

Victoria Art League, Inc.
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361-572-0825 - Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

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

President's Column



If you came to our last meeting, you saw how excited I was with all that is happening. We had been looking for someone to replace Sonny Timme to teach painting and just found out Michael Windberg had moved back to Goliad, joined the Art League and is planning to teach a workshop and classes in painting. We had also been looking for someone to teach drawing and Allen Lara demonstrated drawing for us at the meeting and followed that up with a three day workshop in drawing, which I took. All of us that took it thought it was great. So within a period of one month we had found instructors in those two areas we so needed. Allen was going to start classes in drawing weekly just as Michael is going to do in painting, but other obligations are preventing him from doing that now. He plans to start classes after the first of the year.

The other thing we all are excited about is getting the new floor in the gallery and kitchen thanks to the Trull foundation of Palacios, the HOT funds from the city, and private donations. We picked CRT flooring. They spent time checking the level of the floor, even going underneath to check everything and came up with a plan to level the floor as much as possible. If everything works out, they should complete this by the end of the month. Dave Ludlow, Ralph Howard and I refinished the bar and cabinets with Marie Frankson helping with the preparation. We wanted to finish them before the floor was put in.

So as you can see, a lot is going on and we have much to look forward to thanks to Joyce Ritchey's efforts to get us some good artists to demonstrate and teach workshops throughout the year.

WORK DAY

For All Members!!!!

We Need You to Help!!

- On August 9th from 7:30 am to noon, we will be joined with teens from the Boys and Girls Club to do some painting, some weeding, some clean out of storage areas and whatever Marc and Bill have on their agendas. We encourage our members to show up and help get this building even more beautiful than it already is!

Demo Artist for August
Jim Frank

**Demonstrating the
making of heads and
faces in clay.**

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Artist of the Month – Roxana Blanton



Roxana first held a pencil around age 3 and found pleasure in seeing her drawings come to life. At age 13 her dad encouraged her to enter a “Draw me Girl” contest and she was selected as a student and was supplied with art materials including a drawing board. Classes were conducted by mail and were evaluated by the school until her dad became ill seven months later and these were discontinued.

Art was placed on hold as she raised children and worked. After retirement, she met Paula Kainer, another member of the Victoria Art League, and was invited to join the art league. Paula introduced Roxana to watercolors and although this is a rather

difficult medium, she has learned to enjoy the challenge. She is a self taught artist and has painting with watercolors and pastels for 2 ½ years. “When I pick up a pastel stick and gently apply it to paper..there is a feeling of unexpected pleasure..”

Roxana is a self taught artist and not only paints from the heart but employs logic and “gut feeling” for her compositions, including the selection of colors and subjects.

In the last two years she has attended two watercolor classes by Angie Banta Brown, one class with Gerald Bienvenu and a pastel class taught by Rita Kirkman. Roxana joins the Monday morning painters at the Art League and receives encouragement and enjoys the camaraderie. Mr. Ralph Howard is also instrumental in teaching her the art of shadows and texture.

Sculpture Demonstration – Making Faces and Heads by Jim Frank

I have offered to Val Members and guests another demonstration, this time on making heads and faces. I was asked if August 10th would be a good date, and I agreed. I enjoyed my past demonstration on how to make animals, and had the pleasure of 3 members participate in a mini-workshop at my home. While the demo will focus on the face, the workshop will be open, so whatever interest the participants might pursue can be explored. For my recent workshop I found that it was best for all involved for the timing and costs to be determined, but \$40 for a 2-3 hour session, once or twice a week, seems to work best. Due to limited space , and my one-on-one interaction with the participants, enrollment is limited to 3, and a minimum commitment of 4 weeks. As before, that will include clay, glazing and multiple firings in the kiln. Since we work in an outside covered area, I think we will not want to start until September. I can be reached at (361) 575-8056 or 649-6623 or jimfrank39@suddenlink.net

Oil Painting Workshop by Michael Windberg

The Victoria Art League is pleased to have Michael Windberg, son of Dalhart, become a member of our local art league and begin teaching classes and a workshop in oil painting to beginners or those with experience. He taught with his dad for many years and has been here at the art league when they came to teach workshops in the past. Now he has moved back to Goliad and we are so pleased to have him as a member.

He will offer a three day workshop August 28th 29th and 30th from 9-5. The cost will be \$250. Whether beginner or experienced painter, he will work with each student individually. For more information, contact Michael at 649-2833 or E-mail him at mrwindberg@gmail.com

Oil Painting classes

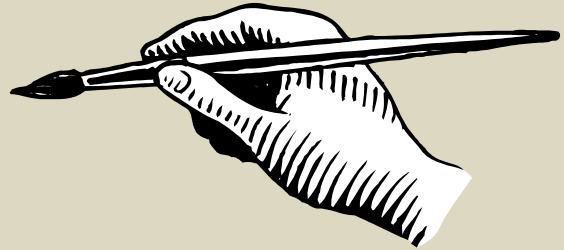
Michael also plans on teaching painting classes on Mondays from 2:00 -5:00 or 6:00-9:00. Cost will be \$30 a session. Please contact Michael to sign up so he can plan on what size room he will need.



Summer Fun for Youth

Sarah Weatherly will teach Kids' Paint the Town Classes on Wednesdays from 10-12 on August 6th and August 13. Each session is \$35. Sarah taught art at West HS and Cade before teaching for Paint the Town classes.

Contact Sarah Weatherly at 254-723-8080 or email at sarah.weatherly@gmail.com to sign up



Watercolor with

Angie Banta Brown From New Braunfels

Angie will offer the workshop on the 15th, 16th, and 17th from 9:00 to 3:00. Cost will be the same as two years ago at \$125.

Angie is a wonderful teacher and many members enjoy learning new techniques or improving their existing ones. Call the art league at 572-0825 or Joyce Ritchey at 575-2175 to sign up.



Don't Forget
PAINT THE TOWN

Call Eunice Collins at 576-4043 for times and cost. Look up Paint the Town Victoria on her Facebook page also



Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 6th in the gallery at 2:00

New Supporting Members

John Swoboda
Sally Stansell
Patrick Kezler
Linda Swickheimer

Tina Kidder
Donald Blavier
Robert McKay
Simone Tipton

Return Service Requested

