

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



I am excited to be your president once again. Susan did a great job last year but has decided that a "real" artist needs to handle this position!

One of the main things I would like to accomplish this year is to get every member to participate this year in some way. I'm talking about making our monthly meetings once in a while, responding on one of the workdays we have two or three times during the year, participate in our special events such as the two art shows during the year, our Christmas Bazaar, gallery sitting every now and then but mainly just to get to know your fellow members as we attempt to make the Art League a place the community looks to when they think about the visual arts. Think about it. We are a member organization. Nothing happens without the members participating. We each need to do our part no matter how small it may be.

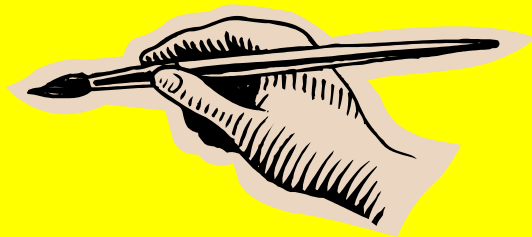
One of the new things on the agenda will be a fantastic celebration as soon after the floor is finished to "show" off our wonderful facility with all the improvements including a new floor in the gallery which we hope will be installed in July. We want to thank all of the individuals, foundations, businesses and the City of Victoria with their H.O.T.funds for giving so generously to our efforts to restore our fine old historic building and improve our gallery so visitors can feel comfortable and view the art in professional lighting. We will set a date as soon as we know when the floor will be complete.

Susan and I just returned from Colorado where we experienced nature firsthand on our newly purchased motorcycle. It was so inspiring but there is so much to be inspired by right here so let's get busy!

Demo Artists for June

The Victoria Art League will be meeting on June 8th at 2:00 in the gallery. There will be a reception for our Artist of the Month Donald Blavier. And then there will be a demonstration of wood turning by Mr. Blavier and Curtis Kerth from the Wood Turners Club here in Victoria.

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



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 Donald Blavier

The Rev. Donald Blavier grew up in Tyler Texas and has been a resident of Victoria since 1972. For fifteen years he was Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Victoria. Since he resigned from that post and retired from the parish ministry, he earned a Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Houston-Victoria and a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Texas Tech University. For fourteen years, he was an adjunct member of the faculty at Victoria College and had a private practice in Family Therapy. For the three years, before he retired at 77 years of age, he was a consultant for the Department of Defense, serving assignments as a family therapist, at military bases in the U.S. and in Europe. He counseled military personnel, who had been deployed and their families.

When he was preparing to retire, three years ago, Donald knew he needed something to keep him busy in retirement. He became interested in woodturning when he saw a display of James Anderson's work. He contacted James, who was president of the local wood turners group, asking for more information and a demonstration of wood turning. After watching James turn one bowl, Donald bought a lathe and began learning to turn wood. Donald is primarily self taught but he has been nurtured and encouraged in this art by members of the South Texas Wood Turners Club.

As a new wood turner, Donald is eager to try new woodturning skills and projects. He has been noted in the Turners Club for his wooden flowers. He joined the Victoria Art League last fall. Donald entered one of his wooden flower arrangements and natural edge mesquite bowl in the Victoria Art League's Fall show and was awarded two blue ribbons including Best of Show by a beginning artist.

Officers Flected and Installed for 2014-2015



President: Bill Bauer

1st Vice-President: Joyce Ritchey

• 2nd Vice-President: Jim Feig

Recording Secretary: Brenda LeJune

Corresponding Secretary: Gloria Ludlow

Treasurer: Mary Smith

Parliamentarian: Sandra Heinold

Public Relations: Funice Collins

Property Manager/Rentals: Marc Hinojosa

Directors: Susan Bauer, Ralph Howard

(Volunteers for committees still needed)

Gallery Hanging Monday June 2nd

Please bring your “best work” (paintings, sculptures, pottery, woodturnings, jewelry etc) to the Art League Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday morning.

New Members for the Art League

Donna Roberts
Jessica Helms
Alyvia Rangnow - Youth Member
Delores (Dolly) Martinez
Amy Wilburn

Gallery Sitters Wanted!

Gallery sitters are always needed in order to keep our wonderful facility open. The hours are from 1-5 Tuesday through Saturday.

There are only about 10-15 members who “hold down the fort” each month and more would make it easier on everyone. Please call Judy Feig at 550-0406 to volunteer. She will be glad to explain what is needed and give you a hug!



Summer Fun for Youth

This summer, the following members will be offering classes for children here at the Art League. Claire Santallena, who taught with the late Ellie Poirrier and at Hobby Lobby will offer an Art Camp on June 23-27 from 8:30-11:30 for elementary age children. Cost is \$80 and \$20 for supplies. She will also 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 18th-August 13. Each session is \$35. There is also a possible workshop in July with dates and times to be announced. 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 santallena123@yahoo .com
Sarah Weatherly at 254-723-8080 or email at sarah.weatherly@gmail.com

Upcoming Classes in July for the Art League

Pencil drawing by Allen Lara
(new class)

Pottery (Beginning and
Advanced) by Bill Bauer

Beginning Watercolor by Bill
Bauer (new class)

Photography by Jim Feig



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 June 4th in the gallery at 2:00



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