

**MEMBER'S ART SHOW IN DECEMBER!**  
**BRUSH STROKES FROM THE**  
**DESOTO ART LEAGUE**

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**NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING**  
**Thursday @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**A PROGRAM IN ACRYLICS**

**BY**  
**CAROLYN C. BELL**  
**Plus**

**Julie Brown, The Brush Lady will be at the Church at 6:15PM**

Long time Carrollton, Texas resident, *Carolyn C. Bell*, discovered her art talent in grade school. At an early age she fell in love with color and the manipulation of paint onto a two dimensional surface. Carolyn took two years of art in high school, and later received her Drawing



Certificate from Art Instruction School. She is primarily a self-taught acrylic painter, and has earned her Certificate of Completion in Advanced Acrylic (continued on Page 6)

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**2009 "MEMBER'S ONLY" ART SHOW**

**LESS THAN A MONTH LEFT**

The 2009 Member's Only Art Show is coming up fast - December 1 to be exact. Now is the time to start getting your artwork ready. The show is open to all mediums - oil, watercolor, pastel, pencil, charcoal, acrylic, 3-dimensional, mixed medium, etc.

Entry Fees are \$5.00 per item. The show will hang from December 3, 2009 through January 4, 2010 in the DeSoto City Hall Atrium. Cont. on Page 7

**"THE BRUSH LADY"**

The Brush Lady, Julie Brown, will be at the November 19 meeting starting at 6:15 PM and will close her display when the meeting starts. Come early and fill your needs for BRUSHES.

**NO BRUSHES SOLD AFTER 7:00PM.**

“In art, one idea is as good as another. If one takes the idea of trembling, for instance, all of a sudden most art starts to tremble. Michelangelo starts to tremble. El Greco starts to tremble. All the Impressionists start to tremble. Whatever an artist’s personal feelings are, as soon as an artist fills a certain area on the canvas or circumscribes it, he becomes historical. He acts from or upon other artists. “  
Willem de Kooning

## DUES

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***Your Membership for the 2009-2010 year are due now. If you get your dues in in the next few days (by November 17) you might still make the final version of the membership book.***

***Fill out the membership form in this newsletter and send it in. Don't delay!***

***JOIN NOW. Membership form inside.***

## OUR SUNSHINE LIST

**Sandy Reese** is at home recovering from a two week stay in the hospital for back surgery.

**Carolyn Kilgo Weinman** has been fighting sinus and respiratory problems and had to postpone her knee replacement last month..

We all send our sympathy to **Julie and Joe Danford** on the death of Julie’s Mom last month.

Get your flu shots, wash your hands, take you vitamins and stay healthy! You Hear!

Oh yeah... cough into your elbow....smile

## ARTWORK OF THE MONTH



First Place - Suzanne Murphy (L); Second Place - Cayetano Olivarez (C); Third Place - Bob Pauken (R).



Thanks to Calvin Axtel and his gang at Asel Art Supply for their continued support and merchandise gift certificates for our winners of 1st and 2nd places.

Be sure and bring your artwork to the November meeting.

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



Visit Calvin Axtel and our friends at Asel Art Supply in one of their many stores throughout the metroplex. Asel is a great supporter of the DeSoto Art League. They are faithful and generous in providing support for all our activities.

To Calvin and his crew: THANKS!

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**REFRESHMENTS - The Second  
Best Reason to Come to the Meet-  
ings**

November 2009 - **Christine & Rachel  
Lain**

January 2010 - **Rudy Amato and George  
Cole**

February 2010 - **Julie Danford**

March 2010 - **Joe Acron**

April 2010 - **Ken & Sandy Reese**

Thanks to Connie **Tilden** for the October refreshments.

Contact Marie Pauken at: 972-617-3014

**BIRTHDAYS**

November 11 - **Edna Humphrey**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If I miss your birthday, it might be because I don't have it in my data base. A few of our members did not furnish their birth date (not year). Let me know.

The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want." -Ben Stein

"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses."

Alphonse Karr

**WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND SOMETIME WHERE.....**

Our member **Judy Burch** has been a busy little beaver lately.... Has two paintings accepted into the Pastel Society of the Southwest's 2009 National Juried Exhibit. This show runs through November 14 at the Art Center of Plano located at 1039 E. 15th Street in Plano. Judy also attained Signature Status in the Pastel Society of the Southwest. Way to Go JUDY.

**Kelli Howie** will have an exhibit hanging in the Duncanville Library from November 21 through December 19.

**Lisa Reinke** had an exhibit in the Duncanville Library from September 19 through October 17.

**George Cole** is exhibiting pottery in the Eastfield College Student Art Sale this week (November 9 through November 12).

Our member, **Ray Siebert**, was the featured artist in the November 2009 issue of "Southwest Now". Ray is multi-talented, working in jewelry making, writing music, authoring books (just had his latest published), ceramics, publishing books, book binding and inventing both for fun and for serious.

**Dotty and Tom Germino** think that they like the beaches in Mexico a lot. They had a nice vacation there recently.. And are looking to go back.

**Elaine Schneider**..... Hmm I don't have enough room to keep up with her adventures, but I can tell you that babysitting with the grandchild is harder than it was 25 years ago.. Right Elaine?

I heard that **Richard Webb** was on a first name basis with an Illinois Deer that liked to share the highway at night. No injuries.. Just a mess on the front of his van.

Call Ken with your news at 972-217-1546 or ken\_reese@prodigy.net

DESOTO ART LEAGUE  
2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: Month \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_

REGULAR	STUDENT	PATRON
MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP
\$30.00	\$9.00	\$35.00

Art Mediums: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS**

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Kelly Pevehouse, 213 Castleridge, Red Oak, Texas 75154 Tel: 469-360-1048 kcrose16@gmail.com

If I have missed a new member for the 2009-2010 year, let me know ASAP - Please!  
Ken Reese email: ken\_reese@prodigy.net

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."  
-- Winston Churchill

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."  
Winston Churchill

"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers."  
-Pablo Picasso

"If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts." -Albert Einstein

"Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything." -Charles Kuralt

Send me your favorite Art Quote for the newsletters.

Ken

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 2009-2010**

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Art of the Month	Need someone	
Sunshine	<b>Verda Wright</b>	972-223-5151
Membership Book	<b>Julie Danford</b>	972-223-5851
Silent Auction—December Meeting	<b>Bob and Marie Pauken</b>	972-617-3014
Christmas Party/Dinner	Need Someone	

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School. Carolyn also enjoys working in pastels, watercolor, silk painting, monotypes, block prints, collage, and does some experimental art as well. For 30 years she has designed and hand printed the family Christmas cards using the linoleum block printing method. Since starting back into painting over 20 years ago, she has studied in workshops with some of the many local and nationally known artists in order to hone her skills. Carolyn's work has won awards locally and nationally.

Ms. Bell particularly loves the unique landscapes of the southwest. She finds the rocks, colors, foliage and architecture of the southwest mesmerizing. She continuously studies her surroundings, and uses that visual information to compose her paintings. Capturing the light that will make the painting sing is a constant challenge. Much of her work is based on the many photographs she has taken on various trips in the United States and Europe. In early 2009 she was Assistant Watercolor Instructor on a 50 day Mediterranean and Black Sea Cruise.

***“Good drawing is fundamental to being a good artist, and the “eye” is an important factor to painting what you see. I find immense joy in presenting the landscape in a two dimensional format. It***

***is a vision as well as a passion.”***



Ms Bell collaborated on two books with

another local artist and author, Glenna Grimmer. In 2004 Carolyn did the illustrations for the *“Plaza Arts Center Coloring Book”*. Their most recent collaboration is *“A Walk Back in Time”*, which tells the story of the Farmers Branch Historical Park located in Farmers Branch, Texas. Ms. Grimmer wrote a page of text concerning each structure located in the park, and Ms. Bell did pen and ink illustrations of the structures.

Carolyn is a long time member and past president of *Farmers Branch-Carrollton Art Association (FBCAA)*. She is a member of the *Pastel Society of the Southwest (PSSW)*, a Signature Member/ *Associated Creative Artists (ACA)*, an Associate Member/ *Women Artists of the West (WAOW)*.

In addition to Ms. Bell, Julie Brown, the Brush Lady will be at the meeting room at 6:15PM. If you need brushes, or think you will need brushes, or need gifts, come early. Ms. Brown will have literally thousands of brushes starting at \$1.00 and up all displayed on tables for you to ‘dig’ through. For those of you who haven’t experienced this type brush sale either from Gary, the Brush Man or from Julie. It is a treat that will make your mouth water and will be sure to fill your brush caddy.

The Annual Member Show will start December 1, 2009 with the artwork due that day.. The Show Brochure is attached to this newsletter.

Artwork will be due December 1, 2009 at the DeSoto City Hall located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. in DeSoto. The Show will hang from December 3, 2009 through January 4, 2010.

The Judge will be Danny Jones. Danny did a program for the DeSoto Art league recently. He is active in the DFW area as a teacher and judge. He is retired from the Mansfield ISD where he taught for many years. Mansfield ISD recently named a school after Danny—the Danny Jones Middle School.

Entry Fees will be \$5.00 per piece of artwork. All artwork will be judged as one category. First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention prizes will be awarded.

Get your brushes wet (or oily), your space occupying objects started and get them ready for the show. This is your show.. For our members only! (Non-Members can enter by joining at the show)

REMEMBER: December 1, 2009. Put it on your calendar and tie a string around your finger.

### **CITY HALL DISPLAYS**

November 2009 - **Joe Blanford**, Austin, Texas Artist  
December 2009 - DeSoto Art League Member Show.  
January 2010 - **Laurianne Dygowski**  
February 2010 - African Museum of Culture (Tentative)  
March 2010—**Christine and Rachel Lain**  
April 2010 - Jonesy McConnell  
May 2010 - Burke Burns - Emory, Texas Artist  
June 2010 - DeSoto Art League Annual Show  
July 2010 - DeSoto Art League Annual Show

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**THE PRESIDENTS LETTER**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Our President, Julie Danford, lost her mother late last month after a long illness. Our thoughts and wishes for peace and comfort are with Julie and Joe.

November is a month of two holidays, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. The two go hand in hand. We are thankful for the veterans, past and present, who help(ed) to keep us safe and to guard our freedoms. Thanksgiving is the time to reflect on all our blessings.. Large or small. Thankful for our spouses who have helped to make our lives complete; for our children and grandchildren who are the shining lights in our lives; for our parents who guided us into adulthood and then beamed at our successes; for our freedom to do art, appreciate art, inspire others to do art and the freedom to meet and celebrate art plus all the other freedoms and blessings we enjoy.

Remember: Our Member's Only Art Show is just around the corner. Members only - get your *stuff* ready. It is due on December 1st. Carolyn Bell will be at our meeting and the Brush Lady will be there before the meeting.

Julie will return to this space next time.  
Have a very meaningful Thanksgiving and then get ready for Christmas!  
Ken



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Put some art into your  
life today!

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"It is possible to fail in many ways...while to succeed is possible only in one way." -Aristotle