

BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE

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TINA BOHLMAN MARCH 31, 2011 MEETING

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

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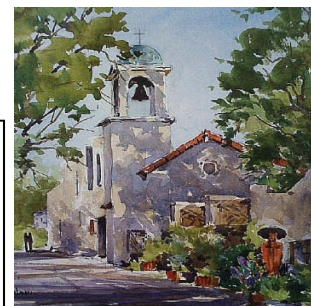
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April Staff

STUFF.

- *The April Meeting will be on the 28th at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church, 212 W. Pleasant Run Rd., DeSoto*
- *The April meeting will feature a watermedia demo by Tata Smith*
- *A monthly 'Art of the Month' show for members*



BY: Tina Bohlman

ANNUAL ART SHOW COMING IN JUNE

I've been an artist all my life. Drawing with pencil and crayon as a child, I don't remember learning the skill....the ability has just always been there."

A Texas native, Tina Bohlman has used the state in which she was raised as both the inspiration and the canvas for her art. Mostly a self-taught artist, Bohlman uses watercolor to create her breathtaking *plein air* paintings and brilliant rural landscapes. She cultivated her natural artistic talent and her eye for beauty with great dedication and an insatiable desire to learn the techniques and history of the art. Bohlman has supplemented her independent study with workshops with some of the best artists in the field, including Jan Kuntz, Tom Lynch and Irving Shapiro. This has served her well because as she describes, it can be a challenging medium. A veteran of numerous competition *plein air* and "quick draw" events annually, including, *Plein Air Southwest—Outdoor Painters Society, Sedona Plein Air Festival—Sedona, Arizona, and Paint The Parks—Estes Park, Colorado*, she prefers *plein air* rather than working in the studio. *"I have been an outdoor painter for most of my art career. Nothing compares for inspiration and capturing light and emotion. Aware that my time in a particular moment is short, Plein Air in watercolor requires strong technical skills and a large measure of intestinal fortitude. As the light moves, moment by moment, across the sky, every stroke must be without hesitation. It's a marathon race with the sun; spirited, emotional...and exhausting. I love it!"*

With this dedicated attitude and her skills and talent, Bohlman has made quite an impact in her field. Over the past thirty-five years, she has earned more than 60 awards, including a dozen First Place and four Best in Show titles. In addition to exhibiting, competition and taking commissions for her work, she is the founder and chairman of the annual "Paint Historic Waxahachie", a *plein air* event that showcases more than 50 artists. Her work is collected worldwide; Bohlman originals hang in private and corporate collections in 34 States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Republic of Benin, West Africa.

Memberships: Signature Member-*Outdoor Painters Society; Artists Of Texas; Associate-Women Artists of the West; International Plein Air Painters; Landscape Artists International; Southwest Watercolor Society; Ellis County Art Association; DeSoto Art League.*

DESOTO ART LEAGUE - 2011 ANNUAL ART SHOW

The 2011 Art show is fast approaching. We need each member to enter artwork this year. Great Prizes, 2 months exhibition, chance for sale of artwork.

Support your art league - Paint, Paint, Sculpt, Sculpt, Throw, Throw, Draw, Draw.

Find a kid artist and get them started on their artwork.

Watch for your show prospectus - coming to your mailbox soon Or see it at desotoartleague.com

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH WINNERS



1st Place - Ken Reese



2nd Place - Del Wheat



3rd Place - Cayetano Olivarez



Student Entry
Rebecca Simonfalvi

THE SECOND BEST REASON TO COME TO THE MEETINGS:

Refreshments for March will be furnished by:

Ollie Olivarez and Del Wheat

April - John Galleta and George Cole

Thanks to Dotty Germino and Cherene Bradshaw for the February Refreshments.

Dottie Germino has volunteered to coordinate refreshments and keep volunteers reminded of their generosity for meetings. Contact her at 972-224-2209 to volunteer or to get details.

We do not have anyone signed up for refreshments for the rest of this year. There will be a sign up list at the meeting.

Just a reminder - the Art League will reimburse you for any beverages and ice purchased for the meeting.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND SOMETIMES—HOW

Your new slate of officers and committee chairmen for 2011-2012 will be announced at the April meeting.

Just received notice that Joe Blanford had a painting, *Triq Sant Orsla*, accepted for the 62nd Annual Texas Watercolor Society Exhibition to be held June 1 -30 2011 at the San Antonio Art League and Museum.

Ken and Sandy Reese both had artwork on exhibit in the Rockport Center for the Arts for the month of March 2011.

Look for DeSoto City Hall exhibits in April. Mark Epstein's ceramic students at Cedar Valley will have the three dimensional exhibit. Karen Elyse White (Duncanville) and Lisa Reinke (Singapore) will have the artwork on exhibit.

The Art League had an opportunity to work with the DeSoto Independent School District in developing programs to train teachers. The League had to pass on this opportunity because we could not generate enough interest in this project.

Send your latest news, gossip, tidbits, etc to Ken Reese at ken_reese@prodigy.net or 972-217-1546.

SUNSHINE LIST:

Dotty Germino's sister-in-law passed away in New York last week. Our condolences are with Tom and Dotty.

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.

BIRTHDAYS: MARCH 2011

Joe Blanford - March 15

Linda Gilpin - March 16

Julie Danford - March 22

George Cole - March 25

Happy Birthday!

MORE OF MURPHY'S REAL LAWS:

It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial costs and blame it on the higher cost of living.

He's not dead. He's electroencephalographically challenged.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2011

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| • March 2011 | DeSoto Art League Meeting - Tina Bohlman |
| • March 2011 | City Hall Exhibit - 3D - Nan Phillips and Jane Kahler |
| • April 2011 | DeSoto Art League Meeting—Teta Smith |
| • April 2011 | City Hall Exhibit - Karen Elyse White and Lisa Reinke; 3D - Cedar Valley College |
| • May 2011 | DeSoto Art League Meeting - Installation of Officers and Pot Luck Dinner |
| • May 2011 | City Hall Exhibit - Annie Kreitzbert 3D and Marca DeLaCerde |



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.

WANTED

We are now taking applicants from artist's to exhibit their artwork in the DeSoto City Hall Atrium for the Fall of 2011. If you are interested, please contact me at ken_reese@prodigy.net or 972-217-1546. You can see the guidelines at www.desotoartleague.com. Look under Guidelines. Applicants who are considered should be prepared to submit samples of their artwork (images) for review.

2011 ANNUAL ART SHOW

The 2011 annual art show will kick off on June 1 when the artwork is due to be delivered to the DeSoto City Hall. The Artist's Reception and Awards Ceremony will be on Friday, June 3 at 6:30 PM. The show will hang the months of June and July. Artwork is to be picked up on July 29. Look for your show prospectus and entry forms in the mail soon, or go to desotoartleague.com for a copy. Call Bryan Reynolds for information about the show: 972-223-2576

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

REGULAR
MEMBERSHIP
\$30.00

STUDENT
MEMBERSHIP
\$9.00

PATRON
MEMBERSHIP
\$35.00

Are you willing to help? Officer(President, VP Shows,Membership,Programs,Secretary, Treasurer), Committees: Newsletter, Refreshment Coordinator, Sunshine, Christmas Dinner, Installation Dinner, Silent Auction, Publicity, Membership Book, WebsiteCircle one or more

Mail to: Christine Lain, 520 Arbor Creek, DeSoto, Tx 75115 972-230-3824 email: cglain@tx.rr.com

MARCH 2011 - From Ken's desk

Finally... some warm weather. Sandy and I have been on the Texas coast for three months. A few days (well weeks) of cool and a few cold days of weather, but by and large a wonderful experience. Good enough to want to come back next year. By the time you get this letter, it will be spring again. Time for a new beginning!

Speaking of new beginnings, our nominating committee has been working hard filling offices and committee positions for the 2011-2012 year. I hope you said yes if they contacted you. These volunteers will be announced at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting.

We had a rare opportunity this month to partner with the DeSoto Independent School District to help them develop training seminars to teach 'non' art teachers how to incorporate some art theory, practice, appreciation and initiative into the regular curriculums. This is to help keep some form of art in the schools after the drastic cuts in budgeting expected for the coming year in which art programs will be dropped in the schools. We had two members answer the inquiry I sent out plus one non-member. Not enough to work on the program and to help produce the seminars. A PITY!

The real opportunity was that with the schools dropping art, the Art League stands a real chance of attracting the serious art students who will be looking for what ever art immersion they can find.

Each and every effort to assist the Art League is fully appreciated by all the members. Most of the positions take minimal time and effort and the League as a whole says a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers.

Be sure to put the March meeting on your schedule.

Ken



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

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MURPHY'S REAL LAW: I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.