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TAG Talk

Trinity Arts Guild
Since 1961
“Together Art Grows”

50th Anniversary Edition

May 2011

President’s Message

Dear Members:

Our 50th Anniversary celebration was so much fun! It was so nice to see some of our Charter Members, Lifetime members, Past Presidents, and Current Members. It was a great evening of reminiscing and celebrating our heritage.



Bennie Wood presented a condensed history of TAG and The Arts Council of NE Tarrant County. We, also, honored Bennie with a “Heart and Soul” award, a heart shaped necklace of Cubic Zirconium with a key hole. Bennie is the epitome of “Keeping the Arts Alive in North Tarrant County!” She served as President for six years, held numerous other positions, and has been known to twist an arm or two to get things done. Bennie has been teaching watercolor for many years, also at TAG, contributing to our coffers as well as our identity. She has been our “Shining Star” and continues to be a guiding beacon for TAG.

Our Shining Star of 2011 is Barbara Hentzen. She has been our Director of Hospitality for several years and always makes sure we have a great array of goodies for our meetings. She has hosted our Christmas Parties and other receptions, as well as a Monday Paint-in. Barbara is well deserving of this honor and she will be further honored at the “Shining Stars Luncheon” in October.

Our “Volunteer of the Year” is Anita Hale. Anita has done a great job as Program Director, making sure we have our demo artists and hosting our workshops. This is a big job and Anita has done it with such graciousness and professionalism. We appreciate her so much.

If you will pardon my stealing a line, it takes a village to keep TAG alive and we have a great village. I look forward to our next meeting and also next year as President again with some new, as well as some “oldies” on the board.

Take care and see you soon!

Cheri Irwin

FEATURED MEMBER Gary Wilkerson



You may have had the opportunity to meet Gary Wilkerson at one of our recent meetings or at a paint-in. Gary and his wife Reem, joined TAG recently and has found a new home of artists. He has an interesting story to tell, but it's not all here, so you have to get to know Gary to get the rest. We welcome Gary and Reem to the TAG family. These are Gary's words:

"In the late '80s I was delivering for Pizza Hut on Rufe Snow Drive. One day I ran across Bill Alexander on PBS. WOW! After a while I began to think.." Hey, I can do that!" So, off to Michael's for a painting kit and more stuff. I painted his wet on wet technique for a few months, then sorta stopped. I started wondering how would I come up with my own compositions? I was copying.

In 1993 I put \$1,000 down on a small sharpening shop on Grapevine Hwy by Glenview Dr., eventually paying it off through work and tax refunds...faster than scheduled, but at the expense of my then-family's well-being. The former couple who owned it didn't do well. I found many customers returning and complaining about them. I persevered through tough times every year until finally it became so I could actually enjoy life a little bit. But that was after moving to Rufe Snow Drive, still just south of Glenview.

Hard work, improvements, learning eventually paid off. But then, on April 16, just past noon, my left arm went numb. Soon I found myself collapsed on the floor. I awoke two weeks later to discover I had had a stroke. Shortly after, I was admitted to a horrid nursing home in Arlington.. in December, to the Transitional Care Unit at the Dallas VA hospital. That was 500% better!!! The therapists actually knew their stuff.

In Feb I was released back to my former home, which had been a small room in back of my shop for 8 years. In late Oct. 2005 I moved out to an apt in Haltom City. Days later I fell & broke my left hip. Ouchy...JPS, then back to VA Dallas, but this time it wasn't so much fun there. Three more months and friends found a small apartment next to the manager on Lackland Rd. in West Fort Worth.

In 2007, Reem came along from Syria. We had met in a spiritual site chat room online. A few months later another friend brought us a painting I had given him from my Alexander days. Reem said, "What? You can do this and you're doing nothing?? You are going to paint!"

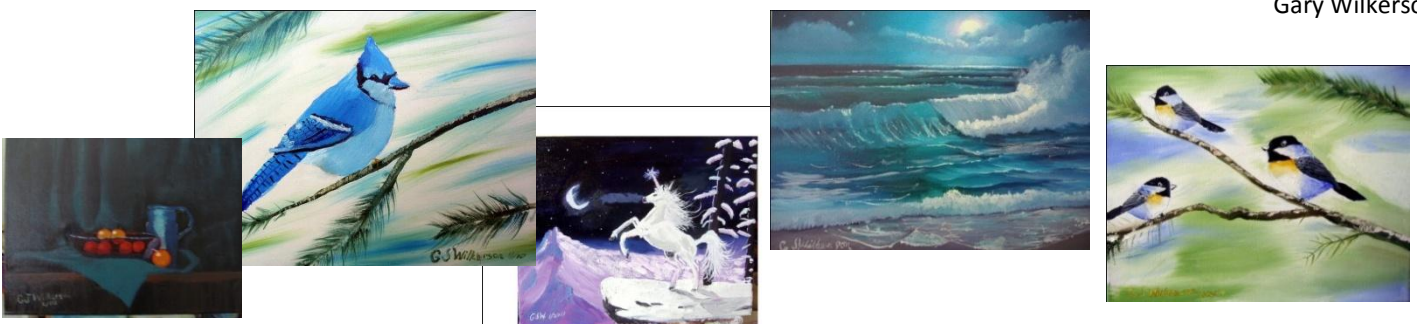
This time We got Bob Ross supplies at Hobby Lobby.

Soon I was painting wet on wet from other Alexander artist's DVDs. In Jan 2009 I signed up for the Alexander Art home study certification course. That took about 6 months. Still found myself copying. But learning new techniques as well.

In Feb. @011 I ran across some artists in Facebook and their site www.artapprenticeonline.com. Soon I was enrolled in their Traditions school in Tier I... Now, moved to Tier II and learning ART. they teach us color theory, all kinds of stuff about art Nobody else has taught me.

I found TAG in a search, emailed, went to a meeting, joined and here we are!! I'd like to have new friends, to learn things, to help in whatever ways I can. Find me on Facebook at Gary J Wilkerson search. There is a separate art page as well."

Gary Wilkerson



Introducing TAG's Newest Members:



Jeanne Crawford

Reem Balhawan Wilkerson

Welcome to our organization!

Poem courtesy of Bennie Wood - Title Unknown

Are you an **ACTIVE** member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part to help the group along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind to just belong?

There is quite a program scheduled that means success if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

Think that over, member, are we right or wrong?
Are you an **ACTIVE** member, or---do you "*just belong?*"

Author Unknown

Painting of the Year 2011 Mahto Hogue



Get Ready for these Upcoming Shows

Open Juried Show - May 17, 2011 through June 14, 2011

"Americana/Patriotic" non-juried – June 14, 2011 through July 19, 2011

"Summer Days" – non-juried – July 19, 2011 through August 16, 2011

**"Teachers, Students, or New Members" – non-juried
August 16, 2011 through September 20, 2011**

**"Shining Stars" - juried – (donate entries for the
Arts League "Shining Stars" silent auction)
September 20, 2011**

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee Report

The general membership approved the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 term as follows:

President – Cheri Irwin
Vice President – Carol Callery
Treasurer – Leticia Sedberry
Recording Secretary – Jeannie Nordahl
Director of non-juried Shows – Cindy Flint
Director of Programs – Pamela Sustaire
Director of Membership – Rim Balhawan
Director of Hospitality – Barbara Hentzen
Director of Gallery Services – John Lapsitis
Corresponding Secretary – Marie Dygert

Please attend the June meeting for the installation of officers.

Carol Callery
Nominations Committee Chair

Changing name, address, phone, or E-mail? Please notify us at trinity_arts_guild@att.net.

Note to **Bren Dill, Lee Tinsdale, and Darrell Raley** please advise us of your new E-mail address.

Thank you.

New Dues schedule

Here's a bonus for TAG Members, old and new. From this point forward the renewal date for membership will be on September 1st instead of April 1st. This means you get a five month extension on your membership. If you renew between now and September 1st, your membership will be good until August 31, 2012. Here are the membership rates for renewals:

Individual - \$35
Senior (65+) and Junior (16-18) - \$30
Family - \$50

You may renew on our Web site or send us a check via snail mail.

Payment for Web pages \$10, and Web links \$5 are also due at this time.

A late fee of \$5 will apply after October 1st.

Irma Ward
Membership Director

Paid Classified Ads

Adult Oil / Acrylic Painting - Weekly Classes

Instruction and critique by Irma Ward

Wednesday 9am - noon

Wednesday 12:30 noon – 3:30pm

Wednesday 6pm-9pm

Monday evening class 6pm-9pm (forming)



Bedford Boys Ranch – ARSTNET Building Rm. 201b
Contact Irma at 817-874-3032 or irma700@tx.rr.com

PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Demonstrations in 2011

June's meeting will be the Reception for the winners of the Open Juried Show.

(There are no meetings in July or August, except the September meeting that will be held on **August 29, 2011** due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday.)

September (August 29, 2011) - James Tennison – notable portrait and landscape artist will be our guest. Be sure not to miss this demonstration.

Workshops

Anita is working with James Tennison to schedule a two-day workshop on September 17th & 18th. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Also, a drawing workshop with "Mahto" is scheduled for July 30 – 31, 2011. Contact Mahto (817-504-8769) for details.

TRINITY ARTS GUILD "EN PLEIN AIRE "

Shirley Kinworthy announces We will be painting en plein air, weather permitting. Notices will be sent out for each event in and around our area. TAG members wish to participate should contact Shirley at s.kinworthy@sbcglobal.net to be added to the mailing list.

Shirley Kinworthy
Chairman "En Plein Aire"



Portrait from a Live Model

Tendaris is taking a break from scheduling the portrait sessions due to some health issues. If you are interested in painting a portrait from a live model, please contact Cheri Irwin. If we get enough interest, we will need to have someone coordinate this effort.

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; call 817-504-8769
- Watercolor** with Bennie Wood
Friday 9:30am – 12:00pm; call 817-838-2409



Show	Drop Off	Pick Up
Open Juried Show	May 17, 2011	June 21, 2011
"Patriotic"	June 21, 2011	July 19, 2011
"Texas Heat"	July 19, 2011	August 16, 2011
Students, Teachers, & New Members	August 16, 2011	September 20, 2011

2011 Traveling Exhibits – Now Showing

	Bedford Library*	Eules Library	Hurst Library	Richland Hills Community Center	Haltom City Library*
May	Diana Faver	Barbara McFarland	Temporarily not showing due to construction.	Open	Doris Mobley
June	George Larkin	Lee Larkin	McFarlands, Bein, Wolf, Groves, Grummer, Grimada, Faver, Porter, Redmon, Wood	Open	
July	Lee Larkin	George Larkin			

Northeast Sub Courthouse: Faye Redmon, George and Lee Larkin, Judy Grimada, Kenneth Porter

* Call Bennie if you want to exhibit. There are 20 spaces; nothing over 24 x 28, please

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.

TAG has initiated 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 1/6th 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 1st 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.

TAG Celebrates 50 Years of Art and Fellowship

There was lots of memories being shared at the May 2nd meeting when we celebrated this milestone in TAG's history.



Cheri Irwin presides over the celebration.



Bennie Johnson Wood gives a brief history of TAG.



Carl Moore reminded us of what TAG is all about.



Sandra Eddy describes the challenge in Obtaining funding and how Arts Council Northeast got started.



Fred LaVallee shares "war" stories about the Renovations of this building.





A collection of Past Presidents: Sandra Eddy, Arlene Taylor, Cheri Irwin, Ann Hardy, Shirley Wood, Bennie Wood, and Carl Moore.



Loretta Schapansky Phillips was one of the early members of TAG. She shared a lot of memories about the teachers and shows that TAG hosted.



Cheri presents Bennie Wood with the Heart and Soul Award for her continued dedication to TAG.



Marilyn Good, a Lifetime member, receives a rose.



Ginny Tigue talked about the formation of the Arts League, Who has supported TAG for many years with grant money.



Charter Member, Betty Stimmel Parsell



Charter Members Valerie and Bill McKeown



Past President 1974-1975
Sandra Eddy



Past President
1986-1988
Carl Moore



Past President 1996-1998
Shirley Wood



Past President 2000-2002
Arlene Butterworth Taylor



Past President 1995-1996
Ann Hardy



TAG Hall of Fame

Charter Members

Jean Anderson	Mrs. T. G. Morris, Jr.
Jeanne Arnold	Rebecca Maus Noland
Tienz Arnold	Joyce Norvell
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Lanna Boyd	Vera Plimpton
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Charlotte McMahan	Harry Vance
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Joan C. Morris	

*Founder

Past Presidents

BETTY RUSSEL GATES	1961	FRANCES JOHNSON	1979-81
CHARLES HAMILTON	1961-62	BETTY GOODSPEED	1981-82
GENEVA THRONE	1962-63	FRANCES JOHNSON*	1982-83
DON CATHEY	1963-64	BUD KOON*	1983-85
JAN BICE	1964-65	ED HAVRAN	1985-86
JEAN ANDERSON	1965	CARL MOORE*	1986-88
DAVE DOUGDALE	1965-66	BENNIE WOOD *	1988-90
GEORGE PHILLIPS	1966-67	JUDY RODENBERG*	1990-92
JOHN ORR	1967	BUD KOON*	1992-93
INEZ NORMAN	1967-68	KIM COLLINS*	1993-95
BUDD KNEISEL*	1968-70	ANN HARDY	1995-96
CLYDE MAUS	1970-71	SHIRLEY WOOD*	1996-98
BUD KOON*	1971-73	BETSY MILLIGAN	1998-99
DOTTI SWAYZE	1973-74	TOSCA ENGISCH	1999-2000
SANDY EDDY	1974-75	ARLENE TAYLOR*	2000-02
RAY FISHER	1975-76	CHERI IRWIN*	2002-05
WAYNE HOLSTER	1976-77	BENNIE WOOD*	2006-08
RUTH ROTTHAUS*	1977-79	LINDA BEIN	2008-09

Lifetime Members

Lora Asdorian*
 Nelene Carlegis
 Norma Cheever
 Betty Russel Gates
 Marilyn Good
 Doris May Hahn
 Muriel Havran
 Ed Havran
 Steve Horton**
 Arthur (Bud) Koon
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