

ANNUAL ART SHOW - MAY 2012
BRUSH STROKES FROM THE
DESOTO ART LEAGUE

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JUDY GELFERT
WORKING IN OIL
JANUARY 26, 2012 MEETING

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7:00 PM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
212 W. PLEASANT RUN
DESOTO, TEXAS 75115



"Picker Circle"

Judy Gelfert's paintings reflect her ever-enthusiastic attention to design and light in everyday surroundings, be it the landscape, urban scene, interior, or figure. Painting loosely with a limited palette of primary colors and white, Judy aims to capture the essence and feel of a scene, leaving detail to the viewer's imagination.

Currently a resident of Arlington, Texas, Judy grew up on her family's ranch in Bowie, Texas, where she discovered her joy of drawing and painting at a young age. Her interest in art led her to earn two years of studio art credits at the University of Texas at Austin while majoring in history and German. After graduation, she became a flight attendant and was based in San Francisco, London, Santiago de Chile, and Washington, D.C. During this time, Judy began to focus on oils, painting on her days off, taking advantage of subject-matter inspired by her travels.

In 2002, she became a full-time artist. Since then she has shown her work on the local and national level, winning numerous awards, among them 1st Place in the National Society of Artists' 22nd National Juried Competition, and entries in the 2005 and 2006 Oil Painters of America National Juried Competition.



"Grand Entry"

Now a busy mother of 2 small children, Judy still paints every chance she gets, and finds endless inspiration in the rugged landscapes of Texas, her native state. She's currently represented by Marta Stafford Fine Art in Marble Falls, Texas, and The Good Art Company in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Judy teaches periodic workshops through various art associations in Texas.

Let's all come welcome Judy and enjoy Judy's work.



"Afternoon, San Gimignano"

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HAPPENING IN

FEBRUARY

- In February, Janice Hamilton will demo using Pastels. Art-work of the Month. Nominating Committees names..

2011 ANNUAL MEMBER'S ONLY ART SHOW
SEE RESULTS INSIDE THIS ISSUE. BEST SHOW EVER!
Everybody give Bryan Reynolds (Show V.P.) a big, big hand.

REFRESHMENTS — THE SECOND BEST REASON TO COME TO ART LEAGUE MEETINGS

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Please make a special effort to patronize and thank these businesses and organizations that support us so generously. .

Sandy Reese is coordinating the refreshments for 2011-2012. Call her at 972-217-1546 to volunteer. Just a reminder, the Art League will reimburse you for the cost of drinks and ice for the meetings. Just provide Cherene Bradshaw (treasurer) with receipts.

Thanks to Rebecca Simonfalvi for the November Refreshments.

REFRESHMENTS FOR 2012:

January 2012 - Cayetano Olivarez and John Galletta

February 2012 - Christine Lain

March 2012 - Barbara Patrie McPherson and Jane Kahler

April 2012 - Debbie Box

If you would like to help with some of these refreshments, just contact one of the individuals above or call Sandy.

SUNSHINE LIST

Again a very healthy bunch. No Sunshine activity reported this month. Keep up the good work. Now that you guys are all so healthy, you should be able to come to our January 26th meeting. :)

WHO, WHAT,WHEN, WHERE AND SOMETIMES—HOW

Check out the results from the Member’s Only Show elsewhere in this newsletter.

HEADS UP! Next month is the start of planning and organizing for the Art League’s new year. The first step to get the League’s management and operations team in place. To do this, George Cole will be appointing a nominating committee to help staff the League for the new 2012-2013 year. Some of the jobs have already been filled with early volunteers. Check with George and pick your job while there are still choices.

Ken Reese is teaching classes and conducting sessions in an educational seminar at the Rockport Center for the Arts and will participate in a workshop by a recent DeSoto City Hall exhibitor Annie Chrietzberg’s workshop in February. Ken also plans to attend the Coastal Bend Potters exhibits at the Bountiful Bowls exhibit in February as well as the Oysterfest in March.

NEW: The winning paintings from the Monthly Contests will be exhibited in the DeSoto City Hall for the month following the meeting. Thanks to Bryan and George to getting this new venue arranged.

Ken Reese was just named one of 5 “MERIT ARTISTS OF 2012” for the Rockport Art Center. Ken will get an opportunity to have his own pottery exhibit at the Center in August 2012.

Did not offer to volunteer yet? Bryan Reynolds still needs a helper or helpers for the Spring Art Show. Not a big job when the tasks are spread around.

Step up = Step out = Bryan at 469-337-8367.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

The DeSoto Art League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. All gifts to the DeSoto Art League are tax deductible. All gifts and grants are appreciated.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND DON’T WANT TO DRIVE, LET ME KNOW AND I WILL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A RIDE.

Send your latest art news and happenings to Ken Reese, 972-217-1545 or ken_reese@prodigy.net

**DESOTO ART LEAGUE
2011 MEMBERS SHOW**



FIRST PLACE
Russell Reed
"St. Martin des Porres"



SECOND PLACE
David Tripp
Watercolor



THIRD PLACE
Ken Reese
"New Old Urn"



HONORABLE MENTION
Lonnie Rodgers
"Moon Beach"

The 2011 Member's Only Art Show was a huge success with more entries than ever. Great Art Work. Great Venue. Artwork was sold from the show.

Bryan Reynolds did a great job in organizing and producing this show. Combined with the Annual Show which Bryan directed in the Summer, this was the best year ever for Art Show for the Art League. AND... Bryan has volunteered to do this again next year. Congratulations to all of you and especially to Bryan for his hard work.

Right: This sculpture by Juliana Simonfalvi, Age 9, is an outstanding example of work being done by some of our young people today. Juliana was commissioned to do a piece for a special art show marking the opening of the new Margaret Hunt Bridge in downtown Dallas later this spring. This was the piece that was created and it was shown in the exhibit last fall.

Congratulations to Juliana.



Happy New Year

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

- January 26, 2012 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Judy Gelfert (Oil - People)
- January 2012 DeSoto City Hall Exhibits - Kon Kelley (3D Modeling), Ruben Contreras
- February 23, 2012 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Janice Hamilton (Pastel—Still Life)
- February 2012 DeSoto City Hall Exhibit—Vet (Art)
- March 29, 2012 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Becky Parks (Oil—Building)
- March 2012 DeSoto City Hall Exhibit—Russell Reed
- April 26, 2012 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Bob O’Brian (Oil Landscape)
- April 2012 DeSoto City Hall Exhibit
- May 30, 2012 Art work due at Annual Art Show
- May 31,2012 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Tentative (Art Critiques) and covered dish dinner
- Hang Art Show
- May 2012 DeSoto City hall Exhibit - Karen Taylor (Ceramics), Ava Freeman (Art)
- June 1, 2012 Artist’s Reception and Annual Art Show Results
- August 2012 DeSoto City Hall Exhibit—Mary Rabien
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Be sure and visit our friends at Asel Art Supply in one of their many stores throughout the metro-plex. Asel is a great supporter of the DeSoto Art League. They are faithful and generous in providing support for all our activities.

Thanks to Asel Art Supply and all their crew for their support.

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DESOTO ART LEAGUE

2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Wk/Cell _____

E-Mail: _____ Birthdate: Month ____ Date ____

Art Mediums: _____ Newsletter by Email: Yes No

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ARTWORK OF THE MONTH—NOVEMBER 2011



First Place was won by Christopher Toplyn (L). Second Place was won by Jane Kahler (L).

Prizes were furnished by Bill Cicherski and his crew at Asel Art Supply.

Remember: If you win prizes other than a ribbon, you are not eligible to compete again for two months.

Bring your art work to the January meeting.

GOOD NEWS! We are now exhibiting the monthly winners of the Art Work of the Month in the Dallas City Hall. Bring it On!



MEETING AGENDA

At the January 2012 meeting, the meeting will start with refreshments and mini-show voting at 7:00PM. After a short business meeting, the program will continue uninterrupted. Please be there on time with your mini-show entry.

DESOTO CITY HALL EXHIBITS

The current exhibits at the DeSoto City Hall features Rueben Contreras and his artwork. Rueben uses acrylic as his medium and creates some wonderful pieces of artwork.

Konley Kelley is showing some of his historical 3-D models and artwork from World War II and the Korean War. His work is shown in various museums and military venues. (Kon is a crew member on "FiFi" the only remaining flying B29 Bomber from WWII).

Rueben's artwork will be on exhibit through February 1.

Konley's artwork and models will be on exhibit through the end of February.

Coming new in February will be an art exhibit by VET. This will feature a nature series. This exhibit will be in conjunction with the national observation of Black History Month. Look for an article by Rita Cook on this exhibit in the local DeSoto Newspaper.

Coming in March is an exhibit by DeSoto Art League show winner Russell Reed.

Ava Freeman and Ceramicist Karen Taylor will be exhibiting their artwork in May.

If you are interested in exhibiting your artwork, contact me at ken_reese@prodigy.net or 972-217-1546. Guidelines are available at www.desotoartleague.com.

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JANUARY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jane Kahler - January 8

Elvis Presley - January 8

Sandy Reese - January 9

Helen Peden - January 16

Bev Thompson - January 24

Rachel Lain - January 27

Alvin Williams - January 29

JANUARY 2012 - A note from the editor.....

♪♪♪♪ Should Auld acquaintances be forgot and never brought to mind ♪♪♪♪ Boy, did the New Year's happenings whiz by - and here we are already 4% of the way through 2012. Talk about getting old in a hurry.

The New Year brings new opportunities - in every area. Health, living, art, service, family, church, social and on and on. And it seems that every year the demands for our time just grows and grows. Since mostly January is wasted on waiting for the weather to improve, I take this time to inventory the demands for my time and the available time I have to meet these demands and then plan my year out. This year, I plan to interact with my family at every possible opportunity, continue to teach pottery as opportunities are available, create artwork every possible moment, Travel at least 3-4 times, and use my spare time to help organizations such as the DeSoto Art League, Rockport Art Society, Ellis County Art Society, NCECA (National Clay Arts Educators) as the opportunities arise. (As I write this, I am teaching classes at the Rockport Art center, preparing for an Art Educator's Seminar presentation, working on this newsletter, trying to keep the City Hall art exhibits organized and scheduled, planning for pottery classes when I get back home, kind of planning my next trip to some art happenings in North Carolina this Summer, making new pottery pieces for a trip back to Rockport in August for my own pottery show, and on and on. Just trying to stay busy!).

I would hope that the 60 or 70 members of the Art League would also think about using a few hours a month of their time to help and contribute. Coming up in the next couple of months, the League will be filling positions so that our 33rd year of operation will be a great success. If we don't use the talents we have occasionally, they will wither and become useless. What a waste that would be. George Cole will be asking for your help in the very near future.

Don't get too distracted by all the political hoopla this year and neglect other important things. Stay in focus. Keep art work and service outside your own little sphere in it's proper place and with the right priority.

Don't forget about the meeting on January 26th at 7:00 PM.

Ken

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**PUT SOME ART IN
YOUR LIFE TODAY!**

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We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day. " ~Edith Lovejoy Pierce