

# 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. L. Thurmond Building

### President's Column



Summer is whizzing by. Susan and I just got back from a trip to Pagosa Springs Colorado with my daughter and her two kids and enjoyed the beauty of nature all around us. I have lots of photos to prove it and to use for inspiration in future artwork. I hope many of you will look around and see something to inspire you to do the same. It is my desire to encourage more of our membership to try new art activities or strive to get better at the mediums you are already doing. For you busy folks, which is most everybody, stop and smell the roses. If you have no art experience, you might look at some of the classes that are happening this month or very soon.

This month Allen Lara could be showing you how to draw with pencils, or Jim Feig could show you various things about digital photography and composition, I could show you the whole process of creating in clay. Soon, you can learn basics of watercolor with me and later experience watercolor more in depth with Angie Banta Brown. You can try your hand at acrylic painting with Paint The Town or soon clay sculpture with Jim Frank and later on other things such as oil painting or maybe stained glass or even tile mosaics. So, as you can see, the opportunity is there. We are trying very hard to make it possible for each of you to experience art firsthand. So make this the year you expand your horizons.

### Demo Artist for July

The Victoria Art League will be meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the gallery. There will be a reception for our Artist of the Month Allen Lara and then there will be a demonstration of pencil drawing by Mr. Lara.

Everyone is invited to come view another form of art and visit with other members.

**CALL TO ALL MEMBERS!** There is a need for the position of Recording Secretary. If you can fill this important office please call Bill Bauer at 575-3216 or 649-8309.

### It's That Time of the Year Again!

Memberships are due and we hope that all our members will rejoin and encourage new people to come aboard for another great year at the Victoria Art League.

## *Artist of the Month : Allen Lara*

To Allen Lara, art has been an interest ever since he was a child." As a young boy, I sketched anything that I would find interesting; from animals to landscapes. I continued on through my junior high and high school years. It wasn't until I entered an art contest for the Houston Post that won me a gold key award two years in a row that prompted me to go forward with my interest in art. Feeling that I would like to further my knowledge of the arts I began to take college courses with Larry Shook who opened doors for me and showed me different techniques that would be helpful to me later on. After two years of college, I would find Dalhart Windberg, a wonderful painter whose techniques would impress me so much that I would continue to this day just trying new and better ways of becoming a good artist. Mr. Windberg is a good friend and mentor. Although I am primarily using pencil and prismacolor, I also am furthering my expertise in oil painting and pastels. An artist is always learning."

On July 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> , Allen will be offering a workshop on pencil drawing from 9:00 to 4:00 with a lunch break at 12:00. Cost will be \$105 which includes the building use fee for the 3 days. The class will be held at the Art League. A list of supplies will be available at the Art League and some items will be available to purchase from Allen at the workshop This workshop will be for adults only, age 19 and up.

Classes will also be available after the workshop to further your techniques on Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00 to enhance what you learned in the workshop for \$35. Prismacolor as well as pencil will be emphasized.

## *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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jimfrank39@suddenlink.net)



## Photography Classes by Jim Feig

If you or any of your friends are interested, I will be offering the following photography classes in July:

### Basic Digital Photography:

A photo class for the beginning and intermediate photographer who is interested in taking better photos with the modern digital camera

This is a class to help you become familiar with the important features of your particular camera, and provide a foundation in the basic principles of photography to help you take better photos with your camera.

Classes start July 15. They will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 for 5 weeks. Cost of the class is \$90

### Basic Portrait Lighting with Electronic Flash:

A class for the photographer interested in learning to use portable electronic flash for portrait lighting.

This is a one day class. It will meet on Saturday July 26 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost is \$40

All classes meet at the Victoria Art League located at 905 S. Bridge Street in Victoria, Tx.

For additional information on these classes, call Jim Feig at (361) 576-0578 or email [jimfeig21@yahoo.com](mailto:jimfeig21@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your consideration.

## Summer Fun for Youth

This summer, the following members will be offering classes for children here at the Art League one of which is Claire Santallena, who taught with the late Ellie Poirrier and at Hobby Lobby . Claire's Art Camp in June was a success and in July she will teach on Mondays July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00-7:00 for elementary and intermediate students. Cost for these 4 sessions is \$50.

Sarah Weatherly will teach Kids' Paint the Town Classes on Wednesdays from 10-12 starting June 18<sup>th</sup>-August 13. Each session is \$35. Sarah taught art at West HS and Cade before teaching for Paint the Town classes.

Contact either of these instructors to sign up

Claire Santallena at 361-28-9566 or email at [santellana123@yahoo.com](mailto:santellana123@yahoo.com)  
Sarah Weatherly at 254-723-8080 or email at [sarah.weatherly@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.weatherly@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Classes in July for the Art League

Pencil drawing by Allen Lara  
July 17, 18 19 (see article on Allen - Artist of the Month

Beginning Pottery with Bill Bauer starting July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Your choice of 1-4 or a 6-9.  
Cost \$125. Class will run for 2 weeks. Call for more information. 649-8309 or 575-3216



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 July 3rd in the gallery at 2:00**

**New Members for the Art League and Supporting Members**

Chris Wade  
Logan Womack  
Pat Mortin

Marie Frankson  
Buddy Lee  
Opaline Hensley

Return Service Requested

