



# Newsletter

February 2010

...encouraging artistic development, ...cultivating appreciation for the visual arts through education, exhibitions and community outreach.

## CAL Spring Show on track for February 27, 2010

The Conroe Art League's 2010 Spring Show is scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at Candy Cane Park, 1204 Callahan Street in Conroe. A generous anonymous donation has again provided for cash awards in this CAL show. In addition to the potential for awards, highlights of this show include the artistic demo by internationally acclaimed representational artist, Ms. Lesley Humphrey, and judging by Mr. Tommy Humphrey (no relation to Lesley), nationally known for his acrylic on "claybord" adaptations of wildlife. (see bios on page 3) While some art leagues accept art work entries only from members, CAL will continue its tradition of inviting the public to enter their art. To save time for artists and organizers, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**, with February 22 as the deadline. A copy of the registration form is attached to this issue of the newsletter. For pre-registration questions, contact Jolan Hill at 936-856-5470 or JOLANH@MSN.COM. For general show information, contact Linda Weatherly at 936-582-1134 or BLONDIE-W@MSN.COM. (See Spring Show schedule on page 5)



Above poster designed by Louis E. Wheeler

## Why a "Best Floral" award at CAL and LSAG shows?

Since so many people have questioned the continued "Best Floral" category as one of the top awards in any LSAG league member show, CAL's current President Pat Davis, has provided some background. The "Best Floral" category was initiated at the LSAG's first annual convention show as a memorial to one of the organization's first Presidents, Dorothy Hargrave, who served from 1962 to 1963. Any member artist who wins the "Best Floral" award in a league show the year prior to the convention, is eligible to compete at the convention show for the "Dorothy Hargrave Memorial Award for Best Floral." Long-time CAL member Joyce Beckwith, won the Dorothy Hargrave Memorial Award for Best Floral" at the LSAG Convention show in 1994. Coincidentally, Tommy Humphrey, this year's CAL Spring Show judge, was judging the 1994 convention show.

## Many opportunities to enter league shows in March 2010

Starting with the Brazos Valley Art League show on March 5, there are eleven art shows hosted by Lone Star Art Guild member leagues during the month of March. The Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society follows with a show on March 12. The Deer Park Art League and the Tomball Art Leagues have shows on March 13. Nederland Art Guild, the National Society of Artists and the Northwest Art League have shows on March 20. The art leagues of Bay City, Ft. Bend and the Kingwood Art Society have shows on March 27. The Woodlands Art League show is March 31. All members of the Lone Star Art Guild, including members of the Conroe Art League, may enter any of these shows. For more information about these shows, check the Lone Star Art Guild web site at WWW.LONESTARARTGUILD.ORG.

## Plans for April 24 CAL Student Show underway

Patty Trammel, Chairperson for the April 24 CAL Student Show, is already busy at work contacting schools, the media, and other interested parties to remind teachers, students and parents of the opportunities for cash awards this annual show offers. Only area high school student artists may enter art. The CAL student show will be held this year at Christ Church, 10087 League Line Road. CAL member high school teachers are asked to help get the word out. For more information or to offer assistance, please contact Patty at 936-890-9549 or PATTY5500@YAHOO.COM.

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## President's message (Pat Davis)

As I sit at the computer, trying to stay warm on this very cold February day I am seeking a way to inspire all CAL members to take advantage of the many activities our league has to offer. A must for everyone is our semi-annual judged show on February 27th. If you have never entered a show please consider doing so. Once again we are able to offer CASH PRIZES, due to a generous donation by one of our members. Plus, if you have never seen Leslie Humphrey in action, you are in for a real treat! She is a very gifted artist and a sought-after artistic demonstrator. Also, CAL has many display locations throughout the community. This is an avenue for you to sell art work, as well as, helping the league reach out to the community. Three pieces were recently sold via this venue. We always have great workshops with top-notch professional teachers. (see workshop list below) Last but certainly not least, please get involved and share your ideas with us. If you have some ideas on how the Conroe Art League can better serve its artists and the community, please let us know. Volunteering is an excellent way to share your ideas. CAL is your club and operates by volunteerism. You may be asked to help out in some way. Please remember this is a way to bring new ideas on board and help the club continue to grow! See you at the show!!

## Lone Star Art Guild yearbook contest (Pat Davis)

The deadline for CAL members to submit entries for the Lone Star Art Guild Yearbook (directory) competition is March 27. Applicants are asked to bring their entries (for front and back covers) to the March 27 CAL meeting, where members will vote on best designs. The winning designs will then be submitted to the LSAG for their April 1 deadline. Each year the Lone Star Art Guild invites each member league to submit a total of two entries (a front and back cover entry, two front cover entries or two back cover entries) for the competition. Each entry should be black and white and "copy ready". Entry dimensions must be 8" (height) by 5" (width). For front cover entries, try to have "Lone Star Art Guild" and "2010 -2011" somewhere in the design. The design **must be an artwork drawn by the artist and not "computer aided,"** however, the lettering may be done using a computer. Two Xerox copies should accompany the artwork to demonstrate how "camera ready" the artwork is. If the artist wishes the original artwork returned by LSAG, they must include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Note: try not to include all the member league names on the cover as this may change from year to year. The winner of the yearbook front cover and the winner of the yearbook back cover will each receive a \$50 cash award at the May 14-15 LSAG convention.

## Workshops, Classes, Paint-Ins

**March 13: Liz Hill (CAL Workshop) "Abstract Water Media/Collage Landscape"** Christ Church, 10087 League Line Rd, Conroe, Fee: \$70 (9 am-4 pm) To register, contact *JEANNE MATTHEWS* at [matthewsfeather@aol.com](mailto:matthewsfeather@aol.com) or 936-273-2520.

**Carrie Allbritton: Watercolor Classes**, Tues, 1:30 pm, Hobby Lobby (beginners-intermediate); and Wed, 12:30 pm, The Mansions in the Forest on 1488. [[carrielee@suddenlink.net](mailto:carrielee@suddenlink.net) or 936-890-4374]

**Martha Barr: Oil Painting Classes** ((beginners- advanced) on Tues. at The Mansions in the Forest, Wed at HobbyLobby (Conroe) Store, 10 am & 1 pm; Thurs, The Woodlands Hobby Lobby, 10 am-1pm. All subjects, including portraiture. [281-593-2900 (studio) or 713-516-1112 (cell)]. See more classes by Martha under Linda Watson Gallery listing below.

**Lois Blackburne: Beginner-Advanced Classes in Oils, Watercolor, Pastels, Porcelain Painting & Portraiture**, at Hobby Lobby. [713-298-9000 or 936-539-6438]

**Woodlands Academy of Art:** Adult and children's day and evening classes on drawing, painting and pottery. Contact Tammy Viser at 281-292-3848 or check their web site at [WWW.THEWOODLANDSACADEMYOFART.COM](http://WWW.THEWOODLANDSACADEMYOFART.COM) for more information. Their address is: 1544 Sawdust Road, Suite 403, Spring, TX 77380.

**Linda Watson Gallery classes:**

**Sculpting w/Craig Campobella** (936-203-0728);

**Beginning Drawing w/Martha Barr** (713-516-1112);

**Jewelry Making w/Jean Fleshner** (832-651-0757)

**Pencil Drawing w/Joe Davenport** (936-494-2378)

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

**On-going Thursday Paint-Ins** (9 am to early afternoon) at Corinthian Point Clubhouse. Contact Kathleen Rowland, at [rowland.kathleen@gmail.com](mailto:rowland.kathleen@gmail.com) or at 936-856-6262.

See page five of this newsletter for Houston-based workshops or check the LSAG web site for other art league sponsored workshops at [WWW.LONESTARARTGUILD.ORG](http://WWW.LONESTARARTGUILD.ORG).



Jan Hill and Golda Rich amongst those learning more about landscape painting at recent Liz Hill workshop. (photo by Liz Hill)

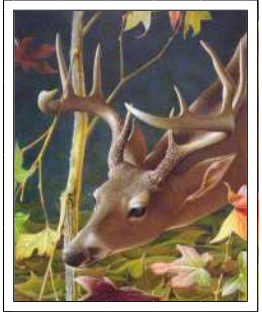
## Two artists named Humphrey headlining CAL Show February 27, 2010

British-born, Texas resident, Lesley Humphrey, will lead the artistic demonstration while art work is being judged at the CAL February 27 show. Lesley is one of the best known representative artists and teachers in the southeast Texas area. Lesley says she began her professional “journey” with art in 1989. Her inspiration has come from traveling the world and from such teachers and mentors as Dick Turner, Sir Alfred Munnings, the Russian Itinerants, Kandinsky and Diebenkorn. Lesley is a board member of the American Academy of Equine Art; associate member, Society of Equestrian Artists, London; a member “with colors,” of Longacre Foxhunt Club, Flynn Texas; part owner of DaVinci Gallery, Tomball, Texas; a recipient of the 2005 Person of the Year Award, Regional Arts Council, Texas; and 1990 Honorary PhD for developing parent-taught art curriculum for elementary schools. She has received numerous national and international awards including: a 2008 1st in painting, 3rd in drawing, at the Ex Arte Equinus International Competition. See more about Lesley’s awards, invitations, honors, shows and art work at her web site [WWW.LESLEYHUMPHREY.NET](http://WWW.LESLEYHUMPHREY.NET).



“Hija del Sol” oil painting by Lesley Humphrey (courtesy photo)

Tommy Humphrey, (not related to Lesley) well-known for his acrylic on “scratchboard” and “claybord” renderings of wildlife, will be judging the February 27 CAL show. Tommy has been an artist all his life. Following college, he enjoyed a 33-year career in art education. A love of the outdoors inspired his penchant for wildlife subjects for his paintings. His initial preference for working on scratchboard evolved from the way Georges Seurat applied color with small dots of varying hues, allowing the eye to blend the dots. Tommy’s scratchboard works incorporate a visual blend of many small dots of color created with a pen point. In recent years, the introduction of “claybord,” (a clay surface on masonite) has given Tommy an opportunity to further develop his earlier scratchboard techniques. Tommy’s outstanding talent and prolific devotion to his work have enabled him to participate in some of the nation’s most prestigious wildlife art shows, and brought him many opportunities for distribution of his originals and prints throughout the United States. See more of Tommy’s unique work at his web site [WWW.HUMPHREYCROW-ART.COM](http://WWW.HUMPHREYCROW-ART.COM).



“Making Rubs,” acrylic on scratchboard, by Tommy Humphrey (Photo by Tommy Humphrey)

### Other CAL member news

**Craig Campobella**, well-known area sculptor and CAL member, is inviting people to stop by and view his progress as he begins work on a bronze statue of a “Texian”, (see photos of Craig’s model for “Texian” below left and center) which will stand approximately 14 feet high and serve as the centerpiece of a “Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park,” to be located near the Conroe branch of the Montgomery County Library. Craig will be working on the statue in a building located at 221 Simonton Street in downtown Conroe. For more information about the monument and flag park, see [WWW.TEXASFLAGPARK.ORG](http://WWW.TEXASFLAGPARK.ORG).

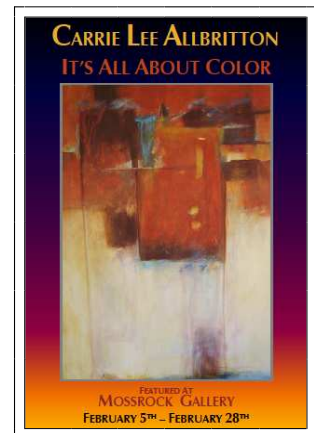
**Carrie Allbritton**, accomplished abstract artist and CAL member, will be the featured solo artist for February at the Mossrock Studio and Fine Art Gallery, 26002 Oakridge Drive, The Woodlands, in a show called, “It’s All About Color.” (see photo below right) See more of Carrie’s work at [WWW.ALLBRITTONART.COM](http://WWW.ALLBRITTONART.COM).



▲ Model for the head of Craig Campobella’s Texian (Photo by Dave Clements)



◀ Model for full statue of the Texian w/flag (Photo by Dave Clements)



## Artists assisting with Haiti relief efforts

Dozens of artists in the greater Houston area are coming together Thursday, February 11 (6—9:00 p.m.) at Laura Rathe Fine Arts, 2702 Colquitt, Houston, Texas 77098 to donate their artwork and time to raise money for four well-known charities, “Doctors without Borders,” Partners in Health,” “The Red Cross,” and “The Clinton-Bush Fund for Haiti,” reputable organizations collecting funds to help Haiti victims in the aftermath of their devastating earthquake. Judy Crowe, a popular LSAG workshop leader and former artist demonstrator for the Conroe Art League, is one of the artists participating in this event. For more information or to RSVP call 713-527-7700 or send an email to [INFO@LAURARATHE.COM](mailto:INFO@LAURARATHE.COM).

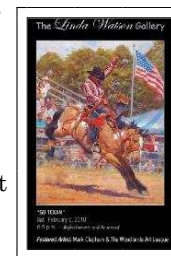


## Area gallery, art center and museum events

**Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts:** All are invited to an AFTERNOON TEA introducing the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Thursday, February 25 (3—5 p.m.) at the Club at Carlton Woods, 1 Carlton Woods Drive, The Woodlands. Please RSVP by February 18 to 281-376-6322 or [tnovak@mfah.org](mailto:tnovak@mfah.org). The museum, “a smaller scale version of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston,” is the only fine arts museum in the Houston area that is outside of the Houston Museum district. While the afternoon tea will be held in the Woodlands, the museum’s actual address is 6815 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77379.

**Wynne Home Arts Center:** The Brown-Wynne Gallery of the Wynne Home Arts Center, 1428 11th Street, Huntsville, will be hosting a “WESTERN SHOW,” February 6—April 26, featuring the paintings and sculpture of Bobby Rogers and the miniature saddles of Tad Mizwa. The opening reception will be February 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.

**Linda Watson Gallery:** The Linda Watson Gallery at 204 N. Main Street, downtown Conroe, will be hosting a “GO TEXAN” show during the month of February featuring the work of Conroe artist, Mark Clapham and artists of The Woodlands Art League. At the same time, the gallery will continue its “Hang Ten +5” display of a variety of local artists, including samples of the work of long-time Conroe Art League member, Martha Barr. All are invited to the opening reception on February 6 from 6—9 p.m. According to gallery owner, Joe Fleshner, art work is selling; four pieces were sold at their January 16 event and eight pieces were sold at their January 30 event. CAL member John Porter continues as the gallery’s artist in residence, and never misses an opportunity to promote the Conroe Art League to gallery visitors.



**Mossrock Studio & Fine Art Gallery:** The Mossrock Studio & Fine Art Gallery at 26002 Oakridge Drive, The Woodlands, will be featuring the artwork of CAL member, Carrie Allbritton during the month of February, (see show flyer on page 3).

**The Louis E. Wheeler Fine Arts Gallery:** Located at N. Main (across the street from the Crighton Theater, and with an emphasis on digital photography, The Louis E. Wheeler Fine Arts Gallery offers a variety of fine art, including landscapes, seascapes, florals and architecture from Texas, the central California coast, Japan, Greece and other parts of the world. The gallery is owned by CAL member, Louis Wheeler. See art work on gallery web site at [WWW.LOUISWHEELER.COM](http://WWW.LOUISWHEELER.COM).

## “S.amM.” Saturday am Market coming to downtown Conroe

Starting on Saturday, February 6, from 10 AM to 4 PM, and continuing every Saturday (rain or shine) a community outdoor market event will be set up on the site of the new parking lot at Main Street and Metcalf (across the street from Conroe’s new pocket park and the Owen Theatre). Thirty-nine 10x10ft. spaces will be available, complete with canopy, one 6ft. long table and 2 chairs. A fee of \$100 is being charged for these items. Set up is at 9 AM and tear-down is at 4 PM. The debut market event on February 6 will include produce, arts and crafts, food and beverages, as well as musical entertainment. Joe Fleshner, owner of the Linda Watson Gallery proposed and organized the on-going weekend event, and has enlisted support from the City of Conroe, in an effort to attract weekend visitors to the downtown Conroe area. According to Joe, most of the spaces have been filled. All food vendors are required to provide a daily permit from the Montgomery County Health Department. The public is invited and there is no admission fee. For more information call 832-928-9150.



## Update on the Conroe Art Bench Project


Now that the art benches have been completed and the initial celebratory event is behind us, some downtown Conroe folks are looking more at how to use the benches to promote downtown Conroe. A Conroe Art Bench Walking Tour brochure, is being re-printed in large quantities to help promote downtown Conroe. The Art Bench Project has been mentioned in the newly completed Conroe Texas Visitors Guide and on the Conroe Texas Convention and Visitor Bureau web site ([WWW.CONROEVCB.NET](http://WWW.CONROEVCB.NET)). Thanks to a collaborative sponsoring effort by Conroe downtown manager, Larry Calhoun and Conroe Texas Convention and Visitor Bureau Manager, Harold "Hutch" Hutcheson, the second printing of the brochure is underway. Copies of the art bench walking tour brochure will be available to the public between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Convention and Visitor Bureau office, 505 W. Davis Street, Conroe starting the week of February 8. A teacher at Lone Star College, Montgomery has already inquired about scheduling a bench walking tour for one of her classes. Following up on a suggestion by Art Bench Chair, Maggie Gutierrez, Dave Parsons, Montgomery County's poet laureate, has begun talks with the Montgomery County Literary Arts Council about having local "published" poets write poetry about each of the art benches and perhaps sponsor or co-sponsor an local "Ekphrastic" bench event like his group hosted a couple of years ago at Lone Star College—Montgomery, in collaboration with the University of Texas Blanton Art Museum.

Walking  
tours and  
Ekphrastic  
Poetry

## Workshops and classes in Houston

**The Watercolor Art Society-Houston (WAS-H)** is offering a series of classes and workshops, such as "Watercolor, Fun and Free," with Portia Bell; "Pen, Ink and Watercolor," with Joanie Hughes, and "Digging for Gold: A Bold Approach to Watermedia," with Lesley Humphrey. See the WAS-H web site at [WWW.WATERCOLORHOUSTON.ORG](http://WWW.WATERCOLORHOUSTON.ORG).

**Art Supply On Main**, located at 2711 Main Street, Houston, Texas is offering a series of upcoming workshops, on a variety of art styles and media. These include: "Experimental Encaustic Techniques," with Salli Babbitt; "Monotypes: The Layered Print," with Judy Chambers; "Pronto Plate: The Poor Man's Lithography" with Cathie Kayser; "Dry-Point Etching: the Incised Line," with Vivian Hordes; and "Linocuts: A Cut Above," with Rahul Mitra. For more information on these and other workshops sponsored by Art Supply, see their web site at [WWW.ARTSUPPLYONMAIN.COM](http://WWW.ARTSUPPLYONMAIN.COM).



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Conroe Art League LSAG Spring Judged Show  
Saturday, February 27, 2010 Activity Building  
Candy Cane Park, 1204 Callahan, Conroe, Texas

9:00-11:00 am Entries accepted  
12:00 noon-2:00 pm Judging & Demonstration - Show area closed to artists/visitors  
2:00 pm-3:00 pm Awards & Critique  
4:00 pm- Show closes

NON-MEMBERS MAY  
ENTER ARTWORK

JUDGE: Tommy Humphrey      ARTIST DEMO: Lesley Humphrey, "Figures on Abstract Backgrounds"  
Oils"

PRE-REGISTRATION: Pre-registration encouraged, but walk-ins accepted. Pre-registration deadline: Feb. 22, 2010  
Send completed forms with check, payable to Conroe Art League, to: Jolan Hill, 15944 Malibu East, Willis, TX 77319

ENTRY FEES:

Pre-registered fees: LSAG & CAL members	\$15.00.....1-3 pieces
	\$ 5.00..... each additional piece
Walk-in Registration fees:	
LSAG & Conroe Art League members:	\$20.00.....1-3 pieces
	\$ 5.00.....each additional piece
Non-members:	\$20.00.....1-3 pieces
	\$ 8.00.....each additional piece

*For more information regarding the show, contact: Linda Weatherly, 936-582-1134, [blondie-w@msn.com](mailto:blondie-w@msn.com), Jolan Hill, 936-856-5470, [jolanh@msn.com](mailto:jolanh@msn.com), or Pat Davis, 936-448-1809, [pldavis@airmail.net](mailto:pldavis@airmail.net). For information regarding Lone Star Art Guild (LSAG) show entry rules, go to [www.lonestarartguild.org](http://www.lonestarartguild.org).*



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"Of all the arts,  
abstract painting is the  
most difficult.  
It demands that you know  
how to draw well,  
that you have a  
heightened sensitivity for  
composition and for color,  
and that you be a true  
poet. This last is essential.  
--Wassily Kandinsky

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#### 2010 CALENDAR

##### CAL Board and General Meetings, Shows, Art Demos

#### 2010

- February 27      **SPRING SHOW**, and demo with **Lesley Humphrey**, "Painting Figures on Abstract Backgrounds" {at Candy Cane Park, Conroe}
- March 27          **Paul Murad**, "Watercolor Techniques"  
April 24          **STUDENT SHOW**, and demo, "Pastels"  
by **Kim Abbati**,
- May 14-15        **LSAG Convention/Show**, Lone Star Expo and  
Convention Center, 9055 FM 1484, Conroe, Texas

*{CAL Board Meetings are open to everyone and begin at 9:00 AM. General meetings and artistic demonstrations begin at 11:00 AM. Unless otherwise stated, all events above are held at Christ Church, 10087 League Line Road, Conroe, Texas—1.2 miles west of I-45.}*

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