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development,
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appreciation for the
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through education,
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CAL ranked 2nd in league winners at 2010 LSAG Convention

Second only to the Tomball Art League, the Conroe Art League had the largest number of league winners amongst the 16 participating southeast Texas art leagues at this year's LSAG Convention show, held May 14 and 15 at Conroe's Lone Star Convention and Expo Center. The Woodlands Art League, from whose members came this year's Best of Show award winner, Anne Walker, (who has a painting hanging in the White House) tied with the Northwest Art League for the third largest group of winning artists. For those who missed it, the organization and execution of this year's LSAG show and convention program were exceptional. CAL thanks all those city officials, gallery owners and artists in downtown Conroe who made the "Art Walk" such a successful part of this year's convention. We are still receiving words of appreciation from convention participants who were able to attend segments of the Art Walk. Those artists from CAL who won awards from professional to elementary school divisions, and in a range of categories include: (See "LSAG CAL Winners and photos" pages 3 & 4)

Three Conroe ISD Winners at CAL 2010 Student Show

Three outstanding high school seniors from the Conroe Independent School District won awards at the CAL Student Show held April 24. Jordan Hughes, (The Woodlands High School); Matt Giddens, (Montgomery High School) and Rudy Aiella (Caney Creek High School) were this year's winners. Jordan Hughes won the \$500 first prize with his "Self-Portrait" in acrylics. (see photo at right) Matt Giddens and Rudy Aiella each won \$250, with Matt winning for his stylized sculptural piece, "Businessman," created from recycled materials, and Rudy winning with his "Self-Portrait" in ink and watercolors. (see photos, page 5) All three students plan to continue their art education after high school. Jordan has already been accepted by the Chicago Art Institute. WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Miss Caryn Wheeler, who won the first place prize at CAL's student show in 2007 (when she was a senior at Magnolia High School) is just in her second year at the Savannah College of Art and Design, but has already published a children's book, "Growing with Sprout," which highlights her artistic skills as an illustrator and watercolorist. (see CAL Student Show Winners on page 5)



Jordan Hughes and winning "Self-Portrait" (courtesy photo)

Gallery Planning Committees

With the building renovation completion date approaching (late September, early October) for CAL's new home in downtown Conroe, two new committees are forming to make the league more prepared for the move. One committee, headed by Kathleen Rowland, is tasked with developing a job description and recruiting a gallery director. They will begin meeting at noon on May 26. The second committee will select an interior design theme, determine necessary interior fixtures and furnishings, research suppliers/costs and propose plans for acquisition in time for CAL's initial opening in the new space. Maggie Gutierrez is coordinating this committee and its first meeting is at 10 a.m. on June 1. While many CAL members signed up for the two committees at our May 15 meeting, there is still room for others to participate. For more information on the gallery director committee, contact Kathleen Rowland at Rowland.kathleen@gmail.com. For more information on the "fixtures" committee, contact Maggie Gutierrez at ggutmarina@aol.com.

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President's Message—Pat Davis

Our league's calendar year has come to a close and it has been a very successful one! Thanks to all: the CAL Board, Committee Chairs and the loyal members who attended our meetings, demos, workshops and judged shows. Our membership has continued to grow: 136 members to date! Our **upcoming gallery and plans** are in the works. Committees will be meeting throughout the summer. If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, please give Kathleen Rowland or me a call. The more input we have, the better! The 2010 LSAG Convention was a tremendous event! A report on CAL participants is in this issue of the newsletter. Next year CAL along with the Kingwood, Lufkin and Livingston Art Leagues will co-host this huge event. Lots of planning and volunteerism will be needed. More excitement for CAL as it is scheduled to be held at the **Lone Star Convention Center again in 2011**. As the league suspends its regular meetings and demos for June and July, we also let our Newsletter Editor take a summer break. We will keep in contact with our members via e-mail or phone for any special announcements. Our **next meeting will be August 28th**. Have a wonderful, fun-filled summer! Paint, create and enjoy being artists and having artists for friends! We are truly blessed!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Diane Nichols has volunteered to attend the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfasts as a representative of CAL. At the May breakfast she reported on the upcoming gallery and handed out cards to be filled out for those that might want to have CAL artists displaying at their businesses. Thank you Diane.

NEW TREASURER AND GRANTS DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR CAL: Our current treasurer, Blaine Garry, CPA, has to resign as Treasurer due to expanding business commitments. He has done an outstanding job over the past year and we will certainly miss him. Blaine said he is most willing to work with a new treasurer. Similarly, the Grants Director position is vacant. Kathleen Rowland, who has done a superb job over the past year, will gladly train a replacement. If you have experience in either of these areas, or know of another person who has, OR would like to jump in and take one of the positions, please contact me by e-mail at pldavis@airmail.net or by phone at 936-448-1800.

CAL MEMBERSHIP DUES : The deadline for member dues at the usual \$25 rate was April 30, 2010. Late dues are \$30 and must be received by July 31, 2010 to get your name in the new CAL directory. Contact Grace Schiel at 936-856-7807.

Greater Conroe Arts Alliance

The Greater Conroe Arts Alliance (GCAA) is still in its start-up phase, having elected a board and begun work on obtaining confirmation of their status as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. While Ann Johnson is CAL's primary liaison to the GCAA, CAL member Craig Campobella is also on the GCAA board. The GCAA has begun working on a logo, letterhead and a brochure for public dissemination. The GCAA is being organized to find collaborative ways for all area arts organizations to work together to support each other. When working together on shared events, each arts organization will share in funds raised at these events, and have an opportunity to showcase their special offerings. At the last GCAA meeting an invitation was extended by the Saturday AM market team to distribute each art groups brochures. Similarly, The Conroe Symphony has offered to place arts group brochures and provide space at their performances for arts information.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, PAINT-INS

Carrie Allbritton (CAL Member): Watercolor Classes, Tues, 1:30 PM Hobby Lobby (beginners-intermediate); and Wed, 1-2:30 PM, The Mansions in the Forest on 1488. (carrieree@suddenlink.net or 936-890-4374)

Martha Barr (CAL Member): Oil Painting Classes—(beginners-advanced) Wednesdays, Hobby Lobby {Conroe} Store, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. And Thursday, 10 am—1 pm The Woodlands Hobby Lobby. Contact Martha at TEL: 281-593-2900 or 713-516-1112.

Lois Blackburne (CAL member): Beginner to Advanced Classes in Oils, Watercolor, Pastels, Porcelain Painting, Portraiture: at Hobby Lobby. Call Lois at 713-298-900 or 936-539-6438.

Woodlands Academy of Art: Adult and children's day and evening classes on drawing, painting pottery. Contact Tammy Viser at 281-292-3848.

Varied Classes at the Linda Watson Gallery: 204 N. Main St, Conroe:

Jewelry making w/Jean Fleshner (832-651-0757); Sketching w/Jerry Parker (936-273-4607);

Watercolor w/Joe Kolb (936-441-1208)

Paint-Ins {Thursdays} {9 AM to early afternoon} at Corinthian Point Clubhouse. Contact Kathleen Rowland, at ROWLAND.KATHLEEN@GMAIL.COM or at 936-856-6262.

WATERCOLOR ART SOCIETY—HOUSTON (1601 West Alabama, Houston) summer classes begin in June and include watercolor, figure painting for mixed media, a model lab, drawing painting the figure and mixed media, with instructors such as CAL's Carrie Allbritton; LiZ Hill; Joanie Hughes, Holly Hunter Berry, and Portia Bell. There is also a summer workshop on Chinese Brush Painting. See watercolorhouston.org for more information.

LSAG Show Winners from Conroe Art League, *continued from page 1*

Professional Division: David Bridges (watercolor); Pam Markham (pastels); Vicki Nash (photography); Craig Campobella (2 awards in sculpture); Semi-professional Division: Golda Rader (Pastels); Lynn Peverill (sculpture); Ottis Hilburn (sculpture); Barbara Dillon (watercolor); Marilyn Lowry and Jo Nan Carr (both in abstract/experimental). Adult Student Division: Marlene Willis (2 awards in oils/acrylics); Sheila Templeton (oils/acrylics); Sherry Braaten (pastels); Debi Sparks (2 awards in pastels); Ann Blackmer (1 award in watercolors and 2 awards in abstract/experimental); Kerry Conkling (abstract/ experimental). High School Division: Zack Ramey (Watercolor/acrylics); Emily Parrott (pastels). Elementary School Division: Amelia Godfrey (2 awards in watercolor/acrylics and 1 in abstract/experimental). Below, on page 4 and on back page are photos of most of CAL's winning entries.



"A Welcome Breeze," by David Bridges, Hon. Mention Professional watercolor (photo by Pat Davis)



"Will the Circle be Unbroken," by Craig Campobella, 1st place, Professional sculpture (courtesy photo)



"Where's Home," by Ottis Hilburn, Hon. Mention, Semi-professional sculpture (Photo by Pat Davis)



"Down Stream," by Vicki Nash, Hon. Mention, Professional photography (courtesy photo)



"Reconciliation," by Lynn Peverill, 3rd place, Semi-professional sculpture (courtesy photo)



"Stephanie Darling," by Barbara Dillon, 2nd place, Non-professional watercolor (courtesy photo)



"Market Day in St. Martins," by Marlene Willis, 1st place, Adult student, oil/acrylics (courtesy photo)



"Caddo Runs," by Pam Markham, 2nd place, Professional, pastels (courtesy photo)



"Treasured," by Debi Sparks, 3rd place, Adult student, pastels (photo by Pat Davis)

LSAG Show Winners from Conroe Art League *(continued from page 3)*



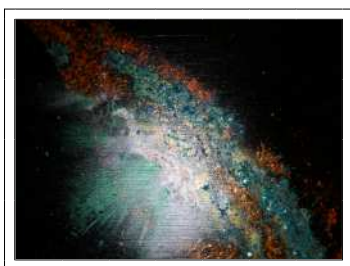
"Poppies," by Kerry Conkling, 2nd place, Adult student, abstract/experimental (courtesy photo)



"Eucalyptus," by Golda Rader, Hon. Mention, Semi-professional pastel (courtesy photo)



"Florists's Discards," by Ann Blackmer, 1st Place, Adult Student, abstract/experimental (courtesy photo)



Marilyn Lowry's "Star Burst," Hon. Mention, Non-professional abstract/experimental (photo by Marilyn Lowry)



"My Blue Dog," by Emily Parrott, 1st place High School student, (colored pencil) (courtesy photo)



"My Sunflowers," by Amelie Godfrey, Hon. Mention, Elementary school (watercolor) (photo by Pat Davis)

See Jo Nan Carr's winning "Enigma" on back page)

Other CAL Member News

Craig Campobella: Craig, commissioned sculptor for the proposed Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park in Conroe, has recently completed the clay bust of Dr. Charles Stewart (see photo at right), which will ultimately be rendered in bronze before being placed in the park. The park will pay tribute to the historical significance of Montgomery County and will be located on land next to the Montgomery County central library at highway 105 and I-45. Craig has also begun the work on the larger-than-life size statue of a "Texian," for the park. The official unveiling is set for April 21, 2011. Over 200 visitors have stopped by since February to watch Craig at work.

Sherry Morris-Imhoff: Sherry, an art teacher at the Woodlands Preparatory School, was recently chosen to receive the Outstanding Educator Award from the Bush Presidential Library. Sherry has previously earned the "Teacher of the Year" award twice in the Willis Independent School District; the Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year" award, and the "Outstanding Educator" award by Coca Cola.

CAL volunteers at 2010 Conroe "Kidz Fest": Pat Davis, Paul Murad, Debi Sparks and Maggie Gutierrez devoted a few hours following the April CAL Student Show, to introducing some 100 area children to basic techniques in watercolor and the metal relief technique known as "repousse."

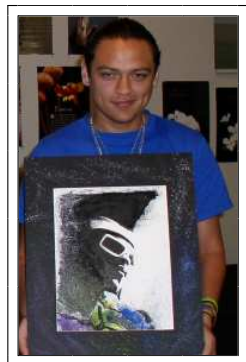
Lynn Peverill: Lynn, who has been designing costumes for the past 13 years, has recently been acknowledged by two area journalists for her outstanding costume design for the Crighton Players' most recent production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," currently running at the Owen Theatre in Conroe.



Craig's bust of Dr. Charles Stewart (photo by Dave Clements)

CAL Student Show Winners *(cont from page 1)*

Rudy Aiello with his winning ink and watercolor "Self-Portrait" (courtesy photo)



Mark Giddens with his winning "Businessman", recycled materials sculpture. (courtesy photo)



"I hate flowers. I only paint them because they're cheaper than models and they don't move." - Georgia O'Keefe

Galleries, Shows and Competitions

LINDA WATSON GALLERY (204 N. Main Street, Conroe): June: "What, Where & Why," reception June 26, "Hang 10+5 Black & White; July: "Texas Missions," Hang 10 + 5; August: "Oodles and Poodles," September: "Water Wings & Chocolate," Hang 10 + 5. Call 832-928-9150 for more information.

LOUIS E. WHEELER FINE ARTS GALLERY: (227 North Main Street, Conroe) emphasizing digital photography, but including landscapes, seascapes, architecture and florals from across, Texas, the US, Europe and Asia. See www.louiswheeler.com.

SATURDAY AM MARKET (parking across from Owen Theatre, downtown Conroe, 9 am—2 p.m.) painting demonstrations; vendors selling fabric art, stained glass, jewelry, original fine furniture, crafts, leather goods and fresh produce (i.e. raw honey, snow peas, green beans, lettuce, spinach, blackberries, fresh eggs, corn, tomatoes and herbs). Live entertainment from 11 am to 1 p.m.

WYNNE HOME ART CENTER: 1428 11th Street, Huntsville, Texas, tel: 936-291-5424 is now included in the widely read Fodor's Texas travel guide. See www.thewynnehome.com.

Mossrock Studio & Fine Art Gallery: (a combination of working ceramic studio and contemporary fine art gallery.) Open late every first Friday. Tel: 281-684-4411 for more information.

HCAA Annual Open Non-Professional Art Show **Call for Entries:** Houston Civic Arts Association is **calling for entries** for the annual non-professional art show which will be held Sunday, June 6, at HCAA Art Center, 5202 Bissonnet, in Bellaire. The show is open to **beginners as well as more advanced artists who are not considered professional artists**. Entry forms may be picked up at HCAA Art Center or by visiting the web site, www.houstoncivicarts.com.

Entry Deadline: June 1.

SALADO ART FAIR: **Call for Artists:** Artists working in all 2D and 3D media are invited to apply for this small town show sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The Salado Art Fair is one of the original art shows in the state of Texas. Applications can be downloaded from the web site. At least four photos of the artist's works should be included with the application. The show will be August 7-8, 2010 in Salado, Texas. Set up fees: \$250.00; with electricity \$275.00. **Deadline: June 1, 2010.** Call Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or contact Joni Lange at saladochamber@vvm.com.

ROCKPORT ART FESTIVAL (Rockport, Texas) **July 3&4** see rockportartcenter.com for details.

EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION: (FOR ARTISTS OVER THE AGE OF 31). **Entry Deadline: July 1, 2010.** 1st Place, \$2,000. see southwestart.com for more information.



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"Enigma No. 3," by JoNan Carr,
Hon. Mention, Non-professional
abstract/experimental winner at
2010 LSAG Convention Show
(photo by JoNan Carr)

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CAL BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS/DEMOS/SHOWS

CAL MEETINGS AND ART DEMOS ARE
SUSPENDED DURING JUNE AND
JULY; THEY WILL RESUME ON
AUGUST 28, 2010. WITH BOARD MEET-
ING AT 9 AM AND GENERAL MEET-
ING/ART DEMO AT 11 A.M. THE DEMO
ARTIST FOR THE AUGUST MEETING
WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS
SUMMER.

**CAL'S FALL SHOW IS SCHEDULED
FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2010.**

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