asking now because of all the help we have received but I must ask first of all if there is anyone in our organization who knows an attorney who would review our new lease for us as a donation?

I would like a couple of fresh ideas from you also. Any suggestions on something we can install outside the windows at our new location that will block the sun from hitting them at all? If we can keep the sun off of those windows somehow, we can probably save our selves a lot of utility money. Also, let's come up with some new group offerings for our new location, we could have a mid-month art gumbo market but I was thinking more along the lines of maybe a Saturday Story Telling Day for Children and maybe one for Adults also. What do you think about starting to do our trunk shows again on Friday evenings? How about a one day edible art contest (I volunteer to judge!!!)?

This month I would like to thank Mary Crochet for being such a great help to me. Mary helps with everything from planning to stamping envelopes, she is as active as she can possibly be. Mary is a long time member and I appreciate her very much.

Our artist of the month this month is Nora Scarborough, we are looking forward to seeing her pieces at Houmas House and also at the art center. We are going to skip October and November Artist of the month because of our move, Awesome Art and all the confusion that goes with it.

Please schedule yourselves to be in or around the area in mid-November, we are going to have a big ribbon cutting ceremony, the city officials have been invited along with numerous other well known Gonzales citizens (which includes each of you). I am so excited about the move and all the positive things we will gain from it for our organization so we can continue our mission in larger and larger ways.

...if you have one hour, ten minutes, please contact Donna to volunteer to help. Thank you all!!!!

**Robin**



## EARLY IN THE MORNIN'

We have our very own TV celebrity! **Donna Braud** went on "The Around Town Show" and taped a short interview for the **Scarecrow Contest**. How many of us would be brave enough to do that in front of the whole world??? I bet she was there before the chickens were up!



She has done this for us before. Donna is the best! Thank you, Donna!



## LAST REMINDER FOR SCARECROW CONTEST

Don't forget September 9 is the deadline for the Scarecrow entry form and fee. The form and rules are online at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) or at the Art Center. Judges for the Scarecrows will be Scott Rogers of "The Around Town Show" and Jenny Heroman of Eatel Community Connection. Your scarecrow will need to be ready to erect in Gonzales on September 24 and 25.



## AWESOME ART on the BAYOU

We hope you will enter your art work in the Awesome Art Show which will be displayed in the Gonzales City Hall for show and sale on October 8 and 9 during the **Awesome Art on the Bayou Arts & Cultural Festival**.

**Take in** for the art competition will be Thursday, October 6 from noon until 7 p.m. at the City Hall. Judging will take place on Friday, October 7 and awards will be given on Sunday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m. **\$1600 in prize money** will be awarded. Each person is **allowed three entries for each division**: painting, drawing, photography, and three-dimensional art. Entry fee is three for \$25 or \$9 for one.

There will also be **separate youth divisions** for 12 to 17 year olds and 11 year olds and under in both drawing and painting. Let your children and grandchildren know about the competition. There will be a lot of people viewing the show, so plan to enter and promote your art.



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

**Nora Scarbrough** has been chosen Artist of the Month at River Region Art Association for September. Her work will be displayed at the Houmas House Gallery and at the River Region Art Center in Gonzales.

Nora began drawing at age six, enlarging cartoons from the newspaper. By age ten she was drawing people and landscapes. Continuing to enjoy art through the years, she began taking lessons in oils and painted and sold her work in New Orleans on Jackson Square. She has studied under well-known local artists as well as out of state art instructors, in oils, charcoal, watercolor, acrylics, and pastels.

After retiring from 40 years of nursing, she began teaching art in all mediums with her workshops. She is now known for her black and white portraits in graphite pencils, charcoal, and carbon. As a recognized artist, Nora hangs her paintings in local shows and businesses. She is certified to teach in Frank Clarke watercolor. Nora presently is a member of the Louisiana Art and Artist Guild in Baton Rouge and the River Region Art Association in Gonzales. Her paintings also hang at Ochsner Health Center three months each year.

A reception will be held in Nora's honor following the River Region Art Association Meeting on Sunday, September 11. Come and meet the artist and see her work.



## INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR CLASS with Louise Hansen

**Louise Hansen** will teach an intermediate watercolor class on Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a lunch break (brown bag). Her focus will be on demonstration techniques of how to use textures, glazes and layers.

Louise will teach you how to add dimension to your watercolor paintings by exploring the use of "textures" using traditional methods with granulating paints. Learn how "glazing" and "layering" can enrich colors and your backgrounds recede.

The fee is \$50. If you plan to pay the day of class, plan to arrive 15 minutes early to take care of the payment, please. For questions, email Louise at [lhansen55@bellsouth.net](mailto:lhansen55@bellsouth.net)

The subject will be provided. Questions are welcomed. The supplies you will need are:

### Supply List for Watercolor Class

#### Paint

Whatever colors you have on hand will work.

I prefer to paint with Daniel Smith, Rembrandt, and Winsor & Newton brand paints.

You may also use Da Vinci, Holbein or American Journey, Whatever your brand, they should be artist or professional grade. No student grade.

Bring your favorites in these colors:

Yellow

Red

Blue

Green

Add some earthy colors such as umbers and siennas and any of your other favorites.

If you have any of Daniel Smith's granulating paints, bring them.

### **Paper**

Bring #140 or #300 Arches Cold Press paper. A half sheet should be enough, but bring one or two scrap pieces to test on.

### **Brushes**

Bring your favorite rounds and flats, medium size to your largest sizes. My most used brush is a round #8.

### **Other things you will need**

Plastic pallet, large one with big mixing area works best.

Paper towels or tissues

An old terrycloth rag or small towel

Large container for water

Pencil and erasure

A board about 12x15 (Masonite or **thick** foamboard work well). Artists tape or masking tape if you like to anchor your paper.

I will provide the subject for your painting. It will be drawn out and can be transferred on a light table or with transfer paper. It will be about one quarter sheet size.

Most supplies can be found at Michael's, Hobby Lobby or the Coop Book Store on Burbank in Baton Rouge. Dixie Art Supply in New Orleans.



## **Photography Class for Adults**

**Helen Haw** and **Donna Smith** will team up to teach a photo class for adults Saturday, September 10th. Attendees will meet at the art center the day of class for 9 a.m. and will caravan to Houmas House where the class will take place. The class fee is paid at the Art Center on the first day of class. The fee is \$75 and a \$10 entrance fee to Houmas House. The class will be from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you plan to pay on the day of class, please arrive 15 minutes early to take care of the payment.

Attendees should bring an extra camera battery and an extra memory card just in case they'll need one for the day. A brown bag lunch is suggested...Contact Donna Smith at [Djs61@cox.net](mailto:Djs61@cox.net) with any questions.



## BARNES & NOBLE

Remember that Barnes and Noble will no longer show our work. See the August Newsletter for details.



## SALES

August sales were slow and low. This is usually the slowest month for sales annually due to HOT weather and school starting back up. Top selling artist was **Monica Landry** with **Carolyn Bowman** running in second place. **Josie Young** follows next in third place for sales. Other artists enjoying sales this very HOT month are: **Jana Livorsi; Kenneth Taylor; Kathleen Kuhnert; Jan Hebert; Mary Demarest; Betty Marks; Shirley Schell; Donna Marie Montagino; Diane Tygier; and Sally Mc Connell.**



## CC's in Prairieville

As you know, the management of CC's has issued a standing invitation to our members to come to the CC's location in Prairieville on any Saturday or Sunday to display, demonstrate and sell their artwork to CC's customers.

Artists set up a table in the sitting area (to the left as you walk in) and stay from 2-4 hours mornings or afternoons, your choice. Please display your name and that you are representing River Region Art Association.

The management and employees of CC's are welcoming and helpful. If you are doing this for the first time and are a bit apprehensive **Cy Rawls** will be happy to meet you at the coffeehouse and help you set up.

E-mail or call her at 622-2872 if you would like to participate in this opportunity to showcase your artwork to the public. She will reserve you a time and answer your questions.

Dates that are available in September are: September 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25.

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**ART GUMBO MARKET, Saturday, September 17 at Houmas House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, September 11, 2011, 2 p.m. Art Center**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, October 3, 2011, 6 p.m. Art Center**