

Victoria Art League, Inc.

News & Events



905 S. Bridge Street, Victoria, TX 77901 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5011, Victoria, TX 77903
361-572-0825 - Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

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

President's Corner

I hope every member reads this president's letter this month. I have been your president for these three years now and my term is just about up. I can only serve three consecutive years. One of the things I most wanted to do was to get everyone to participate as much as possible. We have come a long way in those three years and have a very active art education program where we offer many various classes and workshops. Along with this we have had opportunities to do things for various organizations. We have come a long way in restoring our historic building and with a new roof, which has already been bid and improved lighting in progress, we will have accomplished about all of the major things that need to be done. All of this has been accomplished by just a few members but we are not through yet. We had a workday two Saturdays ago and Mark Hinojosa, Susan and I were the only ones to show. I already knew that the other three or four that usually show up already had commitments but I was hoping that others would come. We have over 160 members now. If you read this, think about what you could do for our organization, because it is our organization. What can you offer in the way of talent or expertise or just effort. Some of you might not be able to contribute physically but maybe you could help call, organize, work on the computer, or help on a committee, there are many things you could do to take the burden off of a few others. Please consider my request carefully and thoughtfully. I realize a few of you have joined as supporters but for those of you who joined to enhance your art and art experiences we really do need your participation. Our meeting will be this Sunday rather than the second Sunday because we will have our reception for the youth art show from 2:00 to 4:00 and will have a brief meeting starting at 4:00. This is a very important meeting for the membership because it is at this meeting that we elect officers for this next year. If you come only for the meeting, come a little early so you can view some of the great artwork our youth are doing. If you have a suggestion of someone for one of the offices and you have cleared it with them, you can call me and I will add it to the nominees. Each of you are important, so let's work together and make this next year our best ever. With your help we can.

Don't forget the meeting this Sunday!
Read the president's corner!



New workshops/classes to be offered

William Vickery from Edna would like to offer Stained Glass classes on Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 starting the end of April or the first of May. Call the art league for more information.

New instructor will be Gerald Bienvenu - Watercolorist from Rockport. Read his bio on page 2. Cost will be \$280 for a 3 day workshop from 1:00-4:00 on April 29, 30 and May 1. Limit is 2 to 4 people per class so a lot of individual attention will be given. Bring a friend!



Please join us on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 for the unveiling of our Spring Youth Art Show. The awards will be presented and attendees will be able to vote for the Peoples' Choice Award during the reception.



There will be a short called meeting of Members in attendance to vote for the Officers for 2013-2014

President: Susan Bauer

1st Vice-President: Michele Evans

2nd Vice-President: Desiree Yates

Recording Secretary: Roxana Blanton

Corresponding Sec.: Gloria Ludlow

Treasurer: Jim Feig

Parliamentarian: Paula Kainer

Directors: Bill Bauer, Fred James

Ralph Howard

Property Manager: Mark Hinojosa

Public Relations: Eunice Collins

Memorials and Gifts to the Building Fund

Bill and Susan Bauer
in memory of Harold
Nichols

Rep. Geanie Morrison

1st Victoria Bank

Diamond Fiberglass

John Roberts

Gerald Bienvenu

Born in New Orleans, Gerald grew up and spent most of his life in Missouri. He moved to Rockport in March of 2012. A self-taught artist, Gerald's style and competence in the difficult medium of watercolor has earned him nationwide recognition. He has been juried into the American and National Watercolor Society's National Exhibits. Gerald is a realist painter but his style fits in well with the French Renaissance painters of the 19th century. Gerald wants to teach from 2-4 students and will furnish all supplies for the class. This is a great opportunity to learn from an award winning artist. Call the Art League to enroll at 572-0825.

Classes continue in April 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 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. or at a special scheduled time and date. There have been numerous parties participating in this activity as well as special children's times. 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 or Sarah Weatherley 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 nearly 1000 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. Members pay only \$30!

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN' CLASSES

Come and make a variety of two and three - dimensional projects - drawing, pastels, mosaics, sculpture and more

Grades 1st & 2nd

June 24 - 27 10:00 - 12:00

Grades 3 & 4

July 8 - 11 10:00 - 12:00

July 22 - 25 10:00 - 12:00

Grades 5 & up

July 15 - 18 10:00 - 12:00

July 29 - Aug 1 10:00 - 12:00

Pottery (3rd & up)

Four day pottery session is broken up to allow for firing time

June 17 - 20 (3 days for creating pieces)

10:00 - 12:00

July 1 (4th day for glazing pieces)

10:00 - 12:00

\$64 per four day session, \$12 supply fee, \$4 building use fee

Total cost \$80. To reserve space send \$20 deposit to Michele Evans,

407 Monterrey Dr., Victoria, TX 77904

Home (361)572-8093 cell (361)649-8092

Email mpevans@suddenlink.net

- Once again, Courtland Frankson has spent hours putting together the specs for the roofing job here at the Art League. This contract has now been awarded to Easley Roofing and we hope to see some progress soon.
- Thank you Court for all you do.

Possible \$500 for our organization by helping Dow build a Habitat Home in Seadrift. We will need 8 people on a Saturday from 8am-3pm to qualify. CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? It's a WIN WIN Proposition!!!

New Members for March

Kay Jackson
Valerie Black
Jim Nichols
Grace Brown
Bill Brown
Ofelia McDonald
Sherri Leister
Debbie (Rosemary)Grosenbacher
JoLynn Thompson
Missy Klimistchek
Ronnie Chambers



Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd in the gallery at 2:00. Besides the VAL Board, interested committee members and/or members are invited to attend.

The April monthly meeting will be combined with the reception for the youth art show on the 7th. We will meet at 2:00 for refreshments and to view our youth art show. There will not be an artist of the month due to the youth art exhibit.

*We would like to recognize all the work Marie Frankson is doing in trying to get grant money for the renovation of our historical building. She puts in many hours and Marie we just want to say **THANK YOU!!***

Return Service Requested

