

A note from the President:

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Dear Friends:

Well, Thanksgiving Day is past and the Christmas Season is now upon us. I am sure everyone is getting into the spirit with all the enticements of department store sales. Let us keep the true meaning of Christmas and try to refrain from all the commercialism being thrust at us. This is a time for Faith, family, friends and neighbors; a time for giving and a time for receiving. My Christmas wish is that you will have a Christmas filled with friendship, love, compassion and peace.

I hope that in spite of the many activates on your schedules, you will be able to attend our Christmas Social on the 11th of December. The bountiful table is always filled with delicious foods and desserts, and our Silent Auction is just one small way to raise some funds for our club. Auction items can include home made baked goods, artist supplies, art books, a piece of art work, etc. Whatever you would bid on when going to an auction would be appropriate. Unique items are always a hit.

I am looking forward to seeing you there! Best Regards and Merry Christmas

Dotty



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At Christmas, all roads
lead home."
~ Marjorie Holmes,
American writer.

BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE



A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

**DECEMBER 11, 2008 MEETING
6:30 P.M.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER, SILENT AUCTION AND MEMBER SHOW AWARDS
DeSoto City Center, Bluebonnet Room in the Activities Building, 211 E. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, Texas
(Park in Parking Lot on east side of City Hall, enter through door furthest away from Pleasant Run Rd)

Come help celebrate another Christmas Season with the DeSoto Art League. Besides a scrumptious pot luck dinner, we will have a silent auction as a fund raiser and the winners of the 2008 Member's Only Show will be announced.

Admission is free, just bring a covered dish (meat, vegetable or dessert) and some extra change for the auction.

For the auction, bring an article(s) to contribute for the sale. This can be objects d'art, something you have cooked or canned, etc. (No white elephant or throwaway items. Items not bought needs to be claimed by the contributor.

Some of the fans from this summer's 'FAN-tastic' Show will be on the auction table.

The time is 6:30 PM. Come, bring your significant other or a driver or chaperone. We guarantee a good time for all.

See inside this newsletter for directions to the Bluebonnet Room.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

OUR SUNSHINE LIST

Short list this month:

Ava Freeman's hubby, Mick, is recovering from a motorbike spill... get well soon and watch out for those spills.

CITY HALL DISPLAYS

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The January 2009 City Hall Display will be by Mary Ann Gonzales. February will be a Black History Month recognition exhibit by the art students at Skyline High School. Patrick Couch is the Art Director at Skyline. March 2009 will be an exhibit 'Family Affair' by the husband and wife artist teams of the Art League: Richard and Carolyn Webb, Bob and Maria Pauken, Joe and Sondra Blanford and Ken and Sandy Reese.

CITY OF DESOTO WANTS OUR HELP

The City of DeSoto is planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Spring of 2009. They are looking for and want to borrow and/or use any paintings, old photographs or other historical items of the 1950's era for a display in the city hall. If you have any of these items or know of someone that does, let me or Kathy Maples Jones at the City Hall know.

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given--when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes."

~ Joan Winmill Brown, American author and editor.

FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR DESOTO ART LEAGUE

As a former program chairman for the DeSoto Art League and other organizations, I can testify from personal experience to the difficulty involved in procuring good, diverse, interesting and informative programs on a continuing basis. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions for programs, please let Connie Tilden, our V.P. Programs know. Connie has done an outstanding job in securing interesting programs about the different aspects of art. Let's give her our help in coming up with new suggestions.

Christmas is the keeping-place for memories of our innocence."

~ Joan Mills

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In February, our president will appoint a nominating committee to nominate officers for the 2009-2010 year. Dotty Germino, our President, will need all of our help in this process, starting with the nominating committee. The best way to get the office you want is to serve on the nominating committee. (smile) Please consider taking one of the positions that are required to operate the Art League. Most involve minimal work, some for only a few hours a year, others for only a few days. All are important and tend to be satisfying. A lot of the current officers and committee chairmen are serving their second and third year (or more). Please consider volunteering and helping the Art League to survive and grow.

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2008

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The Winners for November were: **Ken Reese** won first place and **Verna Geihl** won second place. Now is the time to start painting for the mini-shows. The prizes are worth competing for. After our Member's Only Show, the next mini-show will be at the January 2009 meeting.

Thanks

to Asel Art, we have been fortunate to award gift certificates of \$25 for first compete for two months after winning a monetary prize.

Winning artwork and all entries in the mini-show will be displayed in the Desoto Public Library.

Thanks to **Bryan Reynolds** for coordinating the monthly mini-show. The DeSoto Art League thanks Asel Art for their continued support.



DIRECTIONS TO THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

To get to the Bluebonnet Room, park in the parking lot on the east side of the city hall, entrance off Pleasant Run Rd. There are three entrances to the city hall. Use the one the furthest away from Pleasant Run. Just walk across the driveway, and turn right to the end of the sidewalk (door is in the corner). The Bluebonnet Room is in the west end of the activities center. It is in the building just across the walkway east of the Library.

If you need help or a ride getting to the Christmas Party, please call Ken Reese (972-217-1546) or Dotty Germino (972-224-2209). We will try to arrange assistance for you. If you have any questions, please call us for clarification on getting to the Bluebonnet Room.

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!

