



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

President's Letter



This Month I am going to start out my letter with a plea to all our members that we need all of your help as we try to accomplish all the things we do each month. It does put a burden on those of us who every month try to see that we have gallery sitters when we are open, make sure our activities are effectively distributed to the newspaper and other outlets in a timely manner. We also have to make sure the newsletter is written and distributed, We can use help with artist of the month, art shows ; youth and adult, maintenance, landscaping, yearbook, exhibits, telephone committee, social functions, children's programs, repairs and remodeling, rentals and more. Hopefully, you can see just a part of what a few of us are doing each month. We need your help. Right now we need a larger list of volunteers to gallery sit so we don't put a burden on those who do. You can call Judy Feig to see if you can help out there.

We have so much going on which is really great as you can see by reading the rest of the newsletter. Mark Keathley's oil painting workshop, his demonstration at our meeting this Sunday (you don't want to miss that), the new artists featured in the middle of our gallery each week for our 50 artists in 50 weeks, our artist of the month, the youth open house the 26th, the art display from the convent early next month, classes ongoing, and the youth art show coming soon; all should show each of you how much is going on and how we need all our members to help in this endeavor to create opportunities for members of our community to experience art in so many different ways. Read your newsletter to see what is going on each month and make an effort to make the meetings and activities as often as you can. Participate as you are able. Look in your directory at the page where it list the officers and those serving under the officers, look for areas you could help and call to see if you could assist them in any way.

We have a great organization that can make a difference in our community. Help us make it so.

Demo Artist for March Mark Keathley - Oil Painter

Mark is a familiar face here at Victoria Art League where he has done oil painting workshops for many years. Mark and his lovely wife Bonnie have recently moved from Victoria to Georgetown where he has opened his own studio. Mark is a Victoria High graduate having studied under Karen Burleson. His talent was discovered early and he has become a highly sought after oil painter. Mark utilizes color and light to infuse his paintings with realism and emotion. He loves the outdoors and many of his paintings reflect God's creation.

Mark is an excellent teacher and his talent to bring out the student's best is very notable. You can still come to the workshop starting Thursday, March 2-4. Call the Art League for more information



Youth Spring Art Show Coming Soon

It's time to get those youth, ages Kindergarten - 12th working on their entries for our annual art show. Entries will be taken the end of April. Information about what is accepted, costs and sizes is on our web page: victoriaartleague.org. and our facebook page.

Artist of the Month Ernestine (Tina) Kidder

Tina Kidder has had a life long interest in art and began Drawing and painting with watercolors at a very early age. She took art in grade school where she developed some skills, but was not able to take formal training full time until after retiring from Victoria College where she taught English and Spanish. For the next 15 years she was to enroll at the College taking courses in fundamentals of art, oils, drawing and life drawing, Tina also supplemented these skills by taking numerous workshops offered by the Victoria Art League and enjoyed displaying her art in many local and regional venues. She still paints and meets with colleagues at the Victoria Art League Paint-In group when time from many other church and community commitments allow. Subject matters range from landscape, still lifes, portraiture, and figure drawing. She paints in most mediums, but oil is her preferred medium. Tina finds painting rewarding, relaxing, and always meaningful in her life. The friendship she enjoys with fellow artists is a plus. Her mentors have been many and she is grateful for their influence in her development as an artist.



Classes Being Offered this Month:

Michael Windberg - Oil Painting on Mondays from 6-9. Cost is \$30 a session.. Call him at 649-2833 or email him at mrwindberg@gmail.com to sign up. An afternoon class will still be possible if enough people sign up so contact if interested.

Bill Bauer - Pottery - Bill is presently holding Beginning and Advanced classes. He will offer a new one in June or July.

Jim Feig- Photography - Jim is presently holding a Beginning Digital Photography class that started February 21st from 7-9 running for 5 weeks. Contact Jim at 576-0578 or 649-8738 for more information

Julia Atkinson - Drawing - Tuesday and Thursday 10-1 and Sunday 2-5. If interested contact her at 361-652-4005 for cost and for more information.

Candace Coyle - Beginning Drawing - Saturdays. Call Candace for more information on times and costs. Candace is presently the art instructor at East High School. Her number is 582-6435

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

Our monthly meeting will be on March 5th this month. Come at 2:00 for a reception for Tina Kidder, our Artist of the Month, and stay for the demo by Mark Keathley.





Sierra Wilson is teaching art to children and youth here at the Art League.. She will be offering a Toddler class on Fridays once a month where the parent attends with the child. She will also be starting a new semester with Art Basics for ages 5-9, Art for Homeschoolers, ages 8-16 and Art Techniques and Concepts for ages 10-17.

Sierra has her own web page - victoriaartsforkids.weebly.com where she explains all the classes, the cost and the times offered. These classes are by semester but you can enroll anytime

Youth Open House on March 26th!

Inviting all youth to come visit with artists from the Victoria Art League. Different mediums will be demonstrated- pottery, watercolor, oils, drawing, scratchboard, pastels, etc. Let your young friends know about this event! Hands on specials.



Boy, will there be lots going on in the next few months here at your Art League! We have plans for restrooms to be built in the patio area - a much needed addition especially for our outdoor rentals. We will no longer have to keep the building open just for restroom availability. We are just waiting on bids from contractors then on with the build!

Also, there will be a kiln area built on the outside near the airconditioning units. This will house a gas kiln as well as have extra storage for our outdoor lawn equipment. Again, we are waiting on bids to get this done. Due to the many efforts of our own Marie Frankston, the monies are available for both projects from awarded grants from various sources. Lanell Mantey is also now researching possible grants for more financial help here at the Art League. There are always more projects including possibly extending our gallery capabilities

CONVENTional Art April 2nd through April 15th.

A first of its kind Gallery exhibit featuring art and artifacts from the hands and families of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Mother House and Nazareth Academy Convent

Mary Wenske, a prolific and devout Catholic artist who works in mixed media will be on display inside the 50-50 art exhibit as well

Members are encouraged to bring their religious works to display. All are welcome.

Reminder that the VAL Board meeting is after the demo on Sunday, March 5th

Officers and any interested members are invited to attend.

New Members of the Art League

Najeli Pisors
Susie Starnes



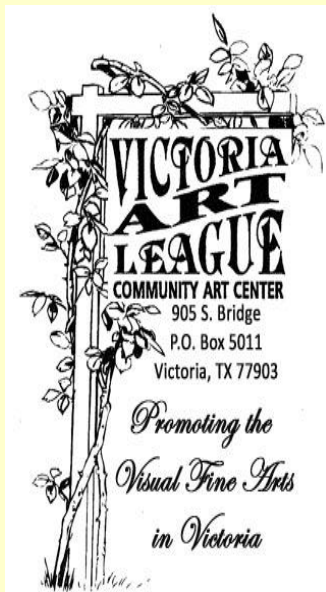
PAINTING THE TOWN

Come have a great time with family and friends at our social painting class.

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

Members, don't forget to come view the art for our **50/50 artists** . The display changes every week so there is always more to view and admire.

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