



Club Newsletter

Next General Meeting, Thursday, 02/26/09

- **6:30-7:00 Critiques, Advice, Social Time**
Bring a painting and get valuable feed back from other artists or just relax and visit with friends.
- **7:00-7:30 General Meeting**
- **7:30-9:00 Guest Artist Demonstration by:**
[Bruce Williamson](#)

LOCATION:
South County Community Center; 2235 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands
[MAP](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Avie Urch is our first Featured Artist to be honored at one of our library shows. We will be making a special presentation to her at our meeting on Thursday the 26th. Please come and help us make this occasion a memorable one for her!

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Canadian born Avonell Gilliland Urch, known as Avie has been an active artist for over 50 years. Because of her great love for people and this beautiful earth, she has traveled the world over in search for artistic material. She creates some paintings on-site, but prefers to take photographs and create paintings from them later. Her rice paper collages and watercolors are represented in private collections in many countries of the world.



Spring Judged Art Show, Mar 28th

Our next Judged show will be on Mar. 28th at the South County Community Center. Preregistration is required. Our website has applications you can download along with directions. You can also contact Terri Harris and she can mail you an application if needed or some will be available at the February General Meeting. Terri Harris 936-273-3072 or harrisbear@consolidated.net

[Click here for more info & downloadable forms](#)

[Jerry's Artarama](#)-Houston remains an excellent friend to our league. George Rodriguez, manager is again supplying all of the scratchboard and matting for Flora and Fauna. This will be our second installation of our highly successful children's project to take place during WWAFF.

[More Info Here](#)

Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival

We are once again thrilled to be a charity partner of the Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival, Apr 4th-5th. There are plenty of ways for you to become involved and to help us reach our goal of:
400 Volunteer Hours!

You can participate in:

- Live Portrait Painting Sessions
- Children's Program Activities
- Building and Launching a Float-Theme—*Outer Space*
- General Volunteers

[How you can help here.](#)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✓ John & Elaine Western
Feb 15th -35 Years of Marriage
- ✓ Sarah Kitagawa- March 7

Call for Still Life Artists

Terri Harris is looking for artists who would be interested in a still life group. The group won't paint together, but we will look for a "common object" for each artist to come up with one or several paintings (or sculptures?). This is a long term project and we hope to have a show in May of 2010. All mediums are welcomed and encouraged...even abstract artists are invited. We will probably meet a few times to discuss an object we can all agree upon and work out a time schedule for each artist to have "the object." If interested please contact, Terri Harris at 936-273-3021 or harrisbear@consolidated.net

For Sale or Items Needed

[Leila Christoffel](#) has a 3" solid oak frame for picture size 29 x 21 with plexiglass & hardware for sale. \$20 or best offer.

Needed for float project:

Two mannequins
Two easels
Old Paintbrushes
(Items do not have to be in good condition.)
[See our sketch here](#)
Contact: [Theresa](#)

Susan Hotard's Workshop Pictures

Held January 26-27th

Gallery Showings & Fine Art Fairs

[Sarah Kitagawa](#) will be in *Flora and Fauna* at [Galleria Lazarra](#), opening March 10-April 6th. All are welcome at the Artist Reception March 12th, 7-10 PM.

[Donna Sarafis](#) has been accepted into the juried show La Villita Fine Arts Festival in San Antonio to be held the first weekend in April. She will also be the featured artist in a wonderful little store in LaGrange as they celebrate their 5th anniversary the first week in March. Donna and John's studio is located north of Huntsville and they offer several classes. Let's welcome our new members of WAL. Please visit their website.

[Dancing Light Fused Glass](#)

Creative Framing & Mirrors Art Gallery will be hosting a "Night with the Artists" Feb 20th & 21st from 5-9pm. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Located 1/2 mile west of Hwy 249 in strip center next to Lakewood Methodist Church.
11410 Louetta Ste. B, Houston, TX 77070, 281-257-5410

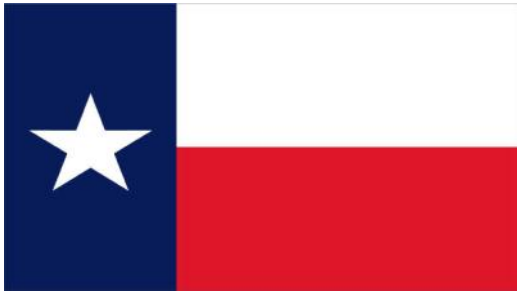


The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, which is quite near us, now features an amazing exhibit of Seventeenth Century European painters called "State of Grace" until March 29th. Original oil paintings by artists such as Rubens, Batoni, Poussin and Steen are included. The recently built art museum is located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring. That's less than two miles west of Kuykendahl....not far from The Woodlands. For more info go to www.pearlmfa.org.

Michael Dorigny, French 1616-1665

Upcoming Events

- Young Art Explorers Workshop
Exploring Native American Art &
Ceremony Mar 7-Mitchell Library [Info](#)
- South County Library Show-April 6-30
[Info](#)
- Teen Show sponsored by the South
County Library, will be held during the
month of April. WAL gives a \$50
award in honor of Naomi Waddell.
Contact "Natasha" at the South Branch
Library for more info.
- The 2009 Lone Star Art Guild Conven-
tion will be held May 8-9 in The Brazos
Center in Bryan, TX [Info](#)



Art, Wine and Food Festival TEXAS STYLE

March 7 — 8
Old Town Spring

Volunteers are needed
[Click here for more](#)



Call for Artists

Conroe Art Bench Project — Phase II

Contact Maggie Gutierrez
ggutmarina@aol.com or 936-582-7791

[Info](#)

Acorn to Oaks is looking for artists right now to donate work for a silent auction which will benefit our charity, Acorn to Oaks, and the Woodlands charity, Interfaith of the Woodlands. The spring luncheon will be held on the 13th of March and the deadline for entry is quickly approaching. If interested, go to www.acorntooaks.org.

Lone Star Art Guild 2009-2010 Yearbook Contest

Each league may submit two entries either, a front and back cover entry, or two front cover entries, or two back cover entries. Each entry should be black and white and "copy ready". The entry size is 8"H x5"W. For front cover entries, try to have "Lone Star Art Guild" and "2009-2010" somewhere in the design. The design itself must be an artwork drawn by the artist and **not "computer aided"**. The exception to this is the lettering which may be done using a computer. Two Xerox copies should accompany the artwork to demonstrate how "camera ready" the artwork is. Try not to include all the member league names on the cover. [Sample](#)

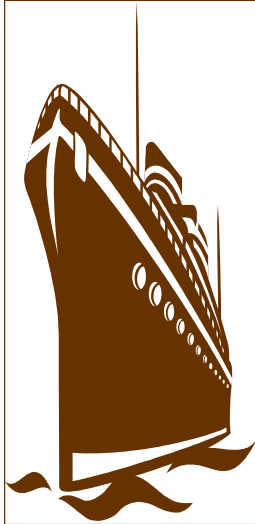
The deadline for entry is our general meeting on March 26th. As a group we will vote on the best two covers to submit to LSAG from WAL.

“As human beings,
our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world...
...As in being able to remake ourselves.” –Mahatma

Be a part of a growing, changing and BUSY group of artists!
We have several projects you might be interested in with plans for even more! If you have some ideas on how the Woodlands Art League can better serve its artists and the community...

We want to hear from you!

Notes from Abroad!



I am a member of WAL but am out-of-country now and cannot attend meetings. I am on a six-week, self-guided art tour of Italy, mainly focusing on art in the cities of Florence and Rome. In Florence I am studying frescoes and the preservation of same. I will also have some small watercolor works to share, though they pale by comparison to the many fine works here. If anyone has advice or recommendations, please send them to me at thebeenebag@yahoo.com soon, as I plan to be leaving for Greece soon to see the great artworks in Athens
—Janice Blechl Beene

My name is Elaine Western. People in WAL know me as Doris, but I use my middle name now. I am a member of WAL but have been living in Saudi Arabia for 18 months with my husband who is working here temporarily. We still have a house in The Woodlands. My husband John and I will be

celebrating our 35th anniversary Feb. 15th!

I want to let everyone know that I am having a great time here. I am getting to travel. (Paris, Rome, Egypt so far) Last spring I did a solo art show and I won awards in a judged show. I am in the process of completing 10 paintings and commissioned portraits for an upcoming fine art show. I also teach classes in the Venetian and Flemish methods of oil painting to employees and wives of the company my husband works for, Saudi Aramco. My students are British, Saudi, and American. What an experience I am having! My e-mail is still the same, doriswestern@gmail.com but call me Elaine now.

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