

# BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE



A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY SILENT AUCTION MEMBER'S SHOW AWARDS

THE BLUEBONNET ROOM  
DESOTO CITY CENTER—CIVIC CENTER  
211 E. PLEASANT RUN, DESOTO, TEXAS  
6:30 P.M.  
DECEMBER 10, 2009

The DeSoto Art League's Annual Christmas Dinner will be on December 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM. The dinner will be in the Bluebonnet Room of the DeSoto City Center's Civic Center (just east and across from the library).

ALSO... the annual Silent Auction will be that night. This auction is one of our few fund raisers during the year. Come with money! Bring a piece of artwork or some "very valuable item" to donate to the auction.

The winners of the Member's Art Show will be announced and awards presented at this party. The Judge, Danny Jones, sent the following message: *"For me it was definitely a pleasure to judge the art show that is now hanging at DeSoto City Hall. I was extremely impressed by the quality of the artwork. Since the artwork was so amazing, it made it very difficult to judge. Thank you for having me and for promoting art around the area"*.

Some of you may have heard that the Association of Traditional Artists group is disbanding this month. All the ATA members (those who are not already members) have been invited to join the DeSoto Art League and to join us at our party.

This is a time to celebrate, be thankful for and enjoy our 'art' fellowships—new and old.

REMEMBER: Bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner, bring an item for the silent auction, bring money and come prepared with an acceptance speech for your art show award.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

### ASSOCIATION OF TRADITIONAL ARTISTS

The Association of Traditional Artists is disbanding its organization after their Christmas Party Meeting. The DeSoto Art League has extended a welcome to their members who are not already part of our family. If you know any of these art friends, please encourage them to join us in our pursuit of art and the satisfaction of fellowship with our group. They have been invited to join us at our Christmas party. Come and meet them and welcome them to our Art League. Their members who are not already members of the DeSoto Art League are: Bill Alexander, Beggie Geisert, Joni Hukel, Shirley Johnson, Mattie Kenney, Marie Kerr-Durr, Diane Pitcher, Bonnie Rea, Mary Lou Smith, Ron Stephens, Oleta Walls, Mary Ann Whittle, Imy Willis and Irma Wingate.

We would love to have you join us.

**OUR PATRONS AND SUPPORTERS**

*CITY OF DESOTO*

*ASEL ART SUPPLY*

*CYLINDER SERVICES*

*Dallas, Texas*

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*Boone, North Carolina*

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*Ovilla, Texas*

*BLUEBONNET ART GALLERY*

*ROE ART*

*DeSoto, Texas*

*WINDSOR-NEWTON*

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

**December**

**Robert Evans - 12/1**

**Dotty Germino - 12/6**

**Richard Webb - 12/6**

**Lisa Reinke - 12/6**

**Verda Wright - 12/8**

**Jack McPherson - 12/11**

**Ken Reese - 12/12**

**Laurianne Dygowski - 12/30**

**Maria Pauken - 12/31**

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.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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If I have missed a new member for the 2009-2010 year, let me know ASAP - Please!

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**Sandy Reese sends her thanks for all the visits, get well wishes and cards received during her recent surgery and rehab.**

**desotoartleague.com**

The DeSoto Art League's website is becoming more and more popular. Remember...

**desotoartleague.com**

**GO THERE!**

**CITY HALL DISPLAYS**

December 2009 - **DeSoto Art League - Member's Art Show**

January 2010 - **Laurianne Dygowski**

February 2010 - Tentative - African American Museum of Culture

March 2010 - **Christine Lain, Rachel Lain** and Emmie Piercy

April 2010 - Jonesy McConnell

May 2010 - Burke Burns

June & July 2010 - DeSoto Art League Annual Art Show

The exhibits will hang for approximately one month. There is room for about 12 to 15 paintings, depending on size. The display area is under observation of city employees all the time. No artwork or information can be exhibited on the floor. (That area is used for other activities and events, except during our shows). Family friendly work—No nudes or sexually suggestive work. Two or more of you can get together and exhibit artwork. Art League members have preference.

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ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2009



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



L. to R. Maria Pauken , Jane Kahler, Gene Gregory

Winners of the November “Art of the Month” were: Gene Gregory - First Place; Jane Kahler - Second Place and Maria Pauken - Third Place.

First and second place winners received a gift certificate from Asel Art. The DeSoto Art League thanks Asel Art for their continued support. Be sure to go by any Asel Art Store in the Metroplex and be sure to say thanks for their support.

Be sure and bring your artwork to the January 2010 meeting for the Artwork of the Month contest.

Please remember that if you are a winner, you cannot compete again for two months.

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!



DESOTO ART LEAGUE  
2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

REGULAR  
MEMBERSHIP  
\$30.00

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

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

STUDENT  
MEMBERSHIP  
\$9.00

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

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

PATRON  
MEMBERSHIP  
\$35.00

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

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ART LEAGUE

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It's that time of the year again... the Holiday season. In the three months from about mid-October, there are over a dozen holidays and special days of observance including Columbus Day, Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, New Year's Eve and Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday and many more. Enough to make you wonder whether you are coming or going.

To ease your anxiety, the DeSoto Art League has arranged it's annual stress relieving social known as a potluck dinner and silent auction which will be held on December 10. If you have been good (as in creating good art) Santa may come see you that night with a prize money envelope from the Member's Show.

Please make an effort to come to this affair. We have many new members you will want to meet and the new members need to know you. Come Enjoy! Bring a covered dish and an auction item.

As you travel or receive guests this Christmas, as the kids, grandkids, brothers, sisters, parents friends and other loved ones warm your heart and soul, use these occasions to reload your spiritual and emotional storehouse - you will need enough to last a year. If you are involved in art, either as an artist or as an art lover, use this season for inspiration. Inspiration to create or inspiration to participate. Get ready for some great art stuff in 2010.

The DeSoto Art League wishes all its members and friends many happy returns this year.

See you at the Christmas Party.

Ken Reese



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# DESOTO TOWN CENTER

BLUEBONNET MEETING ROOM  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

ENTRANCE FROM  
EAST PARKING LOT

**KEY**  
- DENOTES ENTRANCES TO:  
CORNER THEATER  
LIBRARY  
RECREATION CENTER  
CIVIC CENTER

CITY HALL ATRIUM  
MEMBER'S ART SHOW

