



TAG NEWS

Your Connection to the Creative Side of Topeka

AUGUST 2010

AUGUST 6

First Friday Art Walk
Friday, 5:00-8:00PM

AUGUST 9

Gallery Committee Meeting
Monday, 5:30PM

Board Meeting
Monday, 6:30PM

AUGUST 7

Wet-on-wet Watercolor
Saturday, 9AM-12PM

AUGUST 20

Membership Meeting
Friday, 6:30PM

AUGUST 28-29

India Fest

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Monochromatic Moods

UPCOMING SHOWS

August/September

Wild Kingdom

Entry Day: August 1
2:00-4:00PM

October/November

Kansans Paint Kansas

Entry Days: Sept 10-11
2:00-4:00PM

December/January

Reflections

Entry Day: November 28
2:00-4:00PM

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Cynthia Stotlar



Greetings from South Carolina

Hi everyone, I'm in stormy South Carolina checking out the local art scene up and down the coast. I did a very neat Friday evening in Charleston where twelve rather exclusive galleries went in together along with local high end restaurants to do a fund raiser for art scholarships. They entitled it "Palate and Palette." Selling 500 tickets at \$45 each to raise \$22,500! It was a lovely affair. The art here sells for significantly more than the Topeka market. A 5 by 5 would be priced at \$750 to \$850 and a 16 by 20 was often in the 5-10

thousand range. It was nothing to see larger paintings in the 22-35 thousand range. Most of the galleries carried more than one type of medium including pastels, pencils, and photography. Much of the photography started at a \$1,000 for a 16 by 20. Needless to say, I will be coming home without any new art! Some of you need to get represented out here as you are every bit as good as the artists I saw here. As many of the galleries are very small, they had a book per artist to show off their work and their biography. Another fun thing was that quite a few galleries had the artists actually painting Friday evening or doing their glass beads for their jewelry etc. on site. I got lots of good ideas that we can try. Scary, huh?

Books, Book and More Books

Some of you may have noticed how neat and orderly everything is in the classroom. Many thanks to those who helped clean it up and get it organized. We donated 135 books to the Shawnee County and Topeka Library. This will allow more people access to the lovely art books we had onsite and allow everyone access to them over a greater time period since we aren't open every day. When we looked through the records, no one had checked any of the books out on the past two years so it seemed a shame to keep them hidden away when they were meant to be shared and enjoyed. **To those of you who donated them to the Topeka Art Guild, we deeply appreciate your donation to us. Now they can be enjoyed not only by our members but by the community as well.**

AUGUST ARTIST OF THE MONTH

DORETHY HANCOCK

I may be a relative newcomer to the genre of painting, yet art has always been part of who I am. Music was my first love, and now I find myself wanting to feast on other kinds of food for my soul. Making

jewelry was my passion for a few years, and, who knows?—I may return to it one day. My most intense artistic endeavor was building a cob cottage: literally, a hand-sculpted house—which has given me a lot of satisfaction, not only from an environmental aspect, but from the fact that it lent itself to my expression of cosmic symbolism, with the creation of bas reliefs on the inside and outside walls of the building.

See Dorethy at the First Friday Artist Reception • August 6th, 5:00-8:00pm

After all the hard work of building, I needed to play. Finding myself at the age where I could audit classes at Washburn University, I dove headlong into oil painting and drawing, and I love it! Expanding my talents in those directions really got me zinged! I plan to continue this fall. Through the years as a member of T.A.G., I have admired the art of other local artists such as Shirley Akers, Ellen Duncan, Johanna Hanks, Phyllis Cory, Carol Hollis, Ruth Powers—all for different reasons. Mostly, I am inspired by music, color, nature and foreign travel; and, while I appreciate the “finer” things of life, I love sharing stories with the common man in all countries and cultures of the earth. Everyone is talented—we each have our own way, and isn’t that wonderful?

I take total pleasure in moving to the beat of my own inner drummer.

My favorite quote is from Will Rogers, a “home boy” who came from my old stompin’ grounds in Oklahoma: “Why NOT go out on a limb?—That’s where all the fruit are!”



WET-ON-WET WATERCOLOR

Saturday, August 7 • 9AM-12PM

- Instructor: Ye Wang, MFA
Professor of Art at Washburn University
- Members \$125 and Non-Members \$155

Materials Needed:

- 1" or 1.5" brush, goat hair preferred
- A piece of wood panel (bigger than 11"x15"), or a piece of glass even better
- Spray bottle
- Salt
- Masking fluid
- Watercolor paint: Alizerin Crimzon Red, Cadmium Yellow, Yellow Ochre, Prussian Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Black, Burnt Umber
- Brushes #1, #6, #8
- Pencil
- Photos of landscapes with layers of mountains. Can be your own or from magazines or calendars.
- Three pieces of watercolor paper Fabriano Artistico Rough 140lb 11"x15"

- All Non-Members will receive a **FREE membership** to TAG with their registration.
- **Supply lists** are available in the gallery.
- Please pay for the class when you register.

NAOMI CASHMAN at CLASSIC BEAN

Naomi Cashman will be showing her work at the Classic Bean in Fairlawn Plaza during July and August. Please come out and meet the artist during the First Friday Art Walk, July 2nd from 6:00-8:00PM.

MARIE PLINSKY at WAREHOUSE 414

Marie Plinsky will be showing her Gourd Art Designs at Warehouse 414 during July and August. "Come see my newest favorite art form."

Our Next All Member Meeting: August 20th "Go Wild at Margaret's" (McElroys that is)

Come in your favorite Safari attire and bring a fun dip with chips or appetizer to share.

Margaret McElroy, Louise Hamilton and Cynthia Stotlar will share art and photos from their respective trips to Africa. If you have been on safari, bring yours too!

The African Safari will start at **6:30 pm** and go until you are too tired to journey onward.

2510 SW 34th Street
(South of 29th between Randolph and MacVicar on 34th)

RSVP to Margaret at **266-5663**
or **mmcelroy37@att.net**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARTISTS WHO SOLD IN JUNE

- Charlene Fitzhugh
- Alison Sheafor-Joy
- Albo Glass
- Karen Lee
- Johanna Hanks
- Chris Prevost

Total Sales = \$223.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHANNA HANKS

Johannah had a water color, "River of Light" accepted in the National Water Color show. She also had "Shooting Star" water color accepted into the National Alabama exhibit. Johanna had two works accepted at Margaret Harwell Art Museum where she received a purchase award on one work which will be in the museum's permanent collection in Poplar Bluffs, MO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

We welcome Naomi Cashman to the TAG Gallery Committee!

Naomi will be assisting the Hanging Committee with writing the wall cards for the TAG Gallery exhibits. Members will no longer need to fill out wall cards on or prior to Entry Day. It is important you clearly label your artwork on the back of each entry. The label provided is the same format as the wall card but it is WHITE and needs to be attached securely to the back of every submitted entry. If the artist makes a label with the information requested CLEARLY indicated, then no additional label is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Lexow, Gallery Committee Chair.

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Price: _____

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Please attach white Artwork Entry Label to the back of all Entries

INSPIRATIONS 2010

Just a note, entries are closed for the outside exhibit Inspirations that will be at the Fairlawn Plaza Classic Bean in November and December 2010. With approximately 20 teams as of March 2010, painters and fiber artists are currently working on (... or have completed) what is their "inspiration" from participating photographers that stepped up for this event. The owner, Douglas Thomas and Tammy Patterson are looking forward to this unique display of art and want to thank all the artists involved. Everyone is invited to the Classic Bean at Fairlawn Plaza for the Inspirations 2010 exhibit!

PLEASE REMEMBER

This is a volunteer organization. Part of your membership requirements is volunteering in the Gallery. Please call or visit the Gallery to sign up.

ARTISTS' OPPORTUNITIES

CREATIONS OF HOPE: An exhibit by artists experience mental illness

October 1–November 26, 2010

Opening Reception October 1 • 5:30-8:00 p.m.

The Upstage Gallery

720 Jackson St. • Topeka

Call For Artists Submission Deadline:

August 11, 2010

Entry forms can also be downloaded at:

www.valeotopeka.org/documents/creationsbrochure10.pdf

The CARE program at Valeo Behavioral Health Care is sponsoring the 6th annual "Creations of Hope" art exhibit. This is a juried art exhibit open to all artists experiencing mental illness. The exhibit will be displayed through the months of October and November in celebration of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Selected entries will be exhibited at The Upstage Gallery located in downtown Topeka and will be featured on the "First Fridays" gallery walk.

Through, "Creations of Hope" we aim to provide an accessible and empowering opportunity for artist experiencing mental illness to enter the art community. Additionally we strive to raise awareness and widen views of mental illness in the public by providing an event that celebrates creativity, strength, and hope.

Attention Staffers

If you are new to staffing, please contact Dorothy Foster at 228-0315 or Chris Prevost at 271-5729 for last minute instructions.

Website

If you would like to include something on TAG's website: www.topekaartguild.org please contact Pam Renovato at: alpha_9772@yahoo.com

Newsletter

If you have information to include in upcoming newsletters, please contact Autumn Prosser at: Autumn@muchmoxie.com or 785-249-6850.

TAG SURVEY

Survey Results Are In (Mostly)

The Board thanks all of you who took time to complete the survey and send in your ideas already. We got over 30 responses and appreciate each one - even from those of you who aren't thrilled. We can't fix what we don't know you don't like. Now that we are in the know, we can work on it.

The results that we have back from the email portion of the survey are shown here in the newsletter. The Board will use this information to help us in our strategic planning.

For those of you who don't do email, please complete the Membership Satisfaction Survey included in the newsletter and mail it

back into the Topeka Art Guild or drop it back by the Topeka Art Guild to let us know what you are interested in seeing happen in the upcoming three years.

As you can tell, the membership is mostly over 50 and we are mostly satisfied which is a good thing. It is my sincere hope that we have more members who are extremely satisfied when we repeat this survey. Once we get all the responses in, we will publish a complete survey summary.

How long have you been a TAG member?		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
Less than 1 year		2 Votes(6%)
1-3 years		9 Votes(29%)
4-6 years		4 Votes(12%)
7-10 years		7 Votes(22%)
over 10		9 Votes(29%)
Total Votes: 31		
How satisfied are you with your membership?		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
Extremely Satisfied		6 Votes(20%)
Satisfied		18 Votes(60%)
Occasionally Dissatisfied		5 Votes(16%)
Won't renew		1 Votes(3%)
Total Votes: 30		
Why are you a TAG member?		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
Sell my art		16 Votes(24%)
Network with fellow artists		20 Votes(30%)
Learn from workshops		10 Votes(15%)
Support the arts in Topeka		20 Votes(30%)
Total Votes: 66		
What is your medium (check all that apply)?		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
oil		17 Votes(23%)
watercolor		17 Votes(23%)
acrylic		15 Votes(20%)
pen and ink		5 Votes(6%)
photography		7 Votes(9%)
gourds		3 Votes(4%)
glass		0 Votes(0%)
ceramics		3 Votes(4%)
jewelry		5 Votes(6%)
Total Votes: 72		
What is your age?		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
Under 25		0 Votes(0%)
26-35		1 Votes(3%)
36-50		3 Votes(9%)
51-65		10 Votes(32%)
over 65		17 Votes(54%)
Total Votes: 31		
When do you want to have all member meetings? (check all that apply)		
Answer	Votes	Vote Count/Percentage
Sunday afternoons		10 Votes(19%)
Monday evenings		13 Votes(25%)
Tuesday evenings		9 Votes(17%)
Thursday evenings		8 Votes(15%)
Monday lunch		7 Votes(13%)
Friday lunch		4 Votes(7%)
Total Votes: 51		

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1) How long have you been a TAG member?

- Less than 1 year 1-3 years 4-6 years 7-10 years over 10 years

2) How satisfied are you with your membership?

- Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Occasionally Dissatisfied Won't renew

3) Why are you a TAG member?

- Sell my art Network with fellow artists Learn from workshops Support the arts in Topeka

Other: _____

4) What is your medium (check all that apply)?

- oil watercolor acrylic pen and ink photography gourds

glass ceramics jewelry other: _____

5) What is your age?

- Under 25 26-35 36-50 51-65 over 65

6) When do you want to have "all member" meetings? (check all that apply)

- Sunday afternoons Monday evenings Tuesday evenings

Thursday evenings Monday lunch Friday lunch

7) What topics would you like to have at an "all member" meeting?

8) What artists would you like to have present workshops?

9) What do you want to see stay the same?

10) What would you like to see changed over the next three years?



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Hours: Wed-Sat, 11AM-5PM

GALLERY COMMITTEE

- Gallery Committee Chair: Angela Lexow
- Secretary: 2011-Louise Hamilton
- 3-D Chair: Angela Lexow
- Corresponding Sec: 2010-Dorothy Foster
- Entry Day Chair: Vacant
- Entry Day: Karol Sutherland
- Selection/Judging: 2011-Angela Lexow, Tammy Patterson, Pam Renovato
- Reception: 2010-Dorethy Hancock
- HS Exhibits/Scholarship: 2010-Lila Bartel
- Hanging: 2012-Angela Lexow, Tammy Patterson, Dalyn Patterson, Pam Renovato, Naomi Cashman
- Off Site Exhibits: 2011-Grant Jaquith, Delores Healey
- Staffing Calendar: 2011- Dorothy Foster
- TAG Artist's Biographer: 2012-Cynthia Stotlar
- Gallery Staffing Trainer: Chris Prevost
- Membership Committee: Cynthia Stotlar, Pam Renovato, Chris Prevost, Dorethy Hancock

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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