



# River Region Art Association Newsletter

## January 2010



### From the Editor's Desk

**Annual River Region Art Association DUES for 2010 are due by Feb 1.** Dues remain the same as last year....Individuals pay \$40...and \$20 for an additional family member. Youth (17 and under) dues are \$20 annually. Please fill out enclosed form with all updated information and mail or bring to the Art Center in Gonzales at 1835 N. Magnolia Ave. The new updated roster will be published in February and mailed out with the March newsletter.

**Our Annual Opening Membership meeting for River Region artists will be on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Art Center in Gonzales.** We will be announcing the Art Calendar for 2010 and choosing Artist-of-the-Month for February from among the members whose dues are paid for the new year. We sincerely hope you will join us in beginning an exciting "new year of art."

Our guest speaker will be Carol Pierce, success coach, author, publishing consultant, and professional editor, who will provide the motivation to get us all going forward into 2010. She will discuss how we can all jump into the new year to find peace and happiness in our lives, business endeavors, and art experiences. Carol will provide a little spark to get our imaginations active and alive in the New Year.



### CHRISTMAS PARTY NOTES AND THANK YOUs!

The following people were winners for the Christmas Party door prizes: **Jan Hebert, Sherrilyn Sabo, Elaine Champagne, Deborah Bianchetti, Betty Marks, and Roger Tygier.**

The Christmas Party itself was a smashing success! The production was larger than ever before, more lavish than ever before, better attended than ever before! And for this, we have **Donna Braud, Elaine Champagne, Mary Crochet, and Jan Hebert,** to thank because they were the ones who did all the preparation.

Members came and went, some staying longer than others and crowding together in small groups to share conversation. All enjoyed the festive food and atmosphere. The amount of delicious and colorful food was astonishing. Many new members were present as well as established members. Our own **Gaynell Moore** played Christmas carols as we sang near the Christmas tree. The tables were gaily decorated with red tablecloths and covered with generous amounts of food, most of it homemade and ummm uuumm good!!

We thank **John Robbins** our photographer, assisted by **D.J. Smith,** for graciously taking pictures of the event for our scrapbook. We thank all those who contributed to decorating and bringing food for our party. Many of the members brought presents to be exchanged and the sounds of ooohs and aaahs could be heard when gifts were opened.



## CLICK ART COMPETITION

Find your best photos and frame them with wire on the back for hanging and enter the Click Art competition. Photographs can be color, black and white, or digitally enhanced prints. Smallest size is 5x7 and largest will be 16x20. All ages are welcome to enter....no entry fee....three pieces limit per person...art must be framed and ready for hanging...no exceptions.

Take in for the photography will be January 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. each day at the River Region Community Art Center located at 1835 N. Magnolia Ave. in Gonzales.

The show will be judged and ribbons awarded for both adult and youth in three categories: black and white; color; and digitally enhanced. Winners will be published online at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) and reported to the media for publication. Winners will be announced at a 2 p.m. reception for all photographers and their families on January 30 at the River Region Art Center. Call 225-328-7354 for information.



## SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A BOOK?

Who hasn't said, "I should write a book about that!" Now is the time to make your New Year's resolutions for 2010! River Region Art Association is offering the opportunity for you to cross this one off your list by attending an informative seminar on January 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the River Region Community Art Center in Gonzales. The workshop is entitled, "From Everyday Person to Amazing Author." Carol Pierce, author of Jump Now, Look Later: New Ways to Beat Your Fears, and Wanna Self-Publish? will address the needs of the wanna-be writer.

Carol wears several hats as success coach, publishing consultant, and professional editor. She holds a Master's Degree of Education + over 30 years of experience teaching English and being a school librarian. This widely recognized Louisiana-based, self-publishing expert shares specific examples of why more and more frustrated writers need help to keep from taking the wrong route to publishing which may cost them thousands of dollars and tons of unnecessary frustration. Also in the motivational workshop, there will be actual examples of what to do and what not to do with your own book. In addition, your own individual questions about publishing will be answered. Fee for this "limited seating" workshop is \$45 paid in advance. Your place can be reserved by calling 225-328-7354 or emailing [donnadidit@cox.net](mailto:donnadidit@cox.net).

## ARTISTS IN ACTION

**Donna Braud** represented RRAA as a judge for the Ascension Chamber Christmas Parade in Gonzales on Dec 13.

**Jan Hebert** displayed River Region art at the Library for the annual Christmas Caroling event in December. The art will remain on exhibit until the end of the year.

**Carolyn Bowman** baked and decorated a gingerbread Houmas House, and her granddaughter took it to her school for the children to eat!

Please let the newsletter editor know if you're up to something! Call **Shirley Russell** at 647-6940 or Email me at [starwOman@eatel.net](mailto:starwOman@eatel.net)