



Newsletter

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President's Palette

"Art is anything you can get away with"

ANDY WARHOL

You may be thinking, a strange quote to begin my presidency. Actually it's one of my new favorites. Mostly for its humor but I also think it makes an important point. Many people say, "So you're an artist?" I think people often look at art with a wink and a nod, yet there's something about it that's so essential to our nature as human beings that we seem to need it.

I recently went to Vizagogo. It's an end of the year art show done by Viz Lab students at the University. What they do using a computer as a paintbrush will really blow your mind. In our world of technology there are artists using new approaches and new tools that seem very futuristic. But still, there's something exquisite and beautiful about the simple act of putting paint on a canvas, pencil to paper, or chisel to stone in a thoughtful and skilled manner. I've been moved by some of the work that I have seen by our own members.

I believe we can embrace all forms of art: Where the old masters have taken us and where the young artists may lead us. Yet we can still be true to whatever it is inside of each of us that makes us want to call ourselves "an artist".

I look forward to our year together. I hope all of you will join me this year in our conversation about art and what it means to be an artist. I welcome your suggestions for cultivating a league that will better suit your needs as well as the needs of others.

Keep creating,

Nancy

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Upcoming Events

June 1st—Monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Art Center. Show and Tell. Bring a work of your art to share and discuss

June 1st-June 27th—Summer Youth Art Program.

Morning classes for 8 & 9 year old children 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Registration forms at the Arts Center. Checks made to BVAL. Contact the Center for information. Summer Program exhibit June 27th in Texas Gallery.

June 5th—Art Step in downtown Bryan. BVAL will display at St. Andrews Episcopal Church—Contact Nancy Elliott for information. She'll be exhibiting at the Frame Gallery so stop there too.

June 6th—Website Design 101: Building a Simple Website. College Station Conference Center, room 103. To pre-register (space is limited) contact Spark-of-genius.com or call for more information (979-204-1925)

Register at WWW.SPARK-OF-GENIUS.COM or Jeremy@spark-of-genius.com

June 19th-20th—Texas Reds Festival in downtown Bryan. BVAL set up after 1:00 p.m. on 19th and display open 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on 20th. E-mail Nancy for information.

July 8,9,10—Carrie Allbritton Workshop

*Let's Get Real about Experimental/Abstract Painting 2009—
Something Out of the Ordinary* Contact Mary Walters

More Workshop information on page 4

BVAL on KAMU TV

Works of art by BVAL artists are being displayed on KAMU during the TV Magazine show with Sharon Colson on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Each month a different artist is featured.

For additional information and questions please contact Lina Linsey at 979-219-8019 or cslinsey@suddenlink.net.

Local Exhibits

Texas Gallery: June 1st-13th—Drew Wilkinson Retrospective, oil paintings. Reception June 10th.

Texas Gallery: June 15th-26th—*BVAL Member Show*. Art taken in 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. June 15 and taken down June 26, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Reception June 18th. Contact Nancy Elliott or Guy Benson with questions.

Texas Gallery: June 30th-July30th—A Stitch in Time-Fiber Arts Show. Reception July 9th.

Brazos Center: May/June—Ceci Luepnitz
July/August—Rose Shea

C.S. Conference Center:

May/June—Sara Scott and
Spencer Kroencke

July/August—Olive Black and
Magda Zietsman



Scholarships Awarded

Three deserving high school graduates were each presented \$500 scholarships at the May BVAL luncheon. The recipients were

Katie Westmoreland, Federico Burch and Andrea Manzano.

Congratulations LSAG Winners

BVAL was one of three hosts for the 48th annual LSAG Convention. Over 650 pieces of art work were on display from 22 local leagues. The following BVAL members received ribbons for their works: **Victoria Castillo, Annabel Allen, Becky Witherspoon, Wimberly Sharkey, Shelley Harris -Janac, Lon Allbritton,Sr, Mary Waldson, Roberty Pulley, Beth Goyen, Connie Wilson, Christopher Bianchi, and Shelly Albrecht.**

BVAL SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return to Nancy
as directed below

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Demonstrations you would like to see: (artist and/or medium or subject)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Workshops you would like for us to have:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Number of workshops per year you think we should have: _____

Special trips or activities you would like to see the league do or take:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Ideas for more ways to showcase our art in our area:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Your input on our meetings:


Do you like the day and time that we meet? ___yes ___no Suggestions:

Ways you feel like the league could be improved:

Please mail or email your survey to me or bring your survey to one of our monthly meetings.

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Thank you for your time and input. Your ideas will be a great help for the future planning of our Art League.



Let's Get Real about Experimental/Abstract Painting 2009
Something Out of the Ordinary –Instructor-Carrie Lee Allbritton
BVAL – July 8, 9, 10

\$50 Deposit to Mary Walters by June 20, 2009
Supply List sent upon receipt of Deposit

All Carrie Lee's techniques work equally well on paper, illustration board or canvas.
Please see AllbrittonArt.com for more examples of workshop art.

Even the beginner students come away with wonderful works of art.




Carrie Lee Allbritton is an enthusiastic and energetic teacher who holds nothing back. Her students come away with a new understanding of their own creativity and how to express it using innovative tools, techniques, mediums and paint application. She also provides lots of printed information for the student to keep. The student will be learning to add realism to abstracted backgrounds, as well as creating the fully abstracted painting.

2009 Workshops will be even more exciting because we will be planning a finished experimental/abstract painting by using printed papers, fabrics, and magazine pictures to layout and plan your artwork. You will also learn to use heavy fabrics and canvas pieces to add dimensions and texture to your finished work. Carrie Lee will also have available a few 3D surprises to add to your finished work. She will bring the canvas pieces, many printed papers and some heavy fabrics. Should you have scraps of any heavy fabric, please plan to bring them.

You will come away with the knowledge and know how to complete an out of the ordinary work of art.
Please come with an **"what if?"** attitude and you will leave with the confidence and know how to make important works of art.

After spending years in the corporate world, Carrie Lee Allbritton returned to her first love with a passion and dedicated herself to making art through painting. Her work reflects her passion for life and love of all things beautiful. She was born and raised in Houston, Texas and now lives just north of Houston.



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