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Strokes and Dabs Message from our President

Margo Donaldson Snider



Let's shift our thoughts from the scorching heat and the pending active hurricane season to MUSIC!

In February Galveston was designated as a Music Friendly City and GAL thinks that is something to celebrate. We will do so by giving a special award at the September Juried Show. That being said, I want all those participating in the juried show to submit a music related piece of art. It can be a photo of the guitarist playing on the street corner, a painting of your favorite artist during a performance, or any piece with a music focus. Art that has a music focus will be judged in the same manner as the McGivney award. A first and second place will be awarded for the music submissions. You can enter 3 pieces as you do for any juried show. Just have at least one of them with a music focus.

I am sure you have questions. The prospectus will be available soon or you can contact me at any time.

We have a busy fall coming up. In October we will be hosting the Artist Boat Debris Art winners in the gallery. Those pieces will be up for ArtWalk on October 5 so that will make that Artwalk even busier than usual. Leroy LeFlore is managing that program and will be selecting the art work to be displayed. November will be another busy month with Leroy as the Featured Artist and all the Marsha Krohn donated dolls will be on display.

We have yet to secure a Featured Artist for December. If you are interested, please contact Billie Rinaldi.

Again, I am looking forward to the September Juried Show being the most exciting--SO THINK MUSIC!!

Margo

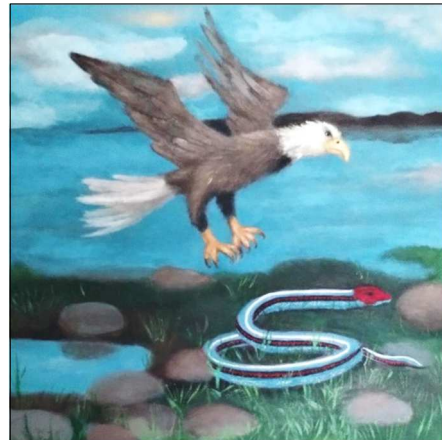
JULY FEATURED ARTIST

SHARON PITTMAN

After a career that included teaching art and humanities from middle school through university level, Sharon Pittman is now a retired educator with a fulltime focus on her own art. She is the author of the book *The Museum for the People* and a lifelong member of the selective Los Angeles Art Association. Having relocated to Texas, she is now active in the Galveston County art scene, producing paintings that reflect her interest in Western themes and the great outdoors.



Pow Wow



Eagle and Snake



Rain Forest



Terrapins in Awe

AUGUST FEATURED ARTIST

DOT ALFORD

Dot Alford is a passionate nurse and talented photographer hailing from Texas. Balancing her career in healthcare with her love for photography, Dot captures the breathtaking beauty of landscapes, travel, adventure, and wildlife through her lens.

Fueled by a desire to explore and discover new places, Dot immerses herself in unfamiliar environments and cultures. Over the past few years, travel has become a significant part of her life. Her journeys are not just about visiting new locations but about experiencing and documenting the essence of these places.

Through her captivating photographs, Dot aims to inspire others to venture outdoors and embark on their own adventures. Her work reflects a deep appreciation for the natural world and the thrill of exploration, encouraging others to embrace the beauty and excitement of the world around them.



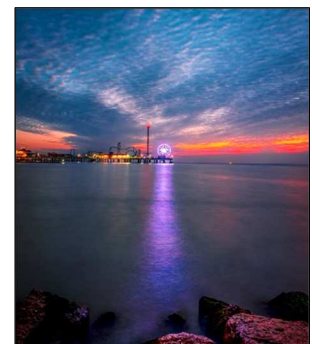
Serenity of the
Great Blue Heron



Pelican Perch

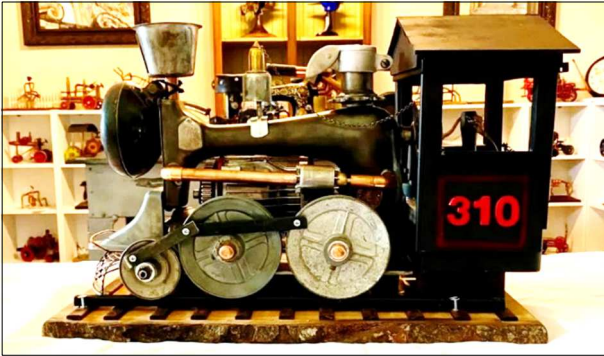


Spectacle



Galveston Sunrise

Spring Juried Show



Best of Show

Billy Vandenberghe
310 to Yuma
 3D



Digital Art

First Place

Mark Myers *Jewels of the Sea*

Second Place

Linda Susman *Irish Weave*

Honorable Mention

Susan Douglass Moody *Flying High*

JUROR'S STATEMENT

I was so pleased to have the opportunity to jury this exhibition at the Galveston Art League, and I enjoyed looking through all the entries, which strongly reflected the unique character of Galveston and the beautiful environment of the coastal area.

When I jury an exhibition, I look for several elements when selecting work, regardless of the media. These are things that I also tend to emphasize with my students in my art courses at the University of Houston - Clear Lake, and include: quality in the craftsmanship, unique and compelling imagery, strong compositions, and a harmonious color palette. With all the award winners – and particularly the piece I selected for 'Best-In-Show,' I was most drawn to the work that showed a clear investment of time and care, and a level of passion and dedication by the artist to develop a piece that is incredibly detailed, well-made, unique, and engaging on both a conceptual and visual level.

With paintings, works on paper, and mixed media, I was impressed by the wide variety of entries in each category – from beautifully rich oil / acrylic paintings and delicate watercolors to colorful prints and luscious collages. The award recipients for these categories reflected a high level of competency in their respective media, and balanced compositions with color, texture, and form.

With the photography and digital media entries, there were some stunning entries capturing moments in time. I looked for clarity within the images, a good range of contrast and values, and a variety of textures. The award recipients in these categories presented powerful, dynamic imagery and employed a strong balance of the visual elements.

With sculpture/3D, the majority of entries showed an emphasis on tactile, physical textures and color. I focused on selecting pieces with compelling forms that showed a high degree of technical skill and craftsmanship. The award recipients in this category all reflect a high degree of creativity and ambition, and show a solid technical understanding of the medium.

Thank you to all the artists who submitted their creative work for this exhibition, and congratulations to the award winners!

Lauren E. Kussro



3-Dimensional

First Place

Leslie O'Leary

Moon Wish Rabbit

Second Place

Judy Foster

Midnight Freeform Geode

Honorable Mention

Barb Mueller

Houston Heat

Photography

First Place

Matt Logmann

The Narrows

Second Place

Cathy Pelle

Daytona Trouble

Honorable Mention

Chris Torres

Butterfly Kiss

Steve Jones

The Oyster Shell

Building U. of H.



Works on Canvas/Panel

First Place

Beth Almeida

Foggy Breakfast 2

Second Place

Vicki Vanderberghe

Out of Darkness - Light

Honorable Mention

Carol Outlaw-Wagner

Snowy Egret

Cheryl Sanders Henry

Roseate

Works on Paper

First Place

Fontaine Jacobs

Misty Morning

Second Place

Annika Farmer

Mother's Calla Lilies

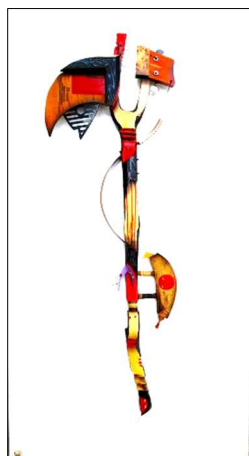
Honorable Mention

Ruby E. Allen

Snow Bank

Karen Lehr

Kitchen Window



Mixed Media

First Place

Richard Williams

Avant-garde Icon #7

Second Place

Marsha Krohn

The Return of the Breck Girl

Honorable Mention

Rosslyn Bernard

E=MC²

Diana Bourdier

Kitchen Lady

Spring Juried Show Awards Reception





Photos by Troy Knight



SEPTEMBER SPECIAL JURIED EXHIBITION

GALVESTON ART LEAGUE CELEBRATES THE MUSIC FRIENDLY CITY

Call for Entries from All Artists

The Fall 2024 Juried Show is extra special this year. It will feature two additional categories for judging, each with special recognition.

The Galveston Art League is celebrating Galveston's recent designation as a music friendly city. We encourage all artists to bring in art that has a musical theme. In addition to the McGivney Purchase award from Rosenberg Library, there will be two awards for artworks entered in the music category. All art will still be judged in the traditional juried show categories – canvas, paper, 3-D, etc. In addition to the regular best of show, first and second places, and honorable mention awards, there will be one McGivney award and two awards in the music category.

There is no extra cost to enter either the McGivney or the music categories. Please note that the Rosenberg Library limits entries to the McGivney to paintings on canvas, panel, or paper that were created in Galveston and/or depict a scene in Galveston. The music category does not have limits as long as the artwork has a music theme.

Fall Juried Show Dates to Remember

Registration – Monday, August 26th, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. – deliver works to the Gallery

Email Images – Thursday, August 29th – email images of accepted artwork by midnight to gallery2117@gmail.com

Opening Night Reception and Awards Ceremony – Saturday, August 31st from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Judge, David Moya

David Moya, Ed.D. serves at the University of Houston-Clear Lake as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Art and Design, Director of the Art School for Children and Young Adults, and Interim Director of the Bayou Theater and Cultural Arts.

Awards

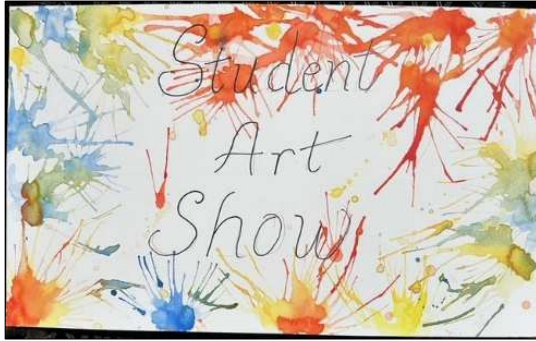
- McGivney Purchase Award for works on canvas, panel or paper...\$750
- Best of show.....\$300
- First place in each category.....\$100
- Second place in each category.....\$ 50
- First place in music themed work.....\$100
- Second place in music themed work.....\$ 50

For more information, check the website www.galvestonartleague.com starting at the end of July.

SPREADING THE WORD

Galveston Art League is working toward building its social media presence in an effort to increase membership and increase the number of both gallery visitors and website visitors. GAL members and readers of this newsletter who are active on social media can help in this effort by clicking “follow” on our Facebook and/or Instagram pages and by occasionally “liking” and/or sharing our posts. Each “like” or share of a post puts that post in front of individuals who may not otherwise see it! And who knows, maybe one or more of them will “like” or share or follow or visit! Thanks in advance for helping our organization grow.

Marsha Krohn
Social Media Manager



For nineteen years our Galveston Art League has sponsored an annual Student Visual Art Competition. Students in all grades in public and private schools in Galveston are eligible to enter. The 2024 Awards Reception was held April 20 during the Grand Kids Art Festival. Ribbons and monetary awards were handed to the winners in each category. The juror was Suzanne Peterson, a former all-level teacher and current practicing artist who resides in Galveston. Jackie Liddell chaired the event.



Photos by Troy Knight



GAL News

Election of Board Officers

GAL board members were elected at the June board meeting.

President	Margo Donaldson Snider
Vice President	Pat Jakobi
Secretary	Cathy Pelle
Treasurer	Kristen Carlson

Visit from UH Artists

MFA students Maddie Casagrande and Jennifer Marion from the University of Houston Fine Arts Department met with GAL VP Pat Jakobi on June 14. They were impressed with the gallery and with the opportunities GAL membership offers area artists.

Rotary Grant

The Galveston Rotary Club approved the GAL request for funding for both the student show and the summer workshop. Funds are for teacher parking, supplies and scholarships.

John Hall of *Galveston Monthly* was at the preview party to meet Billy VanDeBerghe. The July issue includes an article of Billy's work and a photo of Billy's work *Upcycle*. John agreed to include our music award in the August issue.





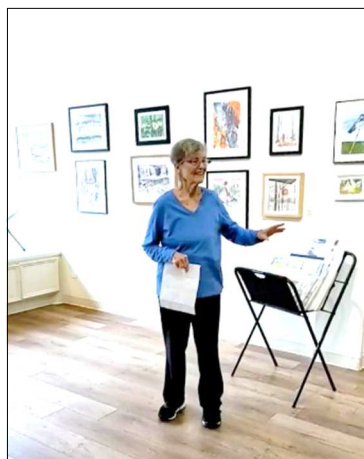
Fontaine Jacobs won second place for her painting *Rising Fog* at Watercolor Art Society Houston.

Leroy LeFlore is representing Galveston well in Seattle this summer. He completed this 9' x 7' mural.



June Preview Party

Featured Artist Mardi Mitchell discussed the beginning of her career as an artist as well as an architect at the preview party on June 7.



Just for the Kids



In June, a pair of enthusiastic young artists studied the works of Georgia O'Keeffe. After learning the names of the parts of a flower, they sculpted paper flowers and went on to paint other botanicals. Their favorite was a pineapple. Their final project was a mountain landscape.

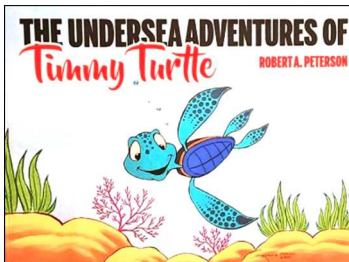


Lana worked on hibiscus flower.

Velvet painted a landscape in the style of Miss Georgia.



COMING ATTRACTIONS



Let's Make a Timmy Turtle

July 16 & 17 from 10:30 to 1:00 pm

Who wouldn't want to make a turtle using inspiration from Robert Peterson's book *The Underseas Adventures of Timmy Turtle*?

Sorry grownups. This is for students ages 6 through 9.



Go, Van Gogh

July 20 from 10:00 to 12:00 pm

After learning about the life of Vincent Van Gogh, students will paint their own versions of *Starry Night*. No ear surgery involved.

Sorry grownups. This is for students ages 8 through 12



Paint Like Picasso

July 25 from 10:00 to 12:00 pm

Students get to learn about the life of Pablo Picasso and cubism and create a mask using the style of Picasso.

Sorry grownups. This is for students ages 7 through 12

YOUR ARTWORK CAN BE SOLD THROUGH THE GALLERY AND THE WEB!

Fontaine Jacobs

With our newly designed website you can showcase your work and sell it online. Those who send work to be posted on the web can direct potential clients to galvestonartleague.com each month for a possible purchase. It worked for me and it can work for you. I sold *Blue Face Iguana* for \$1000, you guessed it, right off the website. I am happy to report that this month we had several web sales!

The web is responsive so it will work on any platform (desktop, phone, iPad, PC, and Mac). It will also be controlled by our Excel database, thus reducing errors. This gives the site better rankings on Google and allow us to have a much more sophisticated shopping cart for the purchase of art, workshops, and ticket sales.

BETTER IMAGES TO SHOWCASE YOUR WORK

Clickable images are large and other examples of your work are featured on the site. This is the perfect way for you to showcase your work. I advertise my work online through Facebook each month to increase my chances of sales and you, too, can as well. For those of you who submit your images, we thank you. I encourage more do this as it will result in a better image of your work on the site.

FILE NAMING NEEDS TO MATCH THE EXCEL DATABASE

File naming is important. So that the Excel database can properly translate your file names and match them to the images you send in, please rename your files with the following: First Name Last Name Title of Work.jpeg

That means:

No underscores

No punctuation such as periods or commas

No special characters such as ~ ! @ # \$ % ^ & * () ? > <

AND

You Must Use Initial Caps for the First Letter of Each Major Word

Email the image with its new title and actual size to gallery2117@gmail.com by midnight the day before changeover in a member show and by midnight the day after notifications go out for a juried show. Thank you all for helping the new and improved site run smoothly.

**IF YOU DON'T SEND YOUR IMAGES, FEWER PEOPLE WILL SEE YOUR WORK
AND YOU WON'T SELL YOUR WORK ON THE WEB!! SEND YOUR IMAGES.**

IS YOUR NAME IN THE NEWS?

SHOULD IT BE?

DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE?

We would like to know which members have a website to promote their artwork. Some websites are set up for sales, but even one that only showcases best paintings or photos can be used as supplements to Facebook and Instagram to introduce others to your work.

Two GAL members, Fontaine Jacobs and Julie Chapa, recently set up marketplaces for their work online: fontainefineart.com and juliechapaphotography.com. Other members use organizational websites such as the National Society of Artists to include a page showcasing their art. We would like to know if you have a personal website that you would like us to list in future issues of *The NewsBrush*. Let us know.

ARE YOU EXHIBITING YOUR ART IN OTHER LOCATIONS?

Ariane Edmundson has her own website, thepaintersister.com and she was also the December featured artist at Gremillion gallery in Houston. If you are having—or recently had—an exhibit or won an award in a juried show, please let us know.

HAVE YOU PUBLISHED A BOOK OR AN ARTICLE?

Pat Jakobi recently published a mystery, *A Death at the Gallery*. It takes place in the GAL gallery as it existed prior to the recent expansion. If you have written a book or a short story, had an article about you printed in a magazine, or had a column in a newspaper or on a website, let us know.

For all the above, send information to gallery2117@gmail.com.

GAL Member Websites

Fontaine Jacobs	fontainefineart.com
Dot Alford	dotalford.com/shop-art
Pat Jakobi	jakobiphotography.com
Ariane Edmundson	thepaintersister.com
Julie Chapa	juliechapaphotography.com

If you have a website for your artwork, please send that information to Jackie Low at jlow77591@aol.com for inclusion in the October issue.

2024-2025 CALENDAR

July 2024	Featured Artist: Sharon Pittman 13 – ArtWalk 20 – Featured Artist Reception 29 – Changeover for August member show
August 2024	Featured Artist: Dot Alford 2 – Preview Party 24 – ArtWalk 26 – Changeover for Fall Juried Show 31 – Juried Show Awards and Reception
September 2024	Fall Juried Show 30 – Changeover for October member show
October 2024	Featured Artist: Sara Nygard 4 – 28 – Artist Boat Debris contest 5 - ArtWalk 11 - Preview Party 28 – Changeover for November member show
November 2024	Featured Artist: Leroy LeFlore & Marsha Krohn Doll Show 1 – Preview Party 25 – Changeover for December show 30 - ArtWalk
December 2024	Featured Artist: 30 Changeover for January member show
January 2025	Featured Artist: 3 – Preview Party 27 – Changeover for Winter Juried Show
February 2025	Winter Juried Show 1 – Juried Show Awards and Reception 24 – Changeover for March member show 28 – Preview Party
Check out your MailChimp emails, visit GalvestonArtLeague.com , and read future issues of <i>The NewsBrush</i> for updates.	