

TVAA ART SHOWS

All Media Juried TVAA 2007 National Exhibition

May 19-July 8

Over \$4000 in awards

- * **Slide Deadline:** March 21
- * **Location:** Irving Arts Center, Irving TX
- * **Juror:** Andrea Karnes, the curator of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Show chairs: Betsy Romeo and David Blow. Open to all living artists 17 and over residing in the U.S. Work must have been completed within the last two years & not exhibited in a Dallas area juried exhibition in 2006 or 2007. Non-Members: \$12 per entry, maximum of 4 entries. TVAA Members: 3 entries for \$30, 4 for \$35. To download a prospectus visit www.tvaa.org or send a SASE to: TVAA National 2007, PO Box 140003, Irving, TX 75014-0003. No over-sized envelopes. **Questions?** Contact Betsy Romeo, everistrome@juno.com or see our ads in *ARTnews* and *The Artist's Magazine*.



Membership Show

May 5-19

Over \$1500 in cash and merchandise awards

Deliver art: May 5, 10 am-12 pm

Location: Lobby of Building A, Medical City, 7777 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75230

Juror: Mary Tomas, Gallery Director for AL-SO Gallery in Dallas.

Each member may enter one work for \$15.

Reception and Awards Ceremony:

May 19, 2 pm-4 pm.

Show chairs: Elisabeth Olsen, 972-283-4584, eschalij@sbcglobal.net and Linda Benningfield, Lindia1@hotmail.com

Citation 2007 Juried Art Show

October 12-November 10

Location: the ArtCentre of Plano

Juror: Pamela Nelson, Dallas painter and public artist

Show chair: Elizabeth Padgett

Entries will be by slides. We will not have to sit with the show since there is gallery staff so that is a real plus! So artists, get to work! More information to come.

TVAA Downtown Gallery

see page 2 for details on the many shows

From The President

Dear Members,

Happy Birthday! The Texas Visual Arts Association is celebrating 60 years of operations. There are lots of exciting changes happening within the TVAA. We have more shows, social events and volunteer opportunities to network with other artists. The Board has been busy working to become more mainstream by using the latest in technology. We are also working on ways to improve communication with our members.

I know some of you have probably been wondering, "Where has my newsletter been?" Well, we have been going through some major transitions to better serve you. Those of you who are connected to the Internet, with current e-mail addresses should have been receiving our NEW *BrushStrokes Online* for several months now. It's been providing members with timely news and information on opportunities for exhibitions. Our goal has been to keep everyone updated on the latest information without the expense incurred through conventional printing. Thanks to member Beth VanDeventer, *BrushStrokes Online* editor and tvaa.org webmaster, we have seen great success using this e-mailed mode of communication. Those of you who do not have access to computers will continue to receive a printed newsletter four times a year. I believe this has been a positive step forward to save money. We will continue to notify the members by special mailings of upcoming events that will take place at the *TVAA Downtown Gallery*, located on the street level of the Plaza of the Americas.

Remember, our website www.tvaa.org is a fabulous resource for up to date materials. You will find images from past events, prospectus for upcoming shows, and general information about our organization.

Surveys have been sent out to members asking questions about their demographics and satisfaction with the organization. Please take time to fill out these forms. We are in the process of applying for Grants and your information is a needed element for eligibility.

I want to thank all the members who have devoted numerous hours of their time to help with the TVAA gallery, website, newsletter, membership, High School Show, National Show, Citation Show, and all the exhibitions that have taken place the past nine months. Without your time and dedication these events would not be possible.

I hope everyone is busy making art. I look forward to seeing each of you at an event in the near future.

Sincerely,
Brenda McKinney
President



CITATION 2006

With 220 art entries and 43 pieces selected, Citation 2006 was described by Juror Mark Smith as "a bit quirky and has a kind of soulfulness that stands apart from the pack ... I was struck by the determination of many of the



artists to wrestle with ideas, images, and art-making in a way that seems fearless. Thank you for your creative self expression."

far left: Best of Show went to a Jackie MacLelland for "A Bird in Hand," a monotype.

left: The Rowena Elkin Award went to Jean McComas for "More than Abel," an etching.

Plein Air Painting Plein Air in North Texas (PAINT) would like to invite TVAA members to join their paint-outs. The group meets on the weekends to paint the scenery in the local parks and natural areas in North Texas. Contact: Lori at lori@loricusick.com.

TVAA Downtown Art Gallery

Grand Opening *Honorary Lifetime TVAA Members Exhibit Work*

If you hang it they will come. And come you did. The grand opening of the gallery was a memorable event. The TVAA is an organization full of many prestigious Texas artists. Artwork of some of these notable artists were on display during the gala. Attendees got to meet honorees such as Ann Cushing Gantz, David Hickman, Chapman Kelly, and Patricia Meadows. Over 50 TVAA signature members were represented. Signature member Pat Kochan was on hand autographing her book "Once Upon a Time in Dallas: Through the Artist's Eyes." This beautiful book shows watercolor pieces by the artist, and is currently available for sale at the gallery.

Painting by Liz Netherland. Attendees: Artyce Colen, Patricia Meadows, Liz Netherland, and Pat Kochan



Articulations of Nature

Curated by Ann B. Kobdich

This year opened with the "Articulation of Nature" show. The curator of this show was the late Ann Kobdich, who tragically passed away later that month. Two of her works were featured in the show along with other signature members.



"Introspection 10#1," by Ann B. Kobdich, Oil. "Ugli and Star Fruit," by Celine Raphael Leygues, Oil.

I See a Chuckle

Curated by Pierre Lessard

I enjoyed curating the first ever TVAA Chuckle Show and would like to do a Chuckle II next December. It was fun viewing all sorts of new artwork and meeting the artists, listening to their stories and hearing about their motivations. I want to thank everybody who participated and encourage them to recruit other artists and start thinking about next year's entry now. One of my favorite pieces "Granny Get Your Gun" got lots of people into the gallery and generated many laughs. I want to thank the TVAA for this really fun opportunity. ---Pierre Lessard



Digital Art Exhibition

Curated by David Blow

TVAA Digital Exhibition was a fantastic exhibition composed of a wide variety of styles and expressions currently being explored by digital artists. Some works were



purely computer-generated images as in James Dunn's "Wired" (left), and "Bits and Pieces" by Francy Renz. Other art pieces were formed from scanned photographs, as in Eric Pearl's "Are We There Yet?" and "Mid-life Centerfold" by Rich Morgan. Other artists manipulate scanned drawings as in Zane Steadman's "Self Portrait." While Jeanne Sturdevant uses more of a painterly approach in her work "Waiting" (above).



"Granny Get Your Gun" by Judy Buckner. "Hurley for President" by Danny Hurley. "Untitled" by Marie Renfro.

2007 Artist Exhibit Opportunities at the TVAA Downtown Gallery

MARCH: New Member Show

Dates: March 8-March 28.

Curated by Duke Horn, 214-339-7707

Artist reception: March 16, 5 pm-7pm.

This show features the artwork of members who have joined TVAA for the first time since March 1, 2006.

APRIL: Drama of Black and White

Dates: March 1-April 27

Curated by Peg Rosenlund

This show will be exhibited in two venues.

Goodrich Gallery: March 1-27

Goodrich Gallery Reception:

Sunday, March 4, 12 pm-2 pm

TVAA Art Gallery: March 28-April 24

The focus of this show is the design and contrast that can be dramatized by the use of a limited black and white palette/format.

MAY: Artistic license

Dates: May 5-30

Artist Reception: May 10, 7 pm-9pm.

A group showing of 12 Dallas artists featuring portraits, landscapes and the figure.

JUNE: Works on Paper

Dates: June 1-28

Curated by John Voelker, 2-d only, prospectus on the website soon. Open to all TVAA Members. Contact John at (214)358-3334.

JULY: Available (see "run the show" below)

AUGUST: Nostalgia

Curated by Candy Howard, 2-d and 3-d. Open to all TVAA Members.

SEPTEMBER: Photos

Curated by Marie Van Arsdale.

Open to all TVAA Members

OCTOBER: Non-Objectives

Curated by Marie Renfro. email for info: mrenfroart@aol.com or 972-867-8222.

NOVEMBER: 2008 cityArtcal artists

The tvaa gallery hosts the works of the 2008 cityArtcal artists. Book-signing party, tba

DECEMBER: I SEE a Chuckle II

Curated by Pierre Lessard

Art that makes you chuckle. Plus cards, crafts, gift items, unframed works.

Open to all TVAA Members

Run The Show

The TVAA Downtown Art Gallery provides the perfect setting for either a one person show, several artists showing jointly or a presentation by a group or organization. As a TVAA member you can rent the Gallery for a very

reasonable rate. The TVAA will help promote your show with an electronic invite.

The Downtown Gallery has a clean, modern look with finished walls. It has 180 linear feet of wall space within 3,550 square feet. Depending on the size of the works, you may expect to hang up

to approximately 65 pieces.

Artists will agree to a 10% commission to the Plaza of the Americas and make a 15% donation to the TVAA on sales from the show. All artists will agree to pay their own sales tax and schedule sitters for the show during the gallery's operating hours of 10 am

to 4 pm. Mon-fri. Business attire is required.

Exhibition ideas/proposals are accepted on a running basis.

Rental Rates: \$50/week

\$150/Month.

For more information contact Liz Netherland at liznart@charter.net or (214)559-3676.

Artists *in the News*



Fourteen TVAA members were featured (among other Dallas artists.) in this fine art engagement book. We hosted a book-signing party in Dec. at the TVAA Downtown Gallery, at which people purchased the book and had the artists autograph their pages. The 2008 calendar is underway and will feature at least 24 TVAA members.

Sheila Cunningham is having a one person exhibit titled "Interpretations," at The Jung Center in Houston. May 3-27.

A digital work of **Sheila Cunningham** was juried into "The Denver International Airport Invitational" exhibition. Show dates: May 25-July 31.

A mixed media piece by **Lorraine Hayes** was accepted into the "39th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition", Meadows Gallery, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX. The juror was nationally acclaimed print-maker, Karen Kunc. Show dates: April 26-May 31.

Jeanne Sturdevant had three digital drawings in the recent "Absolute Black and White V" exhibit at Grayson County College, Denison, TX.

Jeanne Sturdevant will have six digital paintings and drawings in the "9th Annual Faces Juried Online International Art Exhibition," Upstream People Gallery, March 1-31.

In February, **Jill Vanderkolk** gave a demo on found object collage and assemblage for the Farmers Branch Carrollton Art Assoc. and

exhibited works at Carrollton's Josey Ranch Library with the group.

Don't miss the exhibition "Natural Elements" featuring the artwork of TVAA members **Brenda McKinney, Shari Hornish, Pauline Freeman, and Lindia Benningfield** at the Visual Art Coalition of Dallas Gallery, 2902 Maple Ave, Dallas. Exhibit dates: March 2-24, Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Eight emerging TVAA Artists, **David Kellum Brown, Gail Cope, Mary Frank, Elaine Kimmelman, Lynda Rhodes, Ginger Shanholt, Carolyn Sunderland, and Blanche Weinberger**, known as "Young at Art" will be showing their artwork at Studio 2600 (2600 Hibernia, Dallas) March 7-31. Open house Sat., March 31, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. www.young-at-art.org

Other show opportunities

Deadline: March 16

"Artscape 2007"-- The Dallas Arboretum. Two-day art fair : September 22 & 23 \$20.00 jury fee, \$250.00 booth fee. For an application: www.dallasarboretum.org or contact Amy Winkelmeyer:214-515-6539, awinkelmeyer@dallasarboretum.org.

Deadline: April 1

"National Open Pastel Exhibition" -- The MidAmerica Pastel Society Event Dates: June 15-Sept. 9 at the Albrecht-Kemper Art Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri. \$8,000+ in awards. Juror: Albert Handell. Non-members - \$35 for 1 slide, \$40 for 2, \$45 for 3. For information, visit www.midamericapastel.org or contact: Beverly Amundson at bev@agi-net.com

Deadline: April 25th.

"Paint Historic Waxahachie" -- Ellis County Art Association's six day plein air landscape art event. May 30-June 4. For information visit www.elliscountyart.net or contact: Tina Bohlman: 972-741-6154, ecaa@sbcglobal.net

Deadline: May 31

"Paint the Parks Art Competition" -- PaintAmerica.

The show is designed to illustrate the beauty and significance of America's National Parks. Paintings entered must depict one of our nation's 390 National Park areas. Over \$18,000+ in awards. www.PaintAmerica.org

ART WALKS / STUDIO TOURS

Mar. 23: Gallery Night, Downtown Grapevine

Mar. 31-Apr.1: Spring Fine Art Tour, Denison

April 6, May 4: First Friday Art Walk, Uptown Dallas Association

Apr. 28-29: North Dallas Art Studio Tour Sat. 10am-5pm and Sun., 1-5pm.

upcoming workshops

Sheila Cunningham is offering Polaroid Images and Emulsion Transfers workshops at the following venues:

- Creative Arts Center, Dallas, Texas

April 21, 10am-4pm

- Creative Arts Center /Plano

April 7, 10am-4pm

www.creativeartscenter.org

- The Jung Center, Houston, Texas

Polaroid Transfer Collages: An Art

Workshop. May 12, 10am-4pm

www.junghouston.org

- Focus On Book Arts Conference, Forest

Grove, Oregon

Innovative Artworks: Polaroid Collages for

Artist Books, June 20-June 21

www.focusonbookarts.org

- Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico

Nature Portraits: Polaroid Transfer Collages

Aug. 6-12, www.ghost ranch.org

TVAA Outings

Outings are an opportunity to meet other members while touring local art venues

Texas Sculpture Garden,

Sunday, April 22, 3pm-5pm

This event is open to TVAA members, their friends and the Texas Sculpture Association.

Please plan to attend this special opportunity to view some outstanding works of art from local as well as national artists and hobnob with fellow members. The Texas Sculpture Garden's collection celebrates the work of 41 prominent Texas artists. It is recognized as the largest private collection of contemporary Texas sculpture ever assembled and open to the public.

Address: 6801 Gaylord Parkway, Frisco, TX www.texasculpturegarden.com

Plan on going to the Stonebriar Mall on Hwy 121 after the tour for dinner. Exact venue to be announced during the tour.



2007 High School Show

Show chair: Gina Feizer

Show Dates: February 23-March 11

Awards Reception: March 11, 2 pm-4 pm

Location: Visual Arts Building at the University of Texas at Dallas

Jurors: Rachel Cook, Noah Simblist and Marty Walker.

Believing that Texas has in its young people a reservoir of creative ability equal to that found anywhere, TVAA offers this competition to enable and encourage gifted high school students to seek further training in art.

This event drew 1195 entries. 217 pieces of art were accepted, representing 186 young artists, 29 of which were award winners.

Best of Show went to Preston Nanney of Trinity Christian Academy, Addison

Member Profile

Brenda McKinney



Brenda McKinney was raised in Dallas, and as a child wanted to be a singer. She loved the elegant sense of glamour and style represented by the likes of Barbara Streisand, Betty Davis, Humphrey Bogart and George C. Scott. These influences probably helped lead her to study fashion design. Her educational background includes two Associates degrees, a BFA from the University of North Texas in Fashion Design, and she is currently working on her MFA at Texas Women's University. She will graduate May 2008.

Brenda McKinney came to be an artist as an adult. In 2001 she left the fashion industry in Dallas to go back to school for an Associates in Graphic Design. While taking classes for her degree she decided to take a drawing class. This led to a painting class where she fell in love with painting and painted almost every day for two years. Brenda next applied to the Masters program at TWU for Fine Art and began her studies in the spring of 2005. Now a full-time student,

Brenda still makes time for her role as our president and for creating her own work.

Brenda describes herself as dependable, persistent, honest, caring and empathetic to others. These qualities make her valuable as the new TVAA president. As our leader and as a leader in the Texas art community, Brenda is hoping to increase the awareness of our organization and has visions of creating an outreach program for children.

If we were to visit Brenda in her studios we would see works in progress, pastel drawings on the easel and experimental art hanging on the walls of her space at school. The studio at home shows us an organized mess, paintings, books for inspiration, drawings for new work, and a lot of other things. Artists who have inspired Brenda and her work are Georgia O'Keefe and photographers who address nature in extreme close-ups such as Harold Feinstein, Barbara Bordnick, David Doubilet, Roger Steene and Jenny Linford. Brenda makes art mainly for herself, for the pleasure of creating something she considers beautiful in nature. If you have yet to meet this amazing woman, please make time to do so. Brenda's website is www.stargazergallery.com

— Katrina Doran



memorials

This year saw the passing of several TVAA members. Memorial funds have been established to honor their life and art. If you would like to contribute to one of these funds please send your donation to: TVAA, P. O. Box 12467, Dallas, TX 75225. Please specify the specific fund.



Rob Erdle, a UNT Regent Professor of the Visual Arts and an internationally recognized watercolor artist died December 30, 2006. For 20 years he participated in Watercolor USA, having first been chosen as a young artist in 1973, and later serving as president of the Watercolor USA Honor Society. His 47 one-man exhibitions in the U.S., Europe and Asia spanned 35 years. Rob will be sadly missed by his family, friends and students for his dedication to the study of watercolor, his spirit of adventure, and his wonderful sense of humor.

The Rob Erdle Memorial Award will be presented at the TVAA 2007 National Show.

Ann B. Kobdich, a longtime signature member of the TVAA passed away in January 2007.



Ann curated the *TVAA Downtown Gallery's* January exhibition, "Articulations of Nature." In an interview with *Art & Antiques* magazine Ann was quoted saying "In this crazy world, I come from a point of peace. Since landscapes are where I find my internal peace, that's what I paint, my landscapes are not meant to be ideal places, but rather images that can be contemplated." She was known for her landscapes and abstracts which reflected her own serene nature. Her works were finished with an unusual, waxy surface technique, which added depth and mystery and the desire of the viewer to touch it as well as study it. Ann was a long-time member of TVAA, a Signature Member, and a friend to all. Her sunny disposition and calm demeanor, as well as her work ethic will be missed, but not forgotten.

Contributions to The Ann B. Kobdich memorial "fund" will benefit *TVAA Downtown Gallery* events.

NEW SIGNATURE MEMBER

Congratulations

Betsy Daves Bass

To achieve signature status, the artist must be an active member of the TVAA and be chosen to show in at least five juried TVAA exhibitions. Signature status takes several years to accomplish, and is an honor worthy of the time and dedication involved in reaching that goal.

Add Your 2 Cents

Attend the TVAA Meetings

When: Each meeting will occur on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7 pm. April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3.

Where: Half Price Books' Community Room, at the back of the store, 5803 East Northwest Highway, Dallas.

Who: All TVAA Members, their spouses and friends are welcome at the Meeting. Go to www.tvaa.org for a complete list of dates.

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