

# 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

Another month has basically flown by and still things are being accomplished at the Art League.

We had a workday on the 20<sup>th</sup> and had around 12 wonderful people show up to help. Thanks to Jim and Judy Feig, Ed and Paula Kainer, Dennis and Roxanne Blanton, Marie Frankson, Marc Hinojosa, Bill and Susan Bauer, Ralph Howard, Pat Webb and Mary Smith for their call to duty and all the work that got done. The ramshackle shack in the courtyard is now down so no more worries of it falling down on someone's head! The flower beds are deweeded and look great and the new steps and doorframe have been primed and ready to be painted. All in all, it was a very productive morning so thank you all very much. Pictures are below.

Please read this newsletter to hear about all the workshops coming up in the next few months. We also want to welcome Jim Frank as our Artist of the Month and William Vickery from Edna as our demo artist for August. Please come to our monthly meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 to support them.



Our Spring Show is fast approaching and we need you to be preparing your award winning entries! The dates are October 16 and 17 entries are accepted. The entries are hung on the 18<sup>th</sup>, judged on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the reception and awards are on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember, there are many categories and this show is only for adults - we will be following the guidelines from the Lone Star Art Guild. Speaking of which, our own Amber Stratman entered the LSAG Spring show and won two ribbons. Pictured below are her wonderful entries.



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

*Jim Frank*

Jim began his interest in art when an engineering student at the University of Missouri, and his interest continued throughout his professional career with DuPont. Over the years Jim took a variety of art classes at Victoria College (VC) and from various artists through workshops sponsored by the Victoria Art League (VAL). He was initially influenced and encouraged to begin painting by Texas legend Dalhardt Windberg who was his neighbor in the late 60's. He progressed from oils to watercolors and his first instructor in that medium was VAL's Bill Bauer. After his retirement in 2000 he added pottery and sculpting, studying under VC's Fred Spaulding. His latest creations are primarily long horned bulls, a symbol of this great state. Jim's art can be found in many homes in Victoria, throughout Texas and in many instances, worldwide.



Memorials and Gifts to the Building Fund  
In memory of Anna Claire Henderson,  
long time member and supporter of the  
Victoria Art League who passed away at  
the age of 96.

Marie Frankson, Beverley Thiel, Philip  
Guittard, John & Donna Roberts, Bette  
Noble, Willa Vee Hewlett, Tina Kidder,  
Cheryl and Jay Cliburn

## Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday: August 11th - 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

## 2013-2014 Membership Fees Due!

We encourage all past members and new members to renew their memberships during the month of June in order to be included in our yearbook. Members who have joined in the last 3 months do not have to renew. Cost is:

Individual - \$30

Individual and Spouse - \$50

Full-time Student (college) - \$20

Family membership - \$50

Junior Member - \$15

Supporter - \$50 Sponsor - \$100

Benefactor - \$250 Patron - \$500

Patriot - \$1000

## Classes Being Offered

**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** - Advanced digital photography starting July 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning photography starting July 16<sup>th</sup>. All classes from 6:30-8:30 in the classroom. Call Jim at 576-0578 for more information

**Bill Bauer** - beginning pottery starting Tuesday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> for 6 Tuesdays from 1-4 or 6-9 pm. Follow-up classes will be on the 6 Thursdays starting Aug 29<sup>th</sup> at the same times. Cost is \$125 Call Bill at 575-3216 or 649-8309 for more info or to in the first Tuesday in July from 6:00-8:00 for 5 weeks on Tuesdays. Call him at 361-235-2416

**William Vickery**-soldered sculpture starting September 3<sup>rd</sup> for 4 consecutive Tuesdays Call him at 361-235-2416 for more info

## Painting the Town

Painting the Town wants to thank all the love and support from the participants in Victoria and the surrounding communities; it's to all those fun, social painters that we owe our great success! In addition to providing a new social activity, Painting the Town likes to give back to our community. ON AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special event to recognize Alzheimer's and those affected by it. We will be painting a Forget-Me-Not flower for \$45 per canvas with \$10 per canvas going to Alzheimer's awareness. In September we will have two more special events, one for Emergency Responders and one for Down's Syndrome and once again, part of the fee will be donated locally.

Our bi-monthly Kids' classes have been hugely successful. We are so pleased to have introduced many youngsters to the art and joy of painting. With school starting back soon, in September we will be returning to our once a month Saturday Kids' class.

Please check us out and "like" us on our Facebook page Painting the Town Victoria to find our public class and subject schedules as well as a tone of photos of blooming artists. Painting the Town also appreciates the opportunity provided by the Victoria Art League for providing the location and support of Victoria's hottest new hobby.

## Demo Artist of the Month - William Vickery

As with most people my love for the arts began very early in life, encouraged by a creative and talented mother. I was introduced to many different mediums and taught to always think outside of the box. This is something that I try to instill in my students. I want them to learn in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere and take on the mindset that there are many ways to accomplish our goals.

I offer classes in stained glass, mosaics, solder sculpting, stained glass jewelry box and pattern design. I decided to begin teaching 3 years ago and in that time have taught many students in Texas and Florida.

## 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.

## Upcoming Workshops

August 10<sup>th</sup>

One day workshop on woodblock printing with  
Christine Thieme call 649-1323 to sign up

August 12,13,14

Gerald Bienvenu, Watercolor Class limited to 4  
students Call him at 205-393-9455

August 15, 16, 17

Sarah Weatherley - Children's Workshop Call her at  
254-723-8080 for time and cost or just information.

October 24,25,26

Woodcarving with Lem Smith  
Details in the workshop binder at the Art  
League. Cost \$25/day and \$3 bldg use fee

November 11,12,13 Dalhart Windberg

Cost: \$450 for the 3 day workshop. List of  
supplies needed at the Art League.Call VAL to  
sign up



## Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the gallery at 2:00. Besides the VAL Board, interested committee members and/or members are invited to attend.

The August monthly meeting will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> in the gallery. We will meet at 2:00 for refreshments and to view our Artist of the Month Jim Frank and our demo artist William Vickery who will be demonstrating solder sculpting.

## New Members

Simone Tipton  
Brandy Hays



Return Service Requested

