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# TAG Talk

Trinity Arts Guild  
Since 1961  
"Together Art Grows"

May 2010

## NEXT MEETING June 7, 2010

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*If you were notified that you were accepted into the 2010 Open Juried Show, don't forget to bring by the accepted entry on May 18, 2010. The show begins on May 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.*

## President's Message

2009-10 YEAR END!

TAG has had a great year. We have about 20 members who VOLUNTEER; give their time to all the members, serve on the Ex Board as well as Committees, and make this the only visual arts home for Visual Artists in Tarrant County. They could say, "I want to paint", or "no", instead they paint when they can. So PLEASE say THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM. I am so THANKFUL for the BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS. They have achieved growth to an all time high of 210 members and have expanded our programs. It has been a true delight to have worked with this board during the past year.

THANKS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART You have been a joy!!!!

A new BOARD will be having a planning meeting to discuss and decide where they feel we should go next year. Thanks to Cheri Irwin who has agreed to be President. This will be her 4<sup>th</sup> time to give of herself to all of you. If you have any ideas, please, contact one of the board members and give your suggestion to them. They will be glad to hear from you and bring your suggestion to the attention of the board.

REMEMBER: TAG has an all-volunteer board; no one is paid a penny for all they do.

I came to TAG in 1980 to an AI Brouillette workshop and thought I had found a home. 30 years volunteering for TAG and ARTSNET to keep the ARTS alive in North Tarrant County has been my mission. Little did I realize the road I would travel how it would twist and turn. I have enjoyed serving TAG. I am so proud that we have been able to serve the Visual Artist. Next year we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year. I still say, "We are the best kept secret in Bedford".

Bennie

## *Featured Member* *Mark Sacco*

I grew up in Nebraska and moved to Texas back in '74, currently living in Midlothian. As a young man I did many acrylic paintings and wanted to become a commercial artist at one point. Do to the lack of money I went to a tech school instead and have been working in the computer industry for the last 30 years. I have been married for 32 years to Cindy and have two kids Amber 27 and Shaun 25. My hobbies very from re-enacting, scuba diving, caving to playing golf every now and then. I have not had formal art training other than two sculpting workshops over the past two years.

As a young man I always enjoyed drawing and painting, but really didn't have formal training. Well as life normally plays out I took a different career path and had not painted for almost 30 years. My mother had always asked "why don't you do your art again, you have a God given talent and you shouldn't waste it". Dad would always reassure her that I would come back to it some day.

After the passing of my father I started to look at life a little differently and once I turned fifty, with a lot of encouragement from my wife, working with my art again started to resurface as a possible hobby I would like to do when I retire. Then in 2008 my wife wanted to take me to Santa Fe to see the Art Galleries and I was truly amazed at all the wonderful pieces of art we saw there. I have always been an Old West buff and being a cowboy re-enactor, I have been drawn to western bronzes. As I studied numerous bronzes and talking with Scott Rogers (a very well know western artist) I started saying to myself, I think I could do this or at least I would like to try.

Inspired by our trip, we returned home and I immediately enrolled in an eight day sculpture class; I created a horse with a saddle. After the class was over I kept working on the piece and by getting great pointers from Scott via email, I created "No Posse In Sight".

By completing this piece my passion for art has come back to me as my father said it would.

It has been an incredible journey back to what I once left behind and working in this medium is such a joy. I can only hope that I can bring the Old West, the way I see it, into someone's life for them to enjoy.

Follow your passion and enjoy life.



## Accolades

### Painting of the Year May 2010



The ever-popular John Lapsitis has won the prestigious “Painting of the Year” award.

Congratulations, John for yet another win.

### Introducing TAG’s Newest Members:

Welcome to TAG!



**Rose Marie McPherson**  
**Andy Morris**  
**Victoria Robinson**  
**Lee Tinsdale**  
**Donna Tufano**

### Popular Choice from the “Member’s Only Juried” Show Sharon Markwardt “Country Girl”



**Congratulations, Sharon!**

### Gallery Sitters Honor Roll April 2010

Shelly Burden  
Judy Grimada  
Barbara Hentzen  
Jack Higdon  
Barbara McFarland  
Johnny & Donna Hogue  
Patricia Naney  
Arlene Rachels  
Ms Linda Smith  
Leslie Talty  
Irma Ward  
Susan Wibowo  
Bennie Wood



If you want some spare time to work on your painting project, sign up for a 3-4 hour slot to gallery sit. You will have a few interruptions, but not enough to keep you from making progress. Contact Linda Longshore 817 303 9686 or [lindastclair@live.com](mailto:lindastclair@live.com) for open slots.

# Member News

## Member Exhibits

- **Sharen Chatterton** is exhibiting at “The Nature of Flowers” in the Discovery Gallery at Texas Discovery Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75210. Texas Discovery Gardens is located through Gate 6 at Fair Park. The exhibition runs from March 22 through July 31, 2010; reception March 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm. Gallery Hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm daily.
- **Frankie Sieloff Couch** was selected for the Texas Neighbors show. The painting was a watercolor titled "Italian Village." Frankie was one of the people who hosted a reception for the juror. One of her watercolors won 2nd place for painting of the month at Irving Art Association.

### Thoughts and Prayers

Carl Moore, Ex President has had a stroke and is in North Hills Hospital. It has effected his speech. Audrie & Carl worked for years keeping arts alive in North Tarrant County. Remembering them is like remembering a ray of sunshine. Send Cards and best wishes to Carl Moore, 5621 McNeill Dr, Haltom City, TX 76148.

Arthur "Bud" Koon is going in this Friday for colon surgery. We wish him well Send greeting cards. his address is 7804 Owens Dr. NRH, TX 76180. In 1975 Bud was instrumental in redoing the building when we moved to Bedford. He was President for the 5th time in 1992 when we went through another remodel. He and Steve Horton are responsible for the walls and stands we all appreciate. Our best to Bud!

A graphic with the words "GET WELL!" in a bold, bubbly, orange-to-yellow gradient font with a black drop shadow.

### Opportunities

Grumbacher paint is looking to hire acrylic painters to teach two hour workshops at a major retailer in locations across the United State and Canada . Artists must be capable of demonstrating a still life, landscape, seascape, and floral. They have developed a flexible curriculum in acrylics for an artist to use or adapt to fit to his or her style. They plan to conduct approximately one to four workshops per store per month and the artist will have flexibility in scheduling. Compensation is \$100 per workshop, and teaching materials will be provided to the artist at no cost.

Please have anyone who is interested email Katie Blanchard at [blanchard@chartpak.com](mailto:blanchard@chartpak.com) with examples of their work in acrylics, along with a resume and contact information. (Chartpak is a manufacturer of fine art supplies. Grumbacher, Koh-I-Noor, Higgins ink, and Clearprint are some of their brands.)

## Events

### Upcoming Non-juried shows:

June 15 – July 20: “Americana / Patriotic” show

July 20 – August 17: “Summer Days”

August 17 – September 14: “Teachers, Students, and New Members”

September 14 “Shining Stars”



### Changing Address, E-mail, or phone?

Please notify TAG at

[trinity\\_arts\\_guild@att.net](mailto:trinity_arts_guild@att.net)

### Mission to Africa

**Bob Seeley’s effort to collect art supplies and donations for his children project continues until May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off supplies in the designated area of the gallery. Cash donations should be made directly to Bob.**

### Election of Officers

At the May 3rd meeting, the Nominations Committee presented the slate for the Executive Board for 2010-11. The attending members voted and approved the following individuals to lead the organization:

- President – Cheri Irwin
- VP and Director of Juried Shows – Bonnie Dunn
- Secretary – Beverly Richmond
- Treasurer – Leticia Sedberry
- Membership Director – Irma Ward
- Director Non-juried Shows – Carol Callery
- Director of Programs – Anita Hale
- Director Gallery Services – John Lapsitis
- Corresponding Secretary – Susan Wibowo

### Weekly Classes at TAG (for a fee)

• **Oil & Acrylic** with Barbara McFarland

Monday 12:30-3:30pm ; call 817-282-0714

• **Watercolor** with Bennie Wood

• Tuesday 6:30-9:30pm; call 817-838-2409

• **Oil, Acrylic and Pastel** with “Mahto”

Wednesday 12:30-4:00pm and 6:30-9:30pm; call 817-504-8769

• **Children Art** with Linda Longshore, Thursday 3:45-4:45pm; call 817-303-9686

• **Watercolor** with Bennie Wood

Friday 9:30am – 12:00pm; call 817-838-2409

**Many thanks to Steve Horton who worked to help some of our member take digital photos for entry into the 2010 Open Juried Show. We appreciate your time and effort, Steve.**

The Board of Directors approved an additional position – Director of Sponsor and Donation Programs. This important position will be responsible for fund raising activities to supplement the grants funding, which have decreased in recent years. With sponsors and donations we will obtain needed funds to provide prize money for shows and keep up with day-to-day expenses. Should **YOU** be interested in running for this post, please contact Cheri Irwin as soon as possible.



## Committee Reports

### Membership Dues were due on April 1, 2010.

You may now renew your membership online and pay by using credit cards or your PayPal account. These options are in addition to the traditional methods of check or cash. Don't miss out on the many TAG programs just because you forgot to pay your dues.

### Library Fun Facts

#### Did you know that...

- When laid end to end, TAGs library books would stretch across the state of Texas.
- TAG's library contains 2,577,231,201 pages.
- If used as fuel, TAG library books would provide enough energy to light the city of Ft. Worth for two weeks.

OK. I stretched the "facts" a bit. All kidding aside, here are some real facts:

- The TAG Library contains over 450 books and videos.
- Several of the books are now out of print, yet the topics are still relevant.
- One book was written by TAG member, Chap Isham, "Creating Art History."
- Over 30 members have donated books.

Unfortunately we don't have record of all members donating books in past years; yet, since we started keeping records, the following individuals have helped to build the library:

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| •Arlene Rachels                        | •Jackie Wright    |
| •Bennie Wood                           | •Jane Gardner     |
| •Betsy Milligan                        | •Jane Harder      |
| •Betty Russel Gates                    | •Jane Layfield    |
| •Bob Seeley                            | •Loma Pollack     |
| •Carol Mueller                         | •Louise Lee Koon  |
| •Chap Isham                            | •Maggie Moraine   |
| •Charlotte McMahan                     | •Marcia Weil      |
| •Elizabeth Moore                       | •Maria Welsch     |
| •Emily Becka (in honor of her husband) | •Marilyn Good     |
| •Gisele Hilliard                       | •Maxine Tidwell   |
| •Irma Ward                             | •Nellene Carlegis |
| •Jack Fritter                          | •Ruth Rotthaus    |
| •Toni Dorcie                           | •Thelma Park      |

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

### Traveling Exhibits – Now Showing

#### Hurst Library (June 1)

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| Linda Bein        | Bonnie Du8nn    |
| Diana Faver       | Bich-Nga Groves |
| Judy Grimada      | Betty Grummer   |
| Barbara McFarland | Faye Redmon     |
| Tendaris Walling  | Judy Wolf       |
| Bennie Wood       |                 |

#### Bedford Library

- Judy DeWine (May)
- Faye Redmon (June)
- Verne McFarland (Jul)

#### Northeast Sub Courthouse

- Faye Redmon
- George and Lee Larkin
- Bennie Wood

#### Eules Library

- Judy Grimada(May)
- Judy DeWine (June)
- Linda Bein (July)

## Advertising

### Advertising Opportunities for Members

These are difficult times for artists, so it's important for artists and art teachers to invest in advertising to help promote their work. These are several ways you can do this through TAG.

The Executive Board recently approved a process whereby members can advertise through the annual Membership Directory or in TAG Talk. Here's the scoop:

- **Membership Directory** – for an ad up to 1/6<sup>th</sup> the size of one page. The cost is \$10, payable in April. Text copy and jpg photos (if any) need to be provided by June 30, 2010 for distribution of the directory in September. Minimum font size is 6pt; maximum is what ever will fit in the space. 250 copies will be distributed.
- **TAG Talk** - an ad the size of a business card will cost \$5 per specific issue or \$40 for 10 issues. Text copy and jpg photos (if any) need to be provided by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to make the current issue. Minimum font size is 6pt; maximum is what ever will fit in the space. The reach is our membership (200 and growing) plus those who visit the TAG web site.

The above are in addition to two other means of advertising on TAG's website:

- **Link to Your Website** – for a fee of \$5 TAG will add your name to its website and a link to yours. Subscriptions are good until April 1, at which time the subscription needs to be renewed.
- **Feature Page on the Website** – for a fee of \$10 per page (or \$25 for up to three pages - max) TAG will host your page(s) that can include photos of you and your work, a bio, and artist statement. Subscriptions are good until April 1, at which time the subscription needs to be renewed.

Once the subscriptions have been paid, E-mail your information and photos to [trinity\\_arts\\_guild@att.net](mailto:trinity_arts_guild@att.net).

## Classified Ads

These spaces are available to TAG member and businesses for advertising. An ad the size of a business card (i.e., ads cost \$5 per specific issue or \$40 for 10 issues (April through March).

Copy and jpg photos (if any) need to be provided by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to make the current issue. Minimum font size is 6pt; maximum is what ever will fit in the space.

Make your payment at the monthly meeting, or mail your check to:

TAG  
P.O. Box 671  
Bedford, TX 76095-0671

Send copy and photos to [trinity\\_arts\\_guild@att.net](mailto:trinity_arts_guild@att.net)

### Adult Oil / Acrylic Painting - Weekly Classes

Instruction and critique by Irma Ward

Monday 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 12:30 noon – 3:30pm

Wednesday 6pm-9pm



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Art

Bedford Boys Ranch – ARSTNET Building Rm. 201b

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Contact Irma at 817-874-3032 or [irma700@tx.rr.com](mailto:irma700@tx.rr.com)

### NEW!

### Experimental/ Non Objective Workshop

starting June 1 thru Sept. 30

Per Session \$22.00; 4 Sessions \$80.00!

Call Bennie Wood 817 838 2409 or

E mail [bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net)

For more Information.

This space is available for you.

Sign up for the next issue of  
TAG Talk.



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