

# BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE

A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

JANUARY 27, 2011 MEETING  
PASTELS  
BY  
Steve Miller

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



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#### February Stuff

##### STUFF.

- *The February Meeting will be on the 9th at 7:00 PM in the Bluebonnet Room, DeSoto City Hall, DeSoto, Texas.*
- *The February meeting will feature an oil demo by Debob Jacob.*
- *A monthly 'Art of the Month' show for members*

Steve Miller was born in Arlington, Texas in 1958. Although he grew up in several locations across the South, he now lives in Grand Prairie, Texas with his bride of 33 years, Donna (and sometimes three grandkids).

He has been drawing since he could hold a pencil. Throughout the years he has painted in a variety of settings and environments. He has airbrushed vans and motorcycle tanks, and in the early 80's he set up shop in east Tennessee, air brushing T-Shirts for tourists who floated the white water of the Ocoee River. Later, after moving back to Texas, he worked for several years as a free-lance illustrator in the Dallas area, creating spot and cover illustrations for children's school curriculum and a couple of childrens magazines. The 90's found him shifting direction to computer animation and graphic design

Recent years he has concentrated on moving back to his "roots" of working in pencil and pastel and learning the "mysteries" of painting in oils. Steve has won several awards in local area art competitions. Although "self-taught", he is well aware of the limitations of learning the finer points of painting from one's "self". He is grateful for artist friends who have traveled the road before him who are willing to share their knowledge about color, light and other art related concepts encountered on the "journey".

Steve says "My foundational goal as an artist is to render the beauty of the incredible creation around us, a world that was created by an awesome God."

One of Steve's works won a First Place in the 2010 DeSoto Art League Show.

Let's all come out and welcome Steve as he demonstrates his techniques in the art and world of Pastel Painting.

**MEMBER'S ONLY ART SHOW:** The Member's Only Show is history. Winners were: First Place - Alvin Willams; Second Place - Rudy Amato; Third Place - Norma Howard and Honorable Mention - Christine Lain. (Photos of winners are inside this newsletter).

Thanks to Bryan Reynolds for a great job in putting the show together and seeing that it was produced without a hitch. THANKS BRYAN.

ART SHOW COMING IN DECEMBER

**OUR PATRONS AND SUPPORTERS**

- CITY OF DESOTO*
- ASEL ART SUPPLY*
- CYLINDER SERVICES*  
*Dallas, Texas*
- CHEAP JOE'S ART STUFF*  
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*DeSoto, Texas*

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

**FOR SALE**

Got something for sale..  
Want something.

**SOLD**

**FOR SALE**

**WANTED**

Place your ads here two months for free.

**THE SECOND BEST REASON TO COME TO THE MEETINGS:**

**Refreshments for November will be furnished by:**

November 2010 - **Christine Lain and Julie Danford**

January 2011 - Ken and Sandy Reese

February 2011 - Open

March 2011 - Open

April - Open

Thanks to Christine Lain and Julie Danford for refreshments for November

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.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

JANUARY 2011:

Jane Kahler - 8

Alvin Williams - 31

Sandy Reese - 9

Bev Thompson - 24

Rachel Lain - 27

**WHO, WHAT,WHEN, WHERE AND SOMETIMES—HOW**

The Holiday Season was very slow for news. Now that the new year is up and going, let me know all about your art achievements, successes, art travels and other good news.

See you at the January 27 meeting.

Send your latest news, gossip, tidbits, etc to Ken Reese at [ken\\_reese@prodigy.net](mailto:ken_reese@prodigy.net) or 972-217-1546.

**SUNSHINE LIST:**

Both Judy Burch and Ken Reese have been under the weather the last few weeks. Both are recovering nicely, even though a little Grouchy... :) Get Well Soon!

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:**

DECEMBER 2010

John Galleta - 5

Ken Reese - 12

Richard Webb - 6

Helen Peden - 16

Lisa Reinke - 6

Cayetano Olivarez - 24

Verda Wright - 8

Rueben Coutreres - 26

Jack McPherson - 11

Maria Pauken - 31

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2010

- January 27, 2011 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Steve Miller
- January 2011 Art Exhibit in Desoto City Hall - Del Wheat, Linda Schindler
- February 2011 DeSoto Art League Meeting - DeBob Jacob
- February 2011 City Hall Exhibit - Alvin Williams and Vet Vet
- March 2011 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Tina Bohlman
- March 2011 City Hall Exhibit - 3D - Nan Phillips
- April 2011 DeSoto Art League Meeting—Teta Smith
- April 2011 City Hall Exhibit - Karen Elyse White and Lisa Reinke
- May 2011 DeSoto Art League Meeting - Installation of Officers and Pot Luck Dinner
- May 2011 City Hall Exhibit - Annie Kreitzbert 3D



Be sure and 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!

### **IT IS THE TIME TO PAY YOUR 2010-2011 DUES**

Pay your membership dues now. Paying your dues on time helps the League plan activities this year: Programs, meeting expenses, show expenses, etc. Complete the form below to submit your dues. Choosing to receive your newsletter by email is a very cost saving choice for the Art League. If you are willing to help now or in the future, please indicate your choice on the membership form. Thanks

## DESOTO ART LEAGUE

### 2010-2011 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter by Email: **Yes** **No**

**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, Website .....Circle one or more**

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

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 2009-2010

## OFFICERS

President	<b>Ken Reese</b>	972-217-1546
1st Vice President Programs	<b>Barbara Patrie McPherson</b>	972-572-6237
2nd Vice President Award Shows	<b>Bryan Reynolds</b>	972-223-2576
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## COMMITTEES

Publicity	<b>Bob &amp; Maria Pauken</b>	972-617-3014
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Sunshine	<b>Verna Geihl</b>	972-224-3046
Membership Book	<b>Julie Danford</b>	972-223-5851
Christmas Dinner, Auction	<b>Sandy Reese</b>	972-217-1546
May Pot Luck Dinner Meeting	We need a volunteer for this task.	

**DESOTO CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS**

January 2011 - Del Wheat, Linda Schindler

February 2011 - Black History Month Observance (Alvin Williams and Vet Vet)

March 2011 - 3D - Nan Phillips; Need an artist to volunteer for the March Exhibit

April 2011 - Karen Elyse White and Lisa Reinke

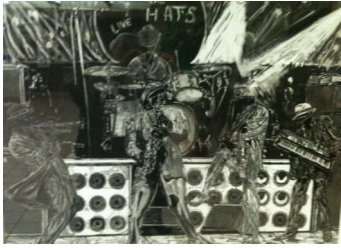
May 2011 - Marca DeLacerda and Annie Krietzbert

The exhibits will hang for approximately one month. There is room for about 10 - 15 paintings on wall space, depending on size. There is a display case for 3-D objects. The display area is under observation of city employees all the time. No artwork or information can be 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.

Contact: Ken Reese Home:972-217-1546 Cell: 214-215-1546

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**MEMBER'S ONLY ART SHOW WINNERS**



FIRST PLACE  
Alvin Williams



SECOND PLACE  
Rudy Amato



THIRD PLACE  
Norma Howard



HON. MENTION  
Christine Lain

**ARTWORK OF THE MONTH**

There was not an "Artwork of the Month" contest in December - (Christmas Dinner and show awards activities)  
The "Artwork of the Month" contests continue with the January 2011 meeting. Members - bring your latest and/or greatest piece of work. Valuable gift certificates from Asel Art will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place. Art is selected by members and visitors present.

Our friends at **Asel Art** furnish gift certificates for these prizes. Be sure to say thanks to Calvin Axtel and his crew for their support the next time you are in one of their stores located throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Area.

**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.

The Desoto Art League owns two 10'x10' show tents and 24 art screens. These are available for rent.

See or Call **Ken Reese** for details.

**WANTED:**

Looking for member artists to profile in the newsletter. If you are interested, here is what you will need to do:

1. Prepare an artist's statement/bio of about 200 words (1/2 page or so). Furnish 3-5 digital prints of approximately one meg in size.
2. Contributors will be taken in order of submission. Use of data will be as space is available.
3. Submission of data implies permission to publish photos and data in newsletter and on website.

**CITY HALL EXHIBITS**

We are now taking applicants to exhibit their artwork in the DeSoto City Hall Atrium for the year 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.

Ken

"In art, the hand can never execute higher than the heart can inspire."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**desotoartleague.com**

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**GO THERE!**

JANUARY 2011—

This month, 30 years ago, the DeSoto Art League was conceived in a meeting of local artists that was held at the Nance Farm House. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then.

Of the 50 or so artists at that meeting, we have only 4 original members in the Art League now—Dotty Germino, Verda Wright, Cora Streit and Anita Wilson.

It has taken a lot of perseverance, hard work and leadership to bring the Art League to it's present state. And it has all been volunteer.

A lot of artwork has been exhibited at the monthly meetings and in the Art League Shows. (Lynn McClain won Best Of Show in 1981 - this painting will be on display at the January meeting).

As we get ready to start our 31st year, we still need the same traits and qualities that were exhibited by our very first group of members:

Love of Art (any kind of art), Talents ranging from "I want to ..." to the experienced teacher. Volunteers that gave of their time from being a president to helping to hang paintings in a show. Our art league is like a jig saw puzzle - the whole picture is made up of a lot of parts.

Help our 2nd thirty years with your skills, talents and enthusiasm.

Ken Reese

## OFFICER AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

**Our art year is almost one half over. It is time to start preparing for the 2011-2012 year.**

**In February, a nominating committee will be appointed to solicit and select nominees and volunteers for League offices and Committee positions.**

**Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Most of our officers and committee people have been in their jobs for several years. Take time this next year to help a little.**

**Say Yes when they call.. Or better, call and volunteer. That way you get to pick your job.**



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

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*"Just as our eyes need light in order to see, our minds need ideas in order to create."*

Nicole Malebranche