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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



As I write my letter to you this month, Susan and I are in Tennessee riding our motorcycle through the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and also scenic roads in North Carolina and Georgia. It is all so inspiring! My camera is staying busy taking photos for future paintings. I encourage you to find your inspiration wherever you are. Find a special time you can set aside during the week to create, join us on Mondays for our time creating together or come to the monthly meetings and let someone like Angie Banta Brown inspire you there. Also Michael Windberg is holding an oil painting workshop as I write this and he will be teaching classes on Mondays following that. I hope some of you will make the effort to pick up a pencil, brush or whatever this month.

We had some great things happen this month. Our new floor was completed last week. Come by and see it and the refinished bar and cabinets and floor in the kitchen. Be sure to make plans to be there on September 25th for our Gala to celebrate all the restorations to our building and also to honor Harold Nichols. It would be great if we could have every member present for this most special occasion! Write it on your calendar today!

The turnout for our workday was great and we accomplished a lot in 4 hours. Thank you!

Demo Artist for September and Workshop Offered By Angie Banta Brown

Angie Banta Brown, well-known artist of watercolors and pastels will be the demo artist at our monthly meeting, September 14th at 2:00. Angie is a member of Texas Watercolorists and Watercolorists of America and has offered workshops at the Victoria Art League before. She was born in Leakey Tx and now lives in New Braunfels. She began her art training in the Warren Hunter School of Art in San Antonio for a career in graphic design in Frost Bros., Joskes and Univ. of Illinois. In the mid 70's her focus changed to fine arts and she began showing her work in galleries and teaching. Painting and teaching is how Angie spends her time these days. Those who have participated in her workshops are always pleased with what they learn and how they improve their techniques. The workshop called Making the Most of the Characteristics of Watercolor Pigments will be on the 15th, 16th, and 17th from 9:00-3:00 for a cost of \$125. Some supplies can be purchased from Angie at the workshop. A complete list of supplies can be found at the Art League. There is a waiting list at the present time.



We are happy to report (actually estatic!) that the new gallery floor has been installed throughout our historic building. There is new floor throughout the gallery including the kitchen! The flooring is called Free Lay Flooring and each plank is made of vinyl which can be mopped and cleaned easily. This was a major undertaking- to raise the funds besides doing all the other repairs needed for this wonderful building of ours. SO.....

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE!!!

On September 25th we are going to have a Gala for our donors, our members, our public and whoever wants to attend to show off our building. At the same time, we will be dedicating our gallery to the memory of Harold Nichols. We will be known as the Victoria Art League and the Harold Nichols Gallery of Art. We will have this celebration from 4:00-7:00 and would like to have a time at 5:30 for attendees to share memories of our historical building or of Harold. We would welcome photos or copies to share also. We want to serve refreshments that reflect the “rebirth” of the L.C. Thurmond building but would need some donations to make this happen. If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please send your monetary donations to the Art League, 905 S. Bridge - or give to one of the officers. We will be decorating in the “rustic elegance” that our wonderful building reflects. All donations need to be received by September 15th. We would like to see every single member in attendance to celebrate!!

Oil Painting Classes by Michael Windberg

Just a reminder that Michael Windberg is teaching oil painting on Mondays from 2:00-5:00 or 6:00-9:00. Cost is \$30 a session. Call Michael at 649-2833 or email him at mrwindberg@gmail.com to sign up. 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 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.



Pottery Classes Offered by Bill Bauer

Beginning Pottery will be offered on Mondays from 1-4 or 6-9 starting September 15th for 6 weeks.

Advanced Pottery will be offered on Thursdays from 1-4 or 6-9 starting September 18th for 6 weeks. Cost for any class will be \$125 which includes clay, glazes and firings. Please call Bill Bauer at 361-649-8309 to sign up or for more information.

THANK YOU!!!

We want to thank our members who came and worked tirelessly on work day last month. A lot was accomplished - painting the front of the building, cleaning out the storeroom, hauling off a trailer full of trash and generally making the back of the building more attractive. There is still more to do as we want to have the patio as nice as can be especially with our GALA coming up this month. Call Bill if you can help in any way. These are the members who "beat the heat" and helped: Jim and Judy Feig, Bill and Susan Bauer, Court and Marie Frankson, Marc Hinojosa, Mary Smith, Patrick Ketzler, Ralph Howard, Sandra Heinold, Dave and Gloria Ludlow, Joyce Ritchey, also Brenda LeJune, and Michelle Robles who worked during the week to clean out cabinets and reorganize the interior of the gallery. If anyone's name has been left off, please accept my apologies and know that you are appreciated too.

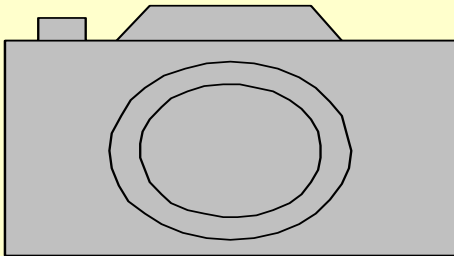
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Don't Forget

PAINTING THE TOWN

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



Message Board

VAL Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 10th in the gallery at 2:00

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Jim Feig has photography classes going on at this time and will be starting new ones soon. If you are interested in learning more about your digital camera, please call Jim at 361-649-8738 for more information.

Return Service Requested

