

New Braunfels Art League Newsletter

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MAY 2012

Artist of the Month CAROLYN PITTMAN

Carolyn Pittman, has no formal art training, except for some mosaic community education classes. Carolyn is a “self-taught” mosaic artist. She fell totally in love with mosaics after taking community ed. classes and has been creating mosaics for the last 15 years. However, it wasn’t until she retired in 2010 though, that



she began devoting serious time and effort to her art. Most of Carolyn’s mosaics are created in her home studio or on her outside deck. “I love nature and my heritage and try to incorporate those loves into my pieces”. Some of her art mimics ocean waves, flower gardens and now, the hill country. In her most recent work, she has begun creating mosaics that mimic patchwork quilts. Her works generally create a flow that is peaceful and serene.

This love for all things mosaic has resulted in several awards including: 2010 NBAL “Artoberfest” Second in Mixed Media for “Starry Night”, a tile rendition of Van Gogh’s famous work.

2011 NBAL “Magic of Music” Second in Mixed Media for “Music Maker”, a box guitar completely covered with mosaics and restrung.

2011 NBAL “Art in Bloom” First Place in Mixed Media for “Garden Path”, a large-scale piece of fine art incorporating mirrored pieces and copper tubing.

2012 NBAL “Fiesta” Honorable mention for “Viva la Fiesta!” a piece that incorporates lots of color and angles.

MAY DEMONSTRATOR KAREN RAIDY

Not having created art as a child, I was sure I had no talent, especially after taking a college drawing course and getting a C. But that



changed when I took a tole painting class which opened the door to the beautiful world of art. The METHOD PAINTING teaching technique made me able to paint like the teacher!

My thirst for the best teachers available took me on a 20 year journey from coast to coast and finally progressed to Chicago’s School of Representational Art where I learned the Old Masters’ classical drawing and painting techniques.

My first love being the portrait, I am also becoming infatuated with the beautiful Texas landscape and am eagerly applying the Impressionist style which I learned at the Cape Cod School of Art with teachers in the lineage of Monet. The wildflowers are as inspirational to me as the gardens of Giverny were to Monet!!

My demo is described as “the Portrait Simplified”. Bring your sketchbooks.

Artist Sales Report for March 2012

Forty Artists had sales and the top 10 were: Barbara Blaschke, Patsy Ledbetter, Diane Brahm, Sheila Blake-more, Tom Bender, Judith Nichols, Mary K. Hamond, Janet Chang, Barbara O'Conner and Jean Crow.

Congratulations to all who had sales.

Status of NBAL Sales ending March 31, 2012

Artist Sales March, 2011 \$7,503

Artist Sales March, 2012 \$4,886

The average price was \$62.58 with 60 pieces selling. We had \$1,035.00 in sales for the Fiesta Show.

We have a new Credit Card Machine. Instructions are posted by the machine.

A detailed report of the Art League balances is available upon request

Welcome new Gallery Appearance Coordinator!

Gina Cumberland has volunteered to be in charge of Gallery Appearance. Members can email her at gcumberland@satx.rr.com with concerns or suggestions.

Post Card Deadline for July Texas Show

Post card deadline for July Texas show is June 1. Email a jpeg of your art for the Texas show to Tom Bender at

tom@tombenderimages.com

to be considered for the post card.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 1	Art in Bloom Opens
May 4	5-8 Reception for Art in Bloom
May 15	10:30am Executive Brd. Mtg. 12:30pm Team Brd. Mtg. 2:00 pm General Meeting
May 19	Jury Day for Prospective Displaying Members
May 20	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions
May 30	Art in Bloom ends
May 31	Pick up from Art in Bloom
June 1	9-1 Submission for "Water Water Everywhere" show
June 8	5-8 Reception for Water Water Everywhere Show

Create a New NBAL Logo and Tag Phrase

We are asking members to submit ideas for a new NBAL logo and tag phrase. Keep in mind a phrase must be short, simple, positive, true, timeless and universally acceptable. For instance, Wimberley's is "The Artbeat of Texas." Currently NBAL uses "Fine art by Texas Artists." Our logo should illustrate the uniqueness of the New Braunfels Visual Art Center. Remember, we have classes, workshops, community outreach programs and involvement as well as a first class Gallery in our historic building. Don't forget we have paintings, photography, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, fiber arts...a full range of everything visual. The entries will be judged by the creative team from Anderson Marketing Group in San Antonio. For information call Barbara O'Connor (830) 632-9104. Deadline for entries is August 31.

NBAL Workshops & Classes

WORKSHOPS

Kim Casebeer, Improving Studio Work through Plein Air, Oil or Pastel, June 8, 9 & 10, Cost \$295

Angie Banta Brown, The Portrait in Watercolor
June 21, 22 & 23, Cost \$275, plus share model fee for one day

Angie Banta Brown, The Figure in Oil
August 9, 10 & 11, Cost \$275, plus share model fee for one day

Leila Reynolds, Surface Designs & Textures
September 21, 22, & 23, Cost \$275, includes supplies

Qiang Huang, Still Life Oil Painting & On-line Marketing, October 18, 19 & 20, Cost \$350

Rita Kirkman, Intro to the Quick Sketch Potrait
November 2, 3 & 4, cost \$250.00, includes supplies

Angie Banta Brown Christmas Cards, November 9, Cost \$75.00

See **www.newbraunfelsartleague.com** for more information on workshops or classes.

Workshop Contact and Deposits:

Cindy Capitani
46 Grassmarket
San Antonio, TX 78259
phone: 210-542-6180
Email cindycapitani@me.com

Make checks payable to NBAL and be sure to indicate on the check which class you will be taking, along with a phone number and address and email address if you want a receipt.

NBAL Art Classes

Angie Banta Brown, Watercolor, Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. **Oil Painting**, Thursdays, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Call 830-609-2581.

Mary Johnson, Pastel & Oil, Live Models, Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Call 210-945-9544.

Linda C. Jacobson, Summer Art Camps Monday - Thursday; June 4 - Aug. 16, Ages 5-9 from 9:30 - 11:30 am; Ages 8-13, 1-3 pm. Call 830-624-5302 or visit online at www.casadelinda.com for a complete schedule.

Patsy Ledbetter, Oil Painting, 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30am to 4:00pm.
Call 830-964-4881. (www.patsyledbetter.com).

Anne McCoy, Watercolor, Mondays from 6:00pm to 8:30pm Call 830-629-6836.

Trace Guthrie, Clay Sculpture, Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm. Call 830-609-6196.

Sherry Wooley, Oil Painting for Advanced Beginners - Tuesdays 6-9pm Call 830-964-2808 or email sawooley@austin.rr.com. *Oil Painting for Beginners* Mondays 6-9pm.

Kraig Kiedrowski, Life Drawing with model, Mondays beginning again in September from 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact Kraig now with your interest at kiedtex@swbell.net or 210-566-0528.

Leila Renynolds, Textile Art: Felting (wet, nuno, needle), & Painting/Dyeing Fabrics. Beginning Saturday, August 4, 10am-2pm, for selected Saturdays. Call 830-643-1372.

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