



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

President's Column



As you can tell from my picture, I participated in Mark Keathley's workshop last month and was it ever fantastic! I encourage everyone to consider the workshops we offer as they are all great.

This month we are having our annual Youth Art Show and we want lots of entries. Last year saw fantastic art from Kindergarten to 12th grade and I am sure it will be as good or better this time. We want to thank Peggy Yandell for all her work getting the word out to schools and teachers. Members – encourage your children, grandchildren or others to participate.

Morris Williams has been working hard putting together an Art Trail for art lovers to participate in. You can read more information on the 3rd page. I hope many of you will take advantage of these weekends to get away from the hustle and bustle and enjoy art in our communities around Victoria.

The beautiful spring weather is here as well as the gorgeous wildflowers. Susan and I went on our cycle again to Canyon Lake to experience all the beauty of this season. The bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, yellow and white flowers and wine cups are in abundance. You might not have a cycle, but take a drive to Cuero and on to Nixon and view God's creation! It's worth your time. Be sure and take your camera!

Demo Artist for April Cathleen Gordon

The Victoria Art League will present "Cover to Cover": Handcrafting an Artist's Book" a workshop by Cathleen Gordon on April 12th at 2:30 at the Art League. Students will explore the rich world of handmade books and creating unique works of art that literally go from "cover to cover". Students will create a series of mixed media pages exploring glazing and collaging techniques with acrylic paint and then bind the pages together using a Japanese stab binding technique. Materials for the class will be provided.

Cathleen Gordon is a mixed media collage and book artist. Her works are in collections throughout the United States and she offers workshops in contemporary collage and book arts trend. She currently teaches drawing, painting, art history, and art appreciation at Victoria College.

Picture from Mark Keathley's workshop in March. All participating received excellent instruction and wonderful comradery.



Classes Being Offered this Month:

Michael Windberg - oil painting on Mondays from 2-5 or 6-9. Cost is \$30 a session. Class needs to have at least 5 students in order to make. Call him at 649-2833 or email him at mrwindberg@gmail.com to sign up

Jim Feig - Photo Shop Element class starting Tuesday April 21th at 6:30-8:30 for 5 weeks. Call Jim at 361-576-0578 or 649-8738 for more information.

Donations to the Building Fund

Eva Christine Thieme
Marc and Lisa Hinojosa
Jim & Judy Feig
Simone Tipton
Tim Miori
Opaline Hensley
Cissy Licea
Patsy McFadin
Kenneth and Betty Vickers
Nancy Rigsby
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Sharon D. Steen
John M. Roberts

Elections



Calling All Members!!! It's that time of the year to elect new officers and WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP!! Our officers have been holding down the fort for at least 5 years and we need some NEW BLOOD! Please call Bill at 649-8309 if you are interested in serving this wonderful organization next year. PLEASE!!!

Youth Art Show This Month!!!

Spring is here and it is time once again for the Victoria Art League to sponsor its annual Youth Art Show for the Crossroads area. Peggy Yandell, our show coordinator has been contacting schools in the surrounding area as well as our public schools to get the interest going. All the information on the show dates, entrance fees, criteria, etc. is shown on our web page Victoriaartleague.net. Besides getting all this info, you will be

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able to view other info on the art league.

Summer Art Camp coming soon!

Sarah Aleman, children's coordinator will be offering a summer art camp June 15-19 from 8-12. This will be in the classroom as well as on the patio depending on the project being produced. Call Sarah at 512-767-8383 or Sara.aleman520@gmail.com for information on cost. Ongoing classes on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 will continue till the end of May.

Artist of the Month

Joyce Ritchey

Technical know how is a necessity in the creation of a professional painting. The ability to impart your own ideas and feelings is the quality that adds that singular note making you an artist. The work of Joyce Ritchey encompasses both.

Joyce began her studies with Simon Michael of Rockport, School of Fine Arts. Since then she has studied with several nationally known artists including Dalhart Windberg, Clay McGaughy, Ken Hosmer, Fredrick Taubes, Angie Banta Brown as well as several others.

Both the fluidity of water colors and the richness of oil paint remain fascinations to this artist. Her subjects reflect her love of Texas landscapes and wildlife as well as an intense interest and love of Indian Pottery and the Southwest.

Joyce is a member of the Victoria Art League and has been represented in various galleries in Texas and New Mexico. She has her own studio located in her home in Victoria. She has served the Victoria Art League in many capacities throughout the years and is currently the 1st Vice-President. Joyce's smile and sweet personality attracts many patrons to our organization and she is loved and appreciated, besides being a fabulous artist, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.



2015 Coastal Bend Art Trail: Art Outside the Fast Lane

This is a great way to view art galleries or art leagues in the immediate area. Morris Williams has put together 2 weekends in April featuring these from small towns near Victoria. Members are encouraged to go to our email account (although Peggy Yandell has forwarded this info to all members) to get pertinent information. That account is victoriartxartleague@gmail.com. We hope many of our members will be able to participate in this outstanding effort to showcase our artists.



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

The VAL Board will be meeting at 2:00 in the gallery on April 8th. Interested members are always welcome.

New Members to the Art League

Nancie Alkek, Debra Black Budwine,
Liz Holub, Julia Atkinson
Marchelle Schlenker, Pam Solomon,
Holly Stein



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