

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

We have had a very busy month here at the Victoria Art League. We had two great workshops, both of which I was able to take. First we had Angie Banta Brown demonstrate at our February meeting and then follow that up with a three day workshop. She demonstrated oils, watercolor and also taught pastels. Everybody, including a few members, learned a lot including a good understanding about warm and cool colors. Mark Keathley is teaching Oil painting as I write this letter. Our last day is tomorrow. A few of our members are in the class along with others from across Texas and including some from New Mexico and Kentucky. Mark shared so much information on oil painting and his demonstrations were amazing. Joyce Ritchey has done a great job this year scheduling demonstrations at our meetings and having guest artists come in to teach some workshops. Be sure to let her know how much we appreciate her efforts.

Painting the Town seems to have a life of its own, with classes scheduled sometimes 4 or five times during the week. Eunice Collins told me we have had almost 700 people come since the program started in October. Many of these people have never been to the Art League before and some have shown interest in taking some of our classes in the future. There is a lot of chatter around town and on facebook about Painting the Town and maybe even us. Eunice is putting a lot into this so give her a pat on the back and better yet, if you would like to help with her program, let her know.

We continue to have good classes being offered this month with Jim Feig starting up a digital photography class and Sonny continuing his adult painting and other media class and Michelle teaching the children. Remember to let them know if you hear of anyone who has an interest in taking their classes. We also have other classes that we are trying to schedule in woodcarving, stained glass, high school art, and a gentleman from Rockport would like to come and teach watercolor.

Dave Ludlow volunteered to finish painting the windows and we hope to finish painting the classroom building soon. We can use some help so if you can lend a hand in the afternoon the next week or so, call me at 575-3216. We also would like to have a workday the 16th of March to take care of a few things like seal the stairs and landscape among other things so please put that on your calendar.

Mark Keathley will be demonstrating painting in oils for our meeting March 10th. If you have seen Mark demonstrate before, you know how great it will be and if you have never seen him before, don't miss it. If you are a new member or have not come to our meetings, this will be worth your while. We will start our meeting at 2:00 with a reception in memory of Harold Nichols for 30 minutes. Harold's son Jim will be in attendance so please come out to honor Harold and view some of his work displayed in a special section of the gallery. Mark's demonstration will also take place in the gallery following the reception.



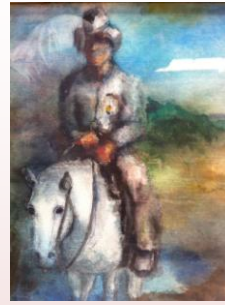
Workshop with Mark Keathley

Mark, our local successful artist held a 3 day oil painting workshop this past week here at the Art League.

Mark will be our demo artist on March 10th at our monthly meeting and we encourage everyone to be in attendance to witness his wonderful techniques.



Artist of the Month In Memory of Harold Nichols



Due to not being able to have a reception in Harold's honor last month because of our demo artist being in the classroom, we will have our reception this month and leave Harold's artwork on display until the Student Art Show in April.

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 27th.

WORK DAY - MARCH 16th!!

WE NEED YOU TO HELP!! Read the President's Letter for more info..

We hope our members have noticed the painting happening on the outside of the classroom and the painting of the windows on the inside of the classroom. Dave Ludlow has graciously taken this task on with the help of Bill Bauer AND any others who would like to help. Thanks you guys for getting another job done!

Also, thanks to Courtland Frankson for once again compiling the specs for our new gallery roof. These specs have been distributed for bids so hopefully something will be happening on that soon.

Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday : March 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

We Still 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 March 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 over 700 participants since the classes started a few 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.



VICTORIA ART LEAGUE

Spring Youth Art Show

Call For Entries

Grades K-12

\$5 for 1 - 3 Entries

April 7 - 26, 2013

Awards:

Best of Show Winners: \$50 each (elementary, middle school & high school)

People's Choice Award: \$25

Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention

Categories:

Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Sculpture,
Pottery, Photography (High School only), Printmaking

Entries accepted at the Victoria Art League Gallery:

Thursday, April 4th from 1-7 pm & Friday, April 5th From 1-6 pm.

Youth does not have to be a member of VAL to enter.

Show Opening and Reception:

Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 pm.

For a complete list of rules and entry forms, please contact the Victoria Art League:



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- Youth K-12 may enter 1 to 3 art pieces. Fill out a registration form for each art work.
- Art work concept, design, and execution must be the original work of the artist. No copyrighted subjects or materials (which includes cartoon and comic characters or copies of master art works).
- Verbal directions and advice are certainly allowed. Class assignments are allowed.
- No bought kits or crafts allowed.
- Youth art work (grades K-12)- Framed art work is acceptable. Framing is not necessary but 2-D art work must be matted and mounted on a sturdy backing (cardboard or foam board for example). A wire hanger or string should be attached to the back.
- No sawtooth hangers!
- Wire hangers and string need to be securely attached- do not use tape! Hot glue is excellent for attaching string for hanging.
- Maximum outside dimensions is 24" x 36".
- Paintings on gallery wrapped canvas (thick stretched canvas that does not have staples on the sides) do not need a frame or mat, but must be painted on all sides. Canvas boards must be matted or framed.
- Three dimensional pieces must be able to be moved easily by two people and must be sturdy enough for transport. The Victoria Art League is not responsible for any damages that may incur during the show.
- Youth artists who choose to sell their work, must give 20% of the sale price to Victoria Art League and must have a parent signature on the entry form.

New Members for February

Regina Grote
Sandra Haerber
Jessica Helms
Justin Harlan
Dian Patterson
Kylee Porras
Leilani Valdes
Sarah Weatherly
Stacy Weaver

Junior Members

Layla Beckner
Kenneth Groll



Message Board

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

The March monthly meeting will be on March 10th 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. Mark Keathley will be providing the demonstration.

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

