



**Topeka Art Guild & Gallery, Inc.**

**NOVEMBER  
CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2009**  
FIRST FRIDAY  
6-8PM

**NOVEMBER 9, 2009**  
5:00 GALLERY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:00 BOARD MEETING

**NOVEMBER 11-13, 2009**  
GOURD WORKSHOP  
6:30-8:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 14, 2009**  
ARTIST'S WAY  
WORKSHOP

**NOVEMBER 15, 2009**  
DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER

**DECEMBER &  
JANUARY 2010**  
WONDERLAND IN  
WHITE  
ENTRY DAY 11/29/09

**NOVEMBER TAG NEWSLETTER** 2009

**Your connection to the creative side of Topeka**

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT by Marie Plinsky**

If you missed the Kansans Paint Kansas Opening, you missed a fabulous time. The music, food, Ralph Hipp, Cally Krallman, Ye Wang, and our honorary chairman, Beth Fager, made for the most wonderful day in this location. The number of worker hours before was unbelievable, but seeing the gallery freshly painted and the new arrangement made up for all of the tired workers. Thank you ever so much to many volunteers.

It was a treat to have judge Ye Wang, Washburn Art Professor, stay at the Opening Reception and talk to so many artists and members. Our student winner, Joseph Gonzalez, was especially pleased to meet Mr. Wang. Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners. I think anyone that entered the Kansans Paint Kansas contest is a winner, we are proud of all of the entries. Without artists it would be very difficult to have a gallery. You make us look good.

The new 2010 Kansans Paint Kansas calendars are in the gallery and ready to sell. They are the same price as last year \$15.00 plus tax. Sorry, but members don't get the usual 10% discount on this item. They make wonderful gifts for the holidays. Thank you to Richard Nelson and Bob Hayes for burning the midnight oil to get them ready in less than one week. I hope we have planned the timing next year, so it will be less stressful for Richard and Bob and their helpers.(hint, hint)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

**THE ARTIST'S WAY WORKSHOP**

*The Artist's Way* workshop will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year . Those attending may make a donation to TAG. The class is facilitated by Cynthia Stotlar. If interested, please call her at 785-271-5997. We are studying Julia Cameron's book entitled *The Artist Way*. We have 14 people participating many of whom do not belong to the Guild as the class is open to anyone. We have web designers, quilters, authors and artists. Lots of creativity is beginning to surface and the poets, authors, and fine artists share their ideas and work to recover their creative selves.

**Angela Lexow "Basic Gourd Art"**

Nov. 11, 12 & 13 (W/Th/F) 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm. Sign up in the Gallery.

Members \$55 and Non-members \$75. Non-members will receive a complimentary TAG membership for one year with their registration.

The workshop will include drying techniques, cleaning and preparation, types of dyes & paints and finishing techniques. All registrants are required to wear masks and instructor will have a supply of gourds for purchase.

### **Phil Starke "Oil, Acrylic & Pastel"**

Dec. 5 & 6, (Sat. & Sun.) 8:30 -4:30, Members cost is \$200 and Non-members \$220. Each new member will receive a complimentary TAG membership for one year with their registration.

He will focus on developing studio paintings from outdoor studies and photographs. He will also teach how to develop composition and design of your paintings, simplifying mixing colors with a limited palette and he will do demonstrations and critiques. A supply list is available at the Topeka Art Guild Gallery. Registration is on a first-come basis and fees must be paid at the time of registration. Phil Starke will be visiting and teaching in K.C. enabling him to instruct our workshop. He shows at Beauchamp Gallery and his gallery in Phoenix, AZ. A sample of his work is on the sign-up sheet in the gallery.

### **Dorothy Foster "All Mediums Still Life II"**

Jan. 8, 9 & 10 (Fri., Sat. & Sun) 9 to 5, Members \$75 and Non-members \$95.

Dorothy taught a still life workshop last year and was a delight to learn from. She requests that registrants provide their own items for still life arrangement.

## **KANSANS PAINT KANSAS**

Congratulations to the ribbon winners in Kansans Paint Kansas!

1st Steven Greenwall	Iola	Professional
2nd Ruth Powers-Member	Carbondale	Professional
3rd Linda Humphries-Member	Tecumseh	Professional
H/M Scott McCauley	Lawrence	Professional
H/M Bob Hayes-Member	Topeka	Professional
1st Bobbie Rieger-Member	Topeka	Non-Professional
2nd Maxine Bermudez	Topeka	Non-Professional
3rd Charles Benton-Member	Topeka	Non-Professional
H/M Betty Fox-Member	Topeka	Non-Professional
H/M Kathleen Hoff-Harvey	Topeka	Non-Professional
1 <sup>st</sup> Joseph Gonzalez	Topeka	Student

## **ARTIST OF THE MONTH 2010**

The Gallery Committee met and has decided on the following guidelines for selecting Artist of the Month for 2010. Preference will be given to artists who have NOT shown in the preceding 12 months. Artists must have shown in 2 regular shows PRIOR to being artist of the month OR PRE-PAY for 2 upcoming shows in advance to ensure they will meet the requirement of showing in 2 regular shows in the gallery. The Gallery Committee reserves the right to feature 2-D and 3-D artists as artists of the month at the same time. If you are interested in being an Artist of the Month, please call the gallery and leave your name and months you ARE interested in. You can also stop by the gallery and leave the information. There will be a box to put this information into. If you are staffing and someone calls, please put the info into the box, which will be located near the notebook. **We need all names and information by NOVEMBER 1ST** so that the Gallery Committee can set the schedule before January.

## **INSPIRATIONS AT THE CLASSIC BEAN**

TAG has the opportunity to show at the Fairlawn Classic Bean in November and December of 2010. This is a year out as we want to give our members time to plan for our themed show "Inspirations" For this exhibit, we are going to pair photographers and painters together. Painters will work together with

willing photographers by painting their interpretation of a photograph. Photographers who have expressed an interest in this exhibit are Charles Benton - 785.273.7980, Grant Jaquith and Delores Healey - [www.northwindimage.com](http://www.northwindimage.com), Tammy Patterson, [www.tscpgraphics.com](http://www.tscpgraphics.com) and Joe Sutcliffe - [www.indigostudio.us](http://www.indigostudio.us).

Both photo & painting will hang together in the show. If you would like to participate in the "Inspirations" exhibit or have any questions, please contact Tammy Patterson at: 267-1491. See below for an Inspirations example:



## PLEIN AIRE PAINTING

Some members of TAG are looking to form a plein-aire painting group on Saturdays. If anyone is interested, please contact Margaret McElroy at 266-5663, [wmcel48775@aol.com](mailto:wmcel48775@aol.com) or contact the gallery.

## TAG WEBSITE

Pam Renavato has been very busy updating our website. It looks great and is current! We are now included in MANY national lists of art related sites, Kansas TV and radio sites, and other local arts related website. If you have a website for your art that you would like listed on the website, please email Pam at [alpha\\_9772@yahoo.com](mailto:alpha_9772@yahoo.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES

- **Rethink Topeka**, a one-day art event will take place Saturday, April 17, 2010, downtown to display the juried and chosen multimedia pieces entered in the event. [www.rethinktopeka.com](http://www.rethinktopeka.com) is the website or contact Justin Marable at [rethinktopeka@gmail.com](mailto:rethinktopeka@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following members who made a contribution to TAG during October: Cynthia Stotlar, Russell & Patricia Winsor, Terrill & Carolyn Schwab, Cher Heller Olson. Contributions are slowing down, **IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO TAG!!! Remember TAG is a non-profit group and your donations are tax deductible.**

## ARTISTS WORK SOLD IN OCTOBER

Congratulations to Doug Buehler and Phyllis Cory for sales of their artwork during October.

## TAG Artist Biography

Name: Cynthia B. Stotlar  
Address: 6136 SW 38th Street, Topeka, KS 66610  
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Email: Cynthia@Stotlar.com



**Type of media you prefer:** Pastels, Watercolors and Oils, I'll try anything once

**What got you interested in art?** My grandmothers; One was a frustrated artist and one was an amazing artist who had her own one woman art show at 53 after learning to paint in her 40s.

**What training (formal or informal) do you have in art?** I am completely self-taught. I've taken the one day here and there art classes that the Topeka Art Guild offers plus similar courses when we lived in Dallas and Chicago.

**Why did you decide to join the Topeka Art Guild?** I wanted to join in on the classes and to participate in Topeka's Arts culture.

**How long have you been a member of the Topeka Art Guild?** Since about 2004.

**If there's one thing we should know about you or your art, what would it be?** I paint for stress reduction and am always pleasantly surprised when someone likes my work enough to pay real money for it.

**A quote that you love is:** "What is, is." Unknown; and "There is only one you...Don't you dare change just because you are outnumbered!" Charles Swindoll

## **DON'T FORGET THE TOPEKA ART GUILD WHEN MAKING CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

The Topeka Art Guild is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which means that contributions to TAG are generally tax-deductible. In addition to regular gifts of cash, don't forget that under current law and until December 31, 2009 individuals over age 70 ½ can generally make contributions of IRA amounts to TAG under the "Charitable Rollover" rules. This is an excellent opportunity to donate amounts that would otherwise be includible in ordinary income to you or your heirs at a future date thus allowing you to leverage your gift to TAG under current law by avoiding the payment of income taxes on these amounts.

In addition to lifetime gifting, don't forget TAG in making charitable gifts as part of your estate plan. For some individuals, gifts to charities such as TAG can help to reduce or eliminate federal and state estate taxes under current law. Additionally, gifting a portion of your IRA or other qualified retirement plan accounts to charity can help maximize the amount those who are charitably inclined can gift to their children or other heirs at death. By gifting a pre-tax IRA or other qualified retirement account to charity instead of using after-tax dollars for the same purpose, the income tax burden associated with this type of asset is no longer borne by children or other heirs, leaving other after-tax dollars for these individuals to inherit generally income tax free. For example, someone with a sizeable IRA account who is inclined to make a gift of \$10,000 to a charity, with the remainder of their estate going to children could designate a \$10,000 portion of their IRA to go to charity where if a child inherited \$10,000 of the IRA, the after-tax amount to a child could be roughly \$6,000-\$8,000 dollars, depending upon their particular situation. In other words, for individuals who are already planning on making a specific gift to charity (and using the example above) gifting a portion of the IRA account instead of making a specific bequest of cash to the charity results in a savings of anywhere from roughly \$2,000 to \$4,000 dollars for that individual's heirs.

Even individuals who are not charitably inclined can make a gift of a pre-tax IRA or other qualified retirement plan account at death and leverage the amount given to charity when viewed on an after-tax basis.

As with any tax planning, please contact your tax advisor in order to make sure that you can take full advantage of the planning tips laid out above. Everyone's situation is somewhat different, but a quick call to your accountant or other tax advisor should help you determine whether a gift to charity this year is advisable.

**Again, please do not forget the Topeka Art Guild when deciding whether or not to make charitable contributions this year. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

## **DONATIONS 2009--**

### **Junior Partner Level**

Creative Business Solutions - In Kind - computer and monitor

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Roscoe and Mary Ann Earp

Barbara Hesse

Dave and Marie Plinsky

Olive Ubel



**Kansans Paint Kansas artists at the Opening Reception on Oct. 4th.**

**In this photo, Back Row: Louise Brock Hamilton, Joseph Gonzalez, Mary Robinson, Dr. Roberta (Rob) Walker, Debby Pufahl, Ye Wang, Johanna Hanks, Phyllis Cory, Cynthia Stotlar, Everett L. Ward and Charles Benton. Middle Row: Bobbie Rieger, Margaret McElroy, Naomi Cashman, Angela Lexow and Linda Humphries. Front: Marie Plinsky and Maxine Bermudez**

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**Hours: Wed-Sat 11am-5pm**

If you are new to staffing, please call Dorothy Foster at 228-0315 or Marie at 232-3076 for last minute instructions.

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MASTERPIECES

#### GALLERY COMMITTEE

- Gallery Committee Chair- Angela Lexow
- Secretary-2011, Louise Hamilton
- 3-D Chair -2010-Larry Peters
- Corresponding Sec -2010-Dorothy Foster
- Entry Chair- 2010-Chris Prevost
- Selection/Judging-2011-Angela Lexow, Tammy Patterson, Michele Leivan
- Reception - VACANT
- HS Exhibits- 2010-Lila Bartel
- Hanging-2010-Mark Saylor, 2010- Chris Prevost, 2012Angela Lexow, 2012-Tammy Patterson
- Off Site Exhibits-2011- Grant Jaquith, Delores Healey
- Email Chair -2011-Cynthia Stotlar
- Staffing Calendar - 2011- Dorothy Foster
- HS Scholarship-2010-Lila Bartel
- TAG Artist's Biographer-2012-Cynthia Stotlar

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President-2010-Marie Plinsky
- Vice-President-2010-Cynthia Stotlar
- Rec.Secretary-2011-Mark Saylor
- Newsletter – 2011-Angela Lexow,
- Office Manager- 2010-Roscoe Earp
- Marketing/Promos-2012- Autumn Prosser
- Web Master- 2011-Pam Renavato
- Historian- 2010-Phyllis Cory
- Gallery Rep – 2011-Louise Hamilton
- Workshops-2010-Cynthia Stotlar, Phyllis Cory
- Bylaws- 2011-Mark Saylor
- Membership Chair – 2010-Margaret McElroy (directory)
- Grant Chair – Barbara Ballentine
- Special Events – Cynthia Stotlar
- Cynthia Enstrom-2011, Claudia Larkin-2012, Douglas C. Fincher,-2012

