

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. L. Thurmond Building

President's Corner

Happy New Year to One and All!!

It hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone but my calendar tells me this is the case! I hope 2013 was an excellent year for you and your family and I claim that 2014 will be even better!

The Victoria Art League accomplished a lot during the past year with repairs (new roof over the gallery), patching over the pottery room and little things such as new lights over the windows in the gallery (thanks Marc!). While there is still a lot to be done, plans are in the works to accomplish other major projects during the first quarter of this year. Wendt Electric was awarded the contract to redo all our lighting in the gallery including new spots, new fans and generally giving our gallery that professional look. Miori Plumbing was awarded the contract to put in new toilets, new sinks with plumbing in the bathrooms and a new faucet in the kitchen. Pretty soon we will not have to duct tape the faucet in order to not be sprayed!

We had a very successful Christmas Bazaar with more sales generated and a lot more visitors this year due to the good publicity from the Advocate, KAVU our billboards and the exposure generated by Paint the Town. Due to the repairs happening in the gallery, it will probably be closed down the latter part of January. That is when they expect the fixtures to come in. We want to repaint the ceiling and beams after Wendt takes down the electrical. We will have to notify members at that time as to when to remove artwork. See story about the gallery change on page 3. Lots going on and we are excited about 2014 here at the Victoria Art League.

Please note our webpage addresses
www.victoriaartleague.net Facebook-VictoriaArtLeague
and victoriartxartleague@gmail.com

Bazaar Report

Jim Feig, VAL treasurer is happy to report that our Christmas Bazaar this year netted DOUBLE over previous years with sales of \$2000!

Many thanks to the members who helped set up, decorate and most of all displayed their artwork to be purchased by the public. Victoria Art League will no longer be the "best kept secret" in Victoria!



Demo Artist - Rita Kirkman

Rita Kirkman was born an artist. She has been using pastel since she was 11 years old and had her first paid portrait commission at 17. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1988. Meanwhile, in 1986 she began a 12 year career sketching quick portraits in amusement parks, and in 1988 she began a business drawing detailed pencil portraits. These days Kirkman still does the same quick portraits and caricatures at events throughout south Texas, but there's more to this talented artist than quick sketching.

Since 2003, Kirkman has improved her own style and technique with pastel through independent study and workshops with several renown pastelists and portrait painters. This effort has been consistently rewarded with major awards in national and international competitions. Her work has been published in The Artist Magazine as well as others. She is a Signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a recipient of the Master Circle Award from the International Association of Pastel Societies. Her portraits and paintings are in private collections all over the world, including the U.S. ,Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia

Upcoming Classes

Beginning Digital Photography taught by Jim Feig Tuesdays starting January 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm for 5 weeks Cost is \$90

NEW CLASS: Photoshop Elements starting Thursday January 23rd for 5 weeks from 6:30-8:30 pm Cost is \$90

Beginning Pottery with Bill Bauer Starting January 27 from 1-4 or 6-9. Runs for 6 weeks at a cost of \$125

Advanced Pottery starting January 30th from 1-4 or 6-9. Runs for 6 weeks at a cost of \$125. Fee includes clay, glazes, instruction and firing.

NEW CLASS:

Clay Animal Sculptures taught by Jim Frank starting mid March. Class is limited to 6 students with clay experience. Will run for 6 weeks. Cost will be \$125 and more definite information will be in February's newsletter.

Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday: January 12th at 2:00 Monthly meeting with Rita Kirkman as demo artist

Mondays

- Paint-in and Pottery work— anyone welcome; 10:00am-2:00pm; each person pays a small building use fee. 578-8432
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WORKSHOPS!! WORKSHOPS!!

Art League Members Have Lots to Choose From. Call the Art League or Peggy Yandell at 361-935-5549 to register or for more information.

January 18, and 19th - Pastels with Rita Kirkman \$175 or \$165 for members go to ritakirkman.com to register

February 27, 28 and March 1 - Oils With Mark Keathley (waiting list only)

Reminder - We need gallery sitters! Call Judy Feig at 576-0578 if you can volunteer one day a month to keep our facility open to the public.

Also, we are still taking memberships. If you have not renewed or know of someone who would like to join, please have them call the Art League for info.

Also the new yearbooks are printed and available in the gallery by the desk. Please sign when you pick yours up.

Reminder to members

Our demo artist in January will be Rita Kirkman, well known pastel artist.

Go to her web site to view some of her work. Perhaps you will be encouraged to take her workshop in January after seeing some of her art.

Gallery Change

Due to the new electrical and plumbing changes going on this month - we will only need art displayed till the middle of the month. Therefore, artists are encouraged to leave their art from the Christmas Bazaar on display in the gallery till it needs to be removed for the painting and work to take place which will be around the last week of January

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The following projects are on the agenda for the new year (or perhaps during the Christmas holidays)

1. Install new vanities, toilets and faucets in the bathrooms
2. Re-floor the bathrooms and paint walls
3. Install new faucet in the kitchen
4. New lighting in the gallery to show off our wonderful artwork

New Members of VAL
Donald Breech
Brenda Burkett
Lisa Gabrysch
Kay McBrayer
Jamie Neyland
Laurel Thomas



Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 8th in the gallery at 2:00.

Our monthly meeting will be January 12th at 2:00 with Rita Kirkman demonstrating.

We had a wonderful time at our annual Christmas party. There were 36 in attendance and we ate well, sang Christmas songs and generally had a great time visiting and socializing with one another. Sorry but no pictures were taken!



Don't Forget
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Call Eunice Collins at 576-4043 for times and cost.

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