

# Victoria Art League, Inc.

## News & Events



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361-572-0825 - Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

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

### President's Corner



Have you noticed all the activity at the Art league lately? If you haven't, pay attention this month. We have two artists who will hold workshops this month. Angie Banta Brown will be here for three days to teach watercolor, oils and pastels the 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> and Mark Keathly will be teaching painting in oils the 28<sup>th</sup> thru March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes are going on all the time. Just to show how much; here is what is being taught this month. Monday Michelle Evans teaches children's classes from 4-5, Sonny Timme then comes into the classroom and teaches adult painting that night. While he is teaching in the classroom, Paint the Town is going on from 6:30 to 9:30ish in the gallery. Tuesday, Michelle again in the afternoon is in the classroom followed by Jim Fieg's Digital photography class in the classroom from 6:30 to 9:30. Meanwhile from 6-9, I will be teaching beginners pottery in the pottery room. At the same time Paint the Town is in the gallery from 6:30 to 9:30. At that time all rooms are busy. Wednesday, Sonny is in the classroom from 1-4 and Michelle is in the pottery room from 4-5. Usually, Paint the Town is having a class that evening also. Thursday has Sonny starting the teaching with his class from 1-4 in the classroom followed by Michelle with children's classes 4-5. If Jim were teaching he would come in from 6:30-8:30 or if Paint the town had a class make, they would be in the classroom or the gallery. I will be teaching advanced pottery classes in the pottery room from 6-9. Friday, I just realized there may not be any classes, but there possibly could be a rental or who knows, Paint the Town might get a class up! They are having classes three to five times a week lately! Saturday, Eunice said from time to time that Paint the Town will meet. That's just the classes and workshops this month. We also have some rentals on the weekends this month, and our scheduled Art League meetings. So, all in all, you can see what I mean when I say there is a lot going on around here, all good! Angie Banta Brown is going to be demonstrating for our meeting this month at our regular meeting, Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. I have to encourage everyone, especially those new members or some of you that are members but may not come to the meetings much that she will not disappoint you if you are at all interested in art. Tell others and bring a friend.

I am sure everyone is aware of the passing of Harold Nichols. I know I and many others have been touched by Harold. He was a mentor to those in the art community, someone who was not afraid to try different mediums and endeavors and he showed his creativity in all he did, this building being one of those. Our tie with Harold mainly was this old building and complex which he spent much of his life restoring and creating. We will try to continue his dream of making this place artists and those interested in the visual arts can come and be encouraged and nourished. We will miss Harold.

### Watercolor/Pastel/Oil Workshop with Angie Banta Brown

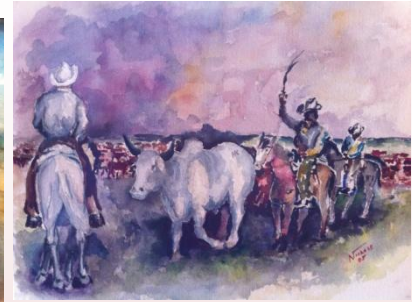
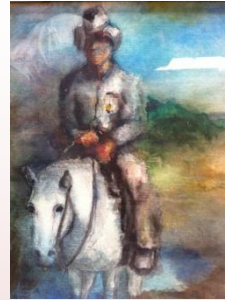


**New Braunfels Artist will be having a multi medium workshop on February 11,12,13  
Cost will be \$125 Contact the Art League to sign up and for more information**

### Angie Banta Brown – Our Demo Artist

*Angie Banta-Brown was born in the small hill country town of Leahey, Texas and now lives in New Braunfels. She began her art training at the Warren Hunter School of Art in San Antonio and followed with a career in Graphic Design, at Frost Bros, Joske's and the University of Illinois. In the mid 1970's her focus shifted to fine art and she began showing her much sought after florals and still lifes in galleries in Texas and the Southwest. Angie finds inspiration for her art in the wildflowers and scenery of New Mexico and south Texas. Painting and teaching are the way Angie spends her time these days. She is in demand around the country as a teacher at workshops and demos at meetings of art organizations.*

## Artist of the Month In Memory of Harold Nichols



*Born in Alpine, Texas, Harold Nichols grew to maturity during the Great Depression, a cultural product of West Texas ranch life. He received a BS and MA degree from Sul Ross State University and in 1952 was employed by Victoria College as a Business Instructor, later to become Business Manager until his retirement in 1980. In 1974, he entered into a partnership to purchase the Old Thurmond Building, known then as the Farmers Co-op. In 1977 he became the sole owner of the property and after retirement, devoted his full-time efforts to restoration of the property as his home and art complex.*

*His awareness of the so-called "art world" occurred in 1960 when he became a student of Simon Michael, professional artist and teacher from Rockport. Following this introduction to the mysteries of art, Nichols continued his quest to better know and understand the influences of line, color, shape and form as a mode of expression and communication. Since the sale of the building complex to the Victoria Art League in 1999, he has resided adjacent thereto in a combination home/studio of his design where he continues to engage in multi-media sculpture and painting. Harold passed away on January 27<sup>th</sup>.*

Our Art League was again saddened by the death of longtime member and faithful friend, Harold Nichols. Harold was a lifetime member of the Art League and it was through his dream of a creative center in Victoria that the Victoria Art League was able to purchase the wonderful building we are in now.

### Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday : February 10th - 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

## Our Spring Art Show is fast approaching!

The Board has decided that this show will be only for youth 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Peggy Yandell is once again heading up the show but needs help in organizing, contacting and generally any suggestions from

YOU, OUR MEMBERS-

There will be a meeting on Feb.6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the gallery for those who have suggestions or want to volunteer to help.

## 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.

Classes continue in February by:  
Michele Evans - children's classes  
Mon-Thurs 4:00 call her at 649-8092  
for more information

Sonny Timme - adult instruction - Mon  
from 6-9 , Wed from 1-4 and Thurs  
from 1-4 . Call Sonny at 578-8722 for  
more info

Jim Feig - beginning and advanced  
digital photography. Call Jim at 576-  
0578 for more information



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 (RonnieChambers) 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 9-3 o'clock  
Watercolor/pastels/oils with Angie  
Banta Brown \$125

February 28-March 1, 2 9-4 o'clock  
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 For January

Gina Hinger 649-3660 gina.ehinger@yahoo.com

David Ray Benner 484-5737 bennerd37@yahoo.com

Gabe Semenze 676-1480 amysemenze@yahoo.com  
Amy Semenze same  
Parker Semenza same

Max Heaber 573-2112  
Sandra Heaber same

Brenda LeJune 575-0964 or 649-4402

Celi Chapa 648-3680 scmassagecupping@yahoo.com

Vicki Wimberly 676-4789 vickiwimberly@yahoo.com

Judy Butler 571-802

Kayla Roth 676-6986 Junior member

Bonny McKay



## Message Board

### Memorials Given To the Art League

In Memory of: **Gloria Dorris**  
Bill and Susan Bauer  
Court and Marie Frankson  
Tina Kidder  
Libby Naquin Horine

In Memory of: **Janet Duge**  
Ed and Paula Kainer  
Court and Marie Frankson

In Memory of: **Harold Nichols**  
Court and Marie Frankson

In Memory of: **Jerry Lenz and Mildred Cohen**  
Court and Marie Frankson  
Ed and Paula Kainer

In Memory of : **Bubba Roberts**  
Tina Kidder

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th in the gallery at 2:00. Besides the VAL Board, interested committee members and/or members are invited to attend.

The February monthly meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> in the gallery. We will meet at 2:00 for refreshments and to honor our Artist of the Month, a memorial to Harold Nichols. Come early to view a number of his paintings and sculptures and reminisce about our wonderful friend and member, Harold.

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.



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