

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



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IN THIS NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 29, 2009 MEETING**  
**Thursday @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**A PROGRAM BY THE ONE OF THE**  
**PREMIER OIL PAINTERS IN**  
**TEXAS**  
**JAMES SPURLOCK**

James R. Spurlock has painted and sculpted his way to a very fulfilling niche for himself in the art world. Today he is a teacher as well as an artist who passes on his experience in art to many seminar and private students across the country. As a bronze sculptor, he has not limited himself to just life sized memorial busts but continues to sculpt bronzes that portray what life means to him and the clients that he 'speaks' for. Such is an artist's passion. Color, value, drawing and edges,..."art is just a series of adjustments...and Life is Art.. James is mostly a self taught artist but *Continued on Page 6*

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**2009 MEMBER'S ONLY ART SHOW**

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. The show judge will be Danny Jones, an art teacher who taught for many, many years. Artwork will be received December 1st. See the attached show brochure for details. Continued on page 6

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DUES</b></p> <p><b>Your Membership Fees for the 2009-2010 year are now due.</b></p> <p><b>Please complete a membership form and return with your dues.</b></p> <p><b>These can be turned in at the October meeting or can be mailed in.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DUES</b></p> <p><i>Your Membership for the 2009-2010 year are due now. To get your name in the annual directory of members, it must be in by the October meeting on the 29th. Our dues go to help operate the Art League: to pay for visiting artists, the newsletter, meeting rooms, shows, etc. 100% of dues and gifts are spent operating the league. All offices and committees are filled by volunteers. JOIN NOW. Membership form inside.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR SUNSHINE LIST</b></p> <p>Edna Humphry is undergoing radiation treatments and is recovering from surgery.</p> <p>Sandy Reese will have back surgery later this month .</p> <p>Carolyn Webb has been puny, but seems to be on the road back.</p> <p>Elaine Schneider has a cast on her leg because of a stress fracture.</p> <p>Both Linda Schindler and Judy Burch are struggling with back problems.</p> <p>Carolyn Kilgo Weinman is going to have a knee replaced later this month.</p> <p>We hope all our members get back to good health soon</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTWORK OF THE MONTH</b></p> <p>Sandy Reese won First Place (left)  Rudy Amato won Second Place (center)  Julie Danford won Third (left)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Be sure and bring your artwork to the October meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DESOTO CITY HALL EXHIBITS</b>  <b>Artists Needed</b></p> <p>Due to several cancellations, I am in dire need of artists to exhibit in the DeSoto City Hall for the month of May 2010. The space will accommodate 10-14 works of artwork of average size (approx. 24x36). Art work must have wire and loop hangers. Artist must hang all their own art. Artwork must be family friendly. It will hang for approximately 1 month.</p> <p>Contact Ken Reese at 972-217-1546 or ken_reese@prodigy.net for more information.</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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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!

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Cont. from page 8**  
If you have not already paid your dues for this year, would you please do so at this meeting. I am going to try to have the year books done by the November meeting, if at all possible.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!!

Julie Danford

**REFRESHMENTS**

**The Second Best Reason to come to Meetings**

Connie Tilden has refreshments for the October 29th meeting.

Refreshments Coordinator for 2009-2010 will be **Marie Pauken** who will be keeping up with who's turn is next.

Please see **Marie** and volunteer for refreshments this coming year.

Contact Marie at: 972-617-3014 or maria@paukenart.com for information.

Quote of the Day

“To all, I would say how mistaken they are that they think they stop falling in love when they grow old, without knowing that they grow old because they stop falling in love”

Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Nobel Prize Winner - 1982 for Literature)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Tina Bohlman - 7/4
  - Gene Gregory - 8/4
  - Gini Nichols - 9/25
  - Bob Pauken - August
  - Carolyn Kilgo Weinman- 8/5
  - Lynn Norton - 9/18
  - Lou Tucker - 10/4
  - Geraldine Cangelose - 10/27
  - Tommi Frank - 9/29
  - Verna Geihl - 9/28
  - Elaine Schneider - 7/31
  - Ray Seibert - 10/12
  - Connie Tilden - 10/13
  - Cherene Bradshaw - 6/24
- Trying to catch up from the summer. **Happy Birthdays All!**

A lot of our members were busy during the summer and continues into the fall. **Sandy Reese, Edna Humphry and Elaine Schneider** all participated in Lynn McLain's workshop in Tres Ritos, NM (near Taos) this summer. **Elaine and Judy Burch** are back in Tres Ritos taking another workshop from Lynn this month.

**Joe Blanford** has artwork now in the Seven Arrows Gallery in Woodland Park, Colorado. Artist/juror Cheng-Khee Chee selected Joe's painting "Prickly Pear" for inclusion in the Southwestern Watercolor Society show and exhibition in Plano. Three of Joe's paintings were juried into the "Fluid Expressions" show currently hanging at the Corridor of Art, Chase Bank building in Austin through October 31. Joe's painting "Santorini II" won first place in the show. Visit Joe's website at [www.joeblanford.com](http://www.joeblanford.com) to see more of his art.

**Kelly Pevehouse**, a new member of the DeSoto Art League, has just opened Kelly's Studio 147 (A "Funky Industrial" Art Gallery) on the Historic Square in Lancaster. Her shop features local artists and has everything from art hanging on a chain link fence - to a "Man Cave" with unique cigar shadowboxes and our handmade glass cigar ashtrays.

**Carolyn Kilgo Weinman** received a SECOND Place Award for a photograph titled "ATTENTION!!!" in the Eastside Creative Arts Club's 37th Annual Juried Art Show in October. The show will be on exhibit at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center in Fort Worth through October 30, 2009.

**Tommi Frank** won 1st Place in Oils at the Grand Prairie Arts Council Open Juried Show in September.

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WHO, WHAT, WHERE, HOW (continued from page 4)

DESOTO ART LEAGUE  
2008-2009 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEW MEMBERS & AND CORRECTIONS

### NEW MEMBERS

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### CORRECTIONS

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### BIRTHDAYS

**May, June & July 2009**

**Cherene Bradshaw—6/24**

**Tina Bohlman—7/24**

**Vince Easley—6/13**

**Christine Lain—5/19**

**Elaine Schneider—7/31**

**Anita Wilson—6/27**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

Arnie Westerman will do a watercolor workshop at the Rockport Center for the Arts in January 2010. For those of you that know Arnie, one of the premier watercolorists today, this is a real opportunity. Contact the Rockport Center for the Arts for info. [www.rockportartcenter.com](http://www.rockportartcenter.com)

ACA is hosting a workshop by Michael Windberg in early November. Contact: Rue [Hunterjameslhunter@verizon.net](mailto:Hunterjameslhunter@verizon.net), 4101 Kazak St. Garland, TX 75041 Hm: (972)-926-9526 Cell: (972)-978-8173 for Info.

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 2009-2010

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Silent Auction—December Meeting	<b>Bob and Marie Pauken</b>	972-617-3014

James Spurlock: From page one.

one of the people he gives credit to for most of "the good stuff" he knows about his art is the consummate master artist of Carthage, Missouri, Bob Tommey.

James says "It is the journey that is the meaningful part of life. I know, you've heard that from everyone that counts in your life and some who didn't. My journey is in learning how to learn. Art has helped me see that in all the other parts of my life. Looking back, God is the one responsible for me getting a chance at being an artist and learning that this world is one big school and our time in it is as long or as short, depending on our selves, and that the quality of our lives depends on our decisions. I am glad that He gave me that chance, because, all in all, each question you get in life has a yes or no answer. My answer was yes. Here's hoping the things you see here are good for you. I am still learning and what I don't know is increasing in size."

James has work in The Frame Up Gallery in Fort Worth and in The Miller Gallery in Salado, Tx.

Bob says: "Someone once asked me 'Have you done this all of your life?' I answered, 'Not yet!'"

Let's all come out and visit with and see James's demo.

### **CITY HALL DISPLAYS**

October 2009 - "**A Fish out of Water**" (A home school group sponsored by the DeSoto Library. These are 6-12 year old students. Should be great. They are so excited to be the main artists in their own show)

November 2009 - Joe Blanford

December 2009 - DeSoto Art League Member Show.

January 2010 - Laurieanne Dygowski

February 2010 - African Museum of Culture (Tentative)

March 2010—Christine and Rachel Lain

April 2010 - Jonesy McConnell

May 2010 - Need an Artist

Be sure and get by the City Hall and see the exhibit by "Fish out of Water", the home schooled group of students from the DeSoto City Library. It hangs through November 30.

We need artists to exhibit their art in the DeSoto City Hall for May 2010. The exhibits will hang for approximately one month. 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. City of Desoto Activities may dictate a change in dates or exhibit size.

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## ANNUAL MEMBER SHOW

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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)

**Tina Bohlman's** painting "Awesome Autumn" won Award of Merit at the Navarro Council of Arts National Juried Show last month. **Tina** also won first place in Acrylic/Watercolor at the Grand Prairie Arts Council Open Juried Show in September. **Tina** just won First Place in the Corsicana Plein Aire painting event last week (10/3/09).

Our new member, **Linda Gilpin**, is the featured subject of an article in the October 2009 "Southwest Now Magazine". **Linda's** work in glass fusing is featured as well as her other art ventures. She also does pottery. Way to go **Linda**.

Dotty Germino, Anita Wilson, Verda Wright and Cora Streit, our four charter members, were awarded lifetime memberships at the May meeting. Twenty eight years and counting that they have been active members of the league. Something to strive to achieve ourselves.

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

### **Mark Twain**

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen. "

I hope you all have some really neat plans to celebrate on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

I for one, will paint my face and put a bunch of barrettes in my hair, wear sliced up jeans and a ripped up shirt for the Friday before the holiday. In other words, look like a bum all day at work! My boss will also dress up, too. We usually decorate the office and hand out treats all day. The kids that come in have such a good time with us. We are opticians and wear some of our really old weird glasses occasionally at this time.

**HALLOWEEN** BY Mary Jane Carr

Witches flying past on broomsticks,  
Black cats leaping here and there,  
White-robed spooks on every corner,  
Mournful moaning in the air,

Goblins peering out of windows,  
Spirit-things that rap and run,  
But don't be scared – it's just October,  
Having one last hour of fun!

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Put some art into your  
life today!

October 2009

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**Albert Einstein**

Any man who can drive  
safely while kissing a  
pretty girl is simply not  
giving the kiss the atten-  
tion it deserves.