

Victoria Art League, Inc.

News & Events



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Farmer's Co-op - C. I. Thurmond Building

President's Corner

Happy New year's everybody! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and we are all looking forward to a great New Year at the Victoria Art League. We have so much going on and things to look forward to for this next year. Our Christmas Bazaar was very successful with many people who have never visited us coming by to look and shop. I don't know how many sales we had but every day I was there, sales were being made and people were there. I think the lighted billboards around town got the most attention but people mentioned reading about us in the newspaper or online. We did a good job of getting the word out and hope we can continue our success with that thanks to Susan's efforts and to Karen Burleson keeping us on facebook. Publicity is an area that we would like to continue to work on and could use help to make it even more successful. If anyone has experience with this area or is willing to help, let me know.

Painting the Town continues to be a great success in bringing more and more people to the art league, giving them a taste of participating in an art medium, and having a good time. While they are there Eunice continues to tell them about the Art League and all the classes and workshops that are available. Some even become members and aware that we rent our unique facilities. Some will tell their friends that we are here and some of these have shown interest in taking other classes at the Art League. Eunice has worked so hard to get this going and now with it being such a success, I am sure that she could use more help at this point to assist her and those who are helping already. If you see her, be sure and thank her for all she has done and maybe see if she could use a hand. Thanks Eunice.

New classes are starting up this month. Sonny Timme is back with us and will be teaching beginners along with those who want to improve in oils, pastels, gouche, acrylics and other mediums. He will be teaching Mondays 6-9 and Wednesdays 1-4pm. If you know anyone that might be interested have them call him at 578-8722. Jim Feig will be teaching beginners digital photography classes on Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 and Saturdays 10-12. Call Jim at 576-0578. I will be starting a beginner's pottery class the 28th or 29th and a follow up class on the 31st so you can see we are starting the year with classes going strong. The classroom is in use daily to the point we have to use the gallery. William Vickery would like to teach another stained glass class and another area artist would like to teach a three day workshop once a month sometime in the near future. Remember Angie Banta Brown is teaching a watercolor/acrylic workshop this next month and Mark Keathley will be teaching an oil painting workshop in March. Keep an eye on the newsletter to keep up with what is going on and respond to things quickly as the sometimes fill up fast.

As we start a new year, our goal should be to get more and more people involved in the fine arts. Each of you can certainly help to make this happen. I would like to challenge everyone in the organization to participate in some way this year. I especially want to invite all or new members to come to our meetings the second Sunday of each month at 2:00pm. This is where you can meet your fellow members, become more aware of what is going on in our organization and see an artist demonstrate something. Let's make 2013 our best year ever!



Christmas Bazaar Great Success!

The month of December saw many people coming into the gallery to view and purchase art for Christmas. The digital billboards and articles in the Advocate really helped us get the word out and we saw more traffic than usual.

Jim Feig, our treasurer said that we had sales of over \$1000 during the month and more importantly, there were patrons daily who viewed our building and now know where we are and what wonderful artwork is on display.

If you know of someone who missed our bazaar, encourage them to come down and look around. There is always a lot to see.

Victoria Art League will be hosting a booth at the Bridal Fair in January. Eunice Collins has graciously volunteered to "man" the booth and get the word out about our wonderful rental facilities for receptions and weddings.

Artist of the Month In Memory of Gloria Dorris



On display this month are various pieces of art done by Gloria Dorris. One can see the progression of her abilities as the artwork progresses. Gloria was a consummate artist in many facets of her life receiving her bachelor's degree in music, she sang with the Bach festival for many years; she contributed to her church by going on mission trips; she traveled the world always wanting to experience and see more. Besides, having such an eye for décor, Gloria's smile would light up a room and her graciousness and kind spirit would draw people to her. We will truly miss her.



Our Art League was again saddened by the death of longtime member and faithful friend, Janet Duge. Janet served the art league for many years as an officer. She was always kind and willing to do whatever was needed; always with a smile on her face. Please pray for her family during this time.

DEMO ARTIST FOR JANUARY

Our demo artist for January is Sonny Timme. He will be demonstrating the correct use of the color wheel and how colors complement each other and how to mix colors.

Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday : January 13th - monthly meeting at 2:00 in the gallery

Mondays

- Paint-in and Pottery work—anyone welcome; 10:00am-2:00pm; each person pays a small building use fee. 578-8432

We Need More Gallery Sitters!!

One of the most important jobs at VAL is keeping the building open to the public. We need to keep it open Tuesday-Saturday from 1-5 PM. A small dedicated group is trying to do this now but we need more of you to help. It is not hard and requires no special skills and we will train you. People who teach classes or exhibit artwork are especially encouraged to help. We ask that you do this only one afternoon a month. For information or to volunteer, call **Judy Feig** at **576-0578**. It is a very pleasant place to spend an afternoon.

Our rentals are up thanks to the hard work of our Property Manager Marc Hinojosa. December was one of the best months we have ever had. Congratulations to him and Lisa on their recent marriage. Our best wishes to both of them



Remember that Michele Evans is teaching children's classes throughout the week. Mon, Tues and Thurs is various art mediums and Wed is pottery. Call her at 649-8092 for more information on times and cost.



PAINTING THE TOWN

The very successful social painting class "Painting the Town" will be offered on various days of the week from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A person who has never really painted will purchase a canvas with a subject already on it and the class will follow the instructor (Ronnie Chambers) in completing a painting in a two hour session. Everything is provided and for \$35 the participant leaves with a finished painting. We have had many successful classes already. In fact, there have been 252 participants since the classes started 2 months ago. Eunice Collins is heading this up and she is excellent in plugging the Art League and its amenities to the participants of the class. We have had new members and more sales since this class started. Call Eunice Collins at 361-576-4043 for more information and to see what evenings are available or maybe how you can help.

Upcoming Workshops

February 11,12,13:
Watercolor/pastels with Angie Banta Brown \$125

March 1-3: Mark Keathley - oils.
\$185 for members and \$205 for others

April 24,25,26 Woodcarving workshop with Lem Smith

These workshops fill up fast, so if you are interested please call the art league and put your name on the list (572-0825)

New Members for the Art League

Gina Hinger

Business Members & Supporters

The O'Connor and Hewitt Foundation	TDECU Credit Union
The Law Offices of Mickey Pachta	Victoria Insurance Group Marie
Frankson Michael Williams	Simone Tipton
York, Albert E. & Myrtle Gunn Trust	VCS Security Systems, Inc.
Koontz Ranch Diana Rhodes	VMC Signs, Inc.
Victoria Communications Services, Inc.	Linda Swickhammer
Agricola Heat & Air Conditioning	Dr. Buddy Lee
John Fossatti /Four Seasons Landscaping	Tina Kidder Sally Stansell

At the posting of this newsletter, the windows in the classroom and studio have been rebuilt, installed, calked and painted. Ronnie Chambers is also going to paint the side of the building if the weather ever cooperates. Just another project coming to completion!

Upcoming Classes in January

Two Beginning Photography classes will be offered in Mid January starting on Tuesday Jan 22 and another on Saturday Jan 26th by Jim Feig. Both will last four sessions and will be \$80. Call Jim at 576-0578 or 649-8738 if interested

Two Beginning and Two Intermediate Pottery classes with Bill Bauer will begin the last week of January. Beginning classes on Tuesday and Intermediate on Thursday. from 1-4 or 6-9. \$125 all inclusive. Call Bill at 575-3216 or 649-8309 if interested.

Sonny Jimme will be teaching on Monday from 6-9pm and Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 in the classroom. He will be offering beginning lessons or advanced techniques for the discerning artist. Sonny will be teaching painting in oils, acrylics, gouche, or whatever the student would like. Call him at 578-8722 or the Art League at 572-0825 for more information about classes, individual instruction, and prices.

Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd in the gallery at 2:00. Besides the VAL Board, interested committee members and/or members are invited to attend.

The January monthly meeting will be on January 13th in the gallery. We will meet at 2:00 for refreshments and to honor our Artist of the Month, a memorial to Gloria Dorris. Come early to view a number of her paintings and reminisce about our wonderful friend and member, Gloria. Sonny Timme will be talking about the proper use of the colorwheel in the demo.

There are many "like new" books (over 500) donated to the Art League by Nelma Chamrad that are ready to check out. Come look and utilize these books to enhance your skills.

Thank you to Courtland Frankson for doubling our shelf space so these can be displayed and to Marie Frankson for her hard work getting them organized and ready to check out.

Return Service Requested

