



# WOODLANDS ART LEAGUE



## Club Newsletter

### Next General Meeting, Thursday, 04/23/09

- **6:30-7:00 Critiques, Advice, Social Time**  
Bring a painting and get valuable feedback from other artists or just relax and visit with friends.
- **7:00-7:30 General Meeting**
- **7:30-9:00 Guest Artist Demonstration**  
by: **Cheng Lian—Oil Portraits**

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

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The Woodlands Art League is proud to name **Alice Widmier** as the *featured artist* in the April, 2009, Library Show. Her work may be viewed at the South County Library until the end of April. We will be making a special presentation to her at our meeting on Thursday the 23rd.

When Alice Widmier moved to The Woodlands sixteen years ago, she became a member of the Woodlands Art League. She has served WAL through her loyalty and work, holding offices and serving on many committees.

Majoring in Advertising in college, she worked for an advertising agency in New York City. Before moving to The Woodlands, Alice and her family resided in Norway nine years. There, she learned Norwegian rosemaling, which means "the painting of roses".

Rosemaling is an oil painting technique used to decorate wooden items such as bowls, trays, trunks, and furniture. It involves twisting brush strokes which create intricate swirls and designs. Alice has studied with several artists, learning a variety of painting techniques using oils and watercolors. Wall paintings and painting on roofing tiles is a special interest of hers. She has received many ribbons using these talents.



## Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival

First reports of paid attendance for the two days of the festival--despite the strong winds, threatening skies and competing events indicate WWAF had its best paid attendance in its four year history!

The Woodlands Art League set a goal of 400 volunteer hours but was able to provide **500+ hours** over the two days of the festival! Congratulations to everyone and a huge THANK YOU goes out to our members, and the volunteers from the Conroe Art League, Tomball Art League and North West Art League who came out and supported their sister league!

Updates and new pictures will be added as they are received. But in the meantime, let us all take a few minutes to enjoy our accomplishment and fondly remember the time we spent with each other and our new friends from our sister leagues in surpassing our goal and for being a part of one of the nation's highest rated arts festival--the Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival!

[Pictures Here.](#)

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✓ **Allan Boase**-70 years young on May 5th.
- ✓ **Theresa Thornhill**-May 6th
- ✓ **Elaine Western**-May 26th

*Deepest Sympathies go out to Annie Walker for the loss of her mother on April 15th. Our thoughts are with her and her family during this difficult time.*

[Jerry's Artarama](#)-Houston remains an excellent friend to our league. Please visit them for all of your art related needs.

# Spring Judged Art Show Results

A list of winner's names has been posted to our website. Congratulations to them all!

[More details here.](#)

## 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](mailto:harrisbear@consolidated.net)

## Workshops



LIZ HILL will be teaching a 4 week class at the Watercolor Society, starting June 4th. Details are available on her website, [Liz Hill Art](#)

JUDY CROWE and is holding several workshops in our area. More information can be found at her website, [www.judycrowe.com](http://www.judycrowe.com) along with contact info. for each workshop.

- Workshop for HCAA in Bellaire  
June 16-18
- Workshop with The Bunkhouse, Cypress Mill Texas  
October 13-15
- Workshop, Brownwood Art Association, Brownwood Texas  
November 14-15

Judy will be WAL's guest demonstration artist in August.

## "Art Around the WAL"—The Woodlands Art League's BLOG

Don't forget to visit our BLOG. It is updated several times a week with information on upcoming events, workshops, judged shows and much more! Go to: [woodlandsartleague.org](http://woodlandsartleague.org) and then click on BLOG.

Here are the categories of announcements included on our BLOG.

- [Art Classes/Workshops](#)
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I say that the art of sculpture is eight times as great as any other art based on drawing, because a statue has eight views and they must all be equally good. —*Benvenuto Cellini*

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!**

Contact any [officer](#) with your ideas or suggestions.

Susan Hotard and Annie Walker will be attending the Portrait Society of America's, "The Art of the Portrait" conference in Washington, DC beginning on Thursday the 23rd. If you would like more information, please visit the [Portrait Society of America](#).

## Upcoming Events

The 2009 Lone Star Art Guild Convention will be held May 8-9 in The Brazos Center in Bryan, TX [Info](#)

**Acorn To Oaks** will be at the Market Street Fine Arts Festival, April 25th. Please stop by to see what they are all about. Click the link below for more information. [Acorntoaks.org](http://Acorntoaks.org)

## Call for Artists

CRIGHTON PLAYERS  
2009-2010 Cover Art Contest  
Schedule for Submissions

The goal of this contest is to further cooperation between various art disciplines and to provide local artists the opportunity to combine with the Crighton Players in promotion of the arts in the Conroe area.

Submissions must convey something about the theme of the play it represents. Winners will receive two free tickets to the play (on a date to be specified later) as well as the opportunity to have a show, during the run of the play, at which time art work can be sold, if artist desires.

[More details on our blog.](#)

## Gallery Showings & Fine Art Fairs

Susan Hotard was juried into the [Richeson 75 Small Works](#), art show at the Richeson Art School in Wisconsin. You may view the 2009 exhibit online. Her painting is a still life in oil of heliopsis, orange slices, and knife.

The Ann Marie Hopkins Art Alliance will be sponsoring an art auction and raffle on Thursday night, May 21st in the front lobby of the high school. The event will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm. Artwork and other great gift items will be available. Please contact [www.twhsart.com](http://www.twhsart.com) for more information.

Fred Hulser, a WAL board member, has a painting show in the Salon International 2009 show at the Greenhouse Gallery in San Antonio. Entries from artists in 43 states and 16 countries were judged in the competition by Daniel Greene. An exhibit of the 348 selected oil paintings will be on exhibit until May 1. For details click on [www.GreenhouseGallery.com](http://www.GreenhouseGallery.com). Other artists include: Ron Rencher, Carlene Reeves, Heidi Moran, William Sneider, & Timothy Tyler.

Donna and John Sarafis of [Dancing Light Fused Glass](#) reported that while at the LaVillita Arts Festival in San Antonio, they were invited to be in a gallery on the River Walk named Eclectic. They are so excited about the opportunity and hope you can visit them there.

[Melinda Patrick](#) has been accepted in the Live Oak Art Center juried show in Columbus, TX. Artist reception is May 16 from 4-6pm at 1014 Milam.

[Carolyn Pells](#) is a painter and multimedia international artist, with 20 plus years of artistic experience. She was described by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Edward Seaga, as "a Designer and Artist who possesses imagination, sensitivity and an instinct for portrayal of her subject". Carolyn is represented by The Morgan Gallery, Galleria Plaza, & Grand Cayman.

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