



TAG NEWS

Your Connection to the Creative Side of Topeka

JULY 2010

JULY 2

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

JULY 12

Gallery Committee Meeting
Monday, 5:30PM

Board Meeting
Monday, 6:30PM

AUGUST 7

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

AUGUST 28-29

India Fest

CURRENT EXIBITS

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 everyone...

We are blessed at the Art Guild to have all types of artists: photographers, watercolorists, pastel artists, collage makers, oil painters, jewelry makers, glass blowers, quilters, and more. This is great as it helps us appeal to a wide variety of shoppers. The diversity of what we offer is part of our appeal. One thing we need to do is to recognize, appreciate and value each other's work and each other. Being a community of artists means we need to support each other in our artistic endeavors and in life.

A quote I like is : "Remember that I'm Human. Before you judge me or decide how you'll deal with me, walk awhile in my shoes. If you do, I think you'll find with more understanding we can meet in the middle and walk the rest of the way together."

-- Eric Harvey and Steve Ventura: Walk Awhile in My Shoes

Sometimes, I overhear some artists denigrating another's art form. This only leads to hurt feelings and serves no real purpose. We need to remember to build one another up rather than put each other down, Life offers plenty of frustration and stress without any of us adding to it for one another.

I know I'm going to make decisions in my tenure as your President that some of you (or many of you) won't like. Call me and tell me - 785-806-3128 or email me at cynthia@stotlar.com. I'll at least explain why the decision was made.

I understand I sometimes come off a little "Pollyanna" and yes I'd like us to all hold hands and sing Kumbayah :) Starting humming....

Kumbayah, my Lord, kumbayah;
Kumbayah, my Lord, kumbayah;
Kumbayah, my Lord, kumbayah,
O Lord, kumbayah

JULY ARTIST OF THE MONTH

ANGELA D. LEXOW

I grew up in Topeka where I was constantly drawing, painting or doing some other form of arts and crafts. I studied art and art history and graduated from Baker University. After graduation, I married and moved to Kansas City. While there, I worked as Assistant Director of a gallery. After leaving Kansas City, we moved to various cities, but ended up in Lansing, Kansas for

6 years, where I taught art classes at the Carnegie Arts Center. We returned to Topeka in 2008.

See Angela at the First Friday Artist Reception • July 2nd, 5:00-8:00pm

I do what I do because I love nothing more than to create art. Art has always provided me an escape – a space where I can recharge. Although it requires concentration, it relaxes me in a way that nothing else can.

I've dabbled in many mediums, but most of my work is either acrylic paintings or fine art gourds. I painted for over 10 years and began to develop an "artist's block", so I began working with gourds instead. I found I love working in three dimensions and the variety of gourd shapes is a source endless inspiration for me. The individual quality of each

gourd's shape and blemishes of the surface serve as a starting point for each design. By using the innate qualities, I am able to enhance their natural beauty.

I have been told that my gourd pieces resemble pottery or artifacts, and while I am influenced by history and various cultures, my gourds are first inspired by some unique aspect of the gourd itself.

I rarely paint anymore, but when I do, it is usually when I am trying to get something off my chest or when something moves me. I always listen to music while painting and it can vary from very relaxing music to very loud, angry music. Most of the paintings have some personal meaning or symbolism for me.



I have had shows in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Galleries representing my gourds are Taos Blue in Taos, New Mexico, The Collective Gallery and The Topeka Art Guild, both in Topeka, Kansas. To see my gourds, please visit my page on Facebook under Angela Lexow, Visual Artist or visit my website at www.lexowstudios.com

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXHIBITS

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 list available in the Gallery

SOUTHWEST GOURD FINE ART SHOW

Angela Lexow will be in the annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show in Kerrville, TX. The show opens May 27th and runs till July 11th. She is featured on their postcard this year. Their website is www.kacckerrville.com

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.

JOURNEYS: NEAR & FAR at the MERC

See the work of Barbara Solberg at the Merc gallery/dining area in Lawrence (at the corner of 9th & Iowa).

This exhibit of pastels and mixed media reflects the inspirations, interpretations of sights, mysteries, and delights experienced close to home and on trips to distant places.

Work will be on display the months of June and July. I hope you will stop by to enjoy it!

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."

ARTISTS' OPPORTUNITIES

CREATIONS OF HOPE: An exhibit by artists experience mental illness

October 1–November 26, 2010

**The Upstage Gallery
720 Jackson St. • Topeka**

**Call For Artists Submission Deadline:
August 11, 2010**

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.

AARON DOUGLAS ART FAIR

**Saturday, September 25, 2010 • 10AM-5PM
Art Park, 12th and Lane • Topeka**

**Call For Artists Submission Deadline:
August 27, 2010 • 5:00PM**

- Over 30 local artists
- Live musical entertainment
- Lots of fun FREE children's activities
- Affordable food and beverage vendors

Visit: www.aarondouglasartfair.com for more information and to submit artwork.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARTISTS WHO SOLD IN APRIL

- ALBO Glass
- Dorethy Hancock
- Tammy Patterson
- Charlene Fitzhugh

Total Sales = \$214.00

THANK YOU to Marsha Longofono for your May donation.

NOTO UPDATE

831 North Kansas is the start of the new arts district coming to north Topeka. Part of the Visioning process that has been taking place over the past year in Topeka includes a new arts district in north Topeka plus revitalizing downtown and the riverfront project.

A building has been identified, 831 North Topeka, as the starting place. Last weekend, a group of us (including myself) showed up to start painting it. It is basically move in ready, just needed a facelift with fresh paint. They got new flooring donated along with new office furniture. The plans are for the space to have a community ceramics/potters workshop in the back, a community darkroom and space for classes in the front area.

These are exciting times for Topeka. Numerous CREATE teams are forming out from under the Visioning process to get a wide variety of things going. This will include a 7- day celebration of Kansas' 150th anniversary next year. If anyone is interested in volunteering, call me and I'll explain some of the various teams and you can decide what interests you.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- Dylan Clemmons – Shawnee Heights
- Erin Boeselager – Topeka West
- Isaac Stallbaumer – SHHS
- Quentin Chediak – TW
- WINNER – Marco Serrano – Topeka West

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!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TAG SUPPORT TEAM

I don't know if any of you have noticed, but some of us at TAG are getting older! That means we sometimes get sick or our spouses do. And that means we need support from one another. It would be good to form a TAG Support Team that can rally the troops when one of us needs support like meals, cards, check in calls, or spouse sitting so we can run some errands. I'd love to get a Support Team formed so we really can be a supportive and loving community of artists to one another. Call me at 806-3128 if you're up for this.

TAG PARTY TEAM

Margaret McElroy needs 2-3 people who enjoy throwing parties. Woo hoo, what fun!! We are thinking of having three real parties for all our members plus 3 all member meetings with speakers in the next six months to eight months. We want to start socializing with one another more. While she has graciously offered to spearhead the process, Miss Margaret needs help getting these planned. Call her if you are up for this.

TAG WORKSHOP TEAM

The other main volunteer we need is a Workshop Chair. This is the person who decides who comes and teaches us classes and when. Workshops are a major way TAG makes its money plus they are a huge benefit for our members. This is a crucial job for the Guild. If you REALLY want to make a difference for TAG, this is the spot to do it. Our previous two chairs have both done great by us - so many thanks to Phyllis Cory and Johanna Hanks!!!

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.

OTHER NEWS

WHY SHOULD GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE ARTS?

In this environment, all areas of spending — including the arts — are under increased scrutiny. Lawmakers may question whether government has a legitimate role to play in the arts or may ask why the arts should receive funds when so many other needs are pressing. Designed for public arts leaders and advocates by the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA), ***Why Should Government Support the Arts?*** answers why the arts are an essential public investment? The document includes research on numerous economic, educational and civic benefits of investing in the arts to aid in arts advocacy.

Learn more by visiting:

www.nasaa-arts.org/Advocacy/Advocacy-Tools/Why-Government-Support/index.php

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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
- 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

- President: 2012-Cynthia Stotlar
- Vice-President: 2012-Angela Lexow
- Rec.Secretary: 2011-Mark Saylor
- Newsletter: 2012-Autumn Prosser
- Office Manager: 2010-Roscoe Earp
- Marketing/Promos: 2012-Autumn Prosser
- Web Master: 2011-Pam Renovato
- Historian: vacant
- Gallery Rep: 2011-Louise Hamilton
- Workshops: 2010-Cynthia Stotlar
- Bylaws: 2011-Mark Saylor
- Membership Chair: 2012-Autumn Prosser (directory)
- Grant Chair: Barbara Ballentine
- Special Events: Cynthia Stotlar
- Cynthia Enstrom-2011, Claudia Larkin-2012, Douglas C. Fincher-2012, Michael Hooper-2013, Ron Ramberg-2013

