

Topeka Art Guild & Gallery, Inc.

AUGUST TAG NEWSLETTER

Your connection to the creative side of Topeka

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT by Marie Plinsky

July has been a wonderful month for TAG. We did receive an operational grant from Kansas Art Commission. We are allowed to use this money for any activity or event. At the Board Meeting the members present decided to use most of the money to sweeten the prize money for Kansans Paint Kansas. They feel this will entice more and better quality artists to join in our statewide fun. The three member jury panel has been selected. The Committee is still working on selecting the final judge. Ralph Hipp, from WIBW TV 13 will be our guest announcer for the opening on October 4. We will have a local group to play for us, <http://www.canyonzeephyr.com/>. You can listen to them on their website.

A big Thank You goes to Randy Austin, owner of Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center, for suggesting our artists to the Mulvane Art Museum for their event "Artful Dining". Randy's event will be a brunch in the mall September 27. Tickets to the event may be purchased from the Mulvane for \$35.00 per person. TAG artists showing at the event will receive 70% of the sale price. The other remaining 30% will be split between TAG and the Mulvane. This is a wonderful way to show our best art to a new group of art patrons.

The two poets, Cecilia Daniels and Cynthia Pederson, read for us at First Friday in July. They brought their own groupies, most of them had not in the gallery before. What a great way to show case another form of art.

We were given several new pieces of furniture just before July 3, First Friday. If you haven't seen these, drop by and check it out. We are looking great! Besides all of the other good news in July, we also SOLD art. What a month!

4Fsunday (FREE, Fun, Facts, Friends) - UPCOMING EVENT- AUGUST 16 2-4 p.m. PHOTOSHOP

Dan Billen, an enthusiastic young "collage artist" talked about the development of his art and gave a quick demonstration to a small group of TAG members Sunday afternoon. We all have seen Dan's most famous project--Salvatore Dali's face in collage, the logo for Mulvane Art Fair 2008. Dali's face with line "Got Art", was created by Dan while working for Jones, Hewett Advertising. Since that time the piece was entered in the Addy Awards and won 1st Place in the National Competition. CONGRATULATIONS to Dan and a big THANK YOU for sharing his talent with TAG!! We hope we have a larger crowd for the next event, August 16.

August Artist of the Month – Cynthia Stotlar

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

****ARTIST'S CHOICE**
ENTRY DAY JULY 26**

**AUGUST 7, 2009
FIRST FRIDAY ART
WALK
6:00-8:00 PM**

**AUGUST 8, 2009
ARTIST'S WAY
WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 10, 2009
5:00 GALLERY
COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 15, 2009
DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 16, 2009
4F SUNDAY
2-4 TAG GALLERY
PHOTOSHOP**

**OCTOBER & NOVEBER
KANSANS PAINT
KANSAS
ENTRY DAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009**

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: "Count your joys instead of your woes. Count your friends instead of your foes." "Don't wait for the sun to shine – go ahead and dance in the rain." *Unknown*



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

WORKSHOPS

Several workshops have been enjoyed by a few. More members need to wake up and join the workshops in progress. Lots to be learned by everyone!

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.

GET WELLS AND SYMPATHY

Get well wishes to Carol Hollis, Johanna Hanks and Bert Tyrell. Our sympathy to Bob & Pauline Knittel in the sudden death of their son.

KANSANS PAINT KANSAS

For KPK all entries should have a digital photo for the show so that winners can be included in the calendar. The images should be 300dpi so that the images are high quality when printed. We hope to have some photographers volunteer to help at the gallery sometime in the upcoming months to take pictures of works BEFORE they are behind glass. If you are a photographer and would be willing to help, please contact Cynthia Stotlar at cynthia.stotlar@cbsks.com or 271-5997.

The minimum prize money has also been set:

Professional:	Non-Professional:	Student:
1st-\$1000	1st-\$500	1st-\$75
2nd-\$500	2nd-\$250	2nd-\$35
3rd-\$250	3rd-\$125	3rd-\$20

PAINT PINK

TAG will again be hosting the Paint Pink show. We hope to work with the Washburn women's basketball team and have some members at the opening in their pink uniforms. We have applied for a grant that would specifically donate some of the proceeds of sales to fund breast cancer mammograms. We are looking at The Marion Clinic. This year the show will require all pieces to have some pink in them and be in a BLACK frame. The piece may be any size and the artist may price as they see fit. If you would like to help with this special event, please contact Cynthia Stotlar.

2010 SHOWS

January 2010 First Friday (FF) will be Jan 8 due to New Year's Day holiday. Other First Friday dates MAY CHANGE so that we can coincide with Arts Connect and the rest of the Topeka galleries.

We had such success with the People's Choice in June that the Gallery Committee decided to do run a special award every month. It will not have a monetary award, but will be announced and have

recognition in the gallery.

Feb-March	Paint Pink	Feb 5th and March 5th	(people's choice)
April-May	Promise of Spring	April 2nd and May 7th	(people's choice)
<small>*Quilters will be asked to show again in this show</small>			
June-July	Monochromatic Moods	June 4th and July 2nd	(inside jurors' choice)
Aug-Sept	Wild Kingdom	Aug 6th and Sept 10th or 3rd	(people's choice)
Oct-Nov	Kansans Paint Kansas	Oct. 1st and Nov. 5th	(outside judges)
Dec-Jan	Reflections	Dec 3rd and Jan 8th 2011	(members' choice)

REMINDER – 3-D AND SHRINK WRAP ARTISTS

Please remember that 3-D pieces and shrink wrap need to be swapped out every 6 months. We have recently gone through everything and contacted everyone with older pieces. **THEY WERE TAKEN OUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE GALLERY FOR 6 MONTHS OR LONGER. NOT BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT YOUR WORK.** These areas of the gallery have been neglected for awhile and we are trying to keep the gallery updated and fresh. Please mark your pieces with the date they come out on the sticker on the piece and don't forget to fill out the paperwork. The Gallery Committee has decided that the cards in shrink wrap should be rotated every 6 months as well to keep the shrink wrap area interesting to customers. We are currently looking for a card rack so that we can offer cards in a separate area for a longer period of time. When we acquire one, we will let everyone know.

ARTISTS' CHECKS

The artists' checks will now be in the lower right hand cubby box in the office area of the gallery. This cubby is located on the supply cabinet and next to the 3-ring notebook with gallery notes/messages.

PLEIN AIRE PAINTING

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

TAG WEBSITE

Pam Renavato has been kind enough to update our website. It looks great and is current! If you have a website for your art that you would like listed on the website, please email Pam at alpha_9772@yahoo.com

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Johanna Hanks had an oil accepted in the juried "Human Form Exhibition" at the Art At The Center in Kansas City. The show runs July 28 -Sept. 28th, 2009.
- Robert Heintzeman currently is showing at the Sabitini Gallery in the Library till August 31st.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following members who made a contribution to TAG during May: Connie English and Russell & Pat Winsor. 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.**

Also, A big thank you from the members to Doug Buehle and Steve McKenzie for showing their pictures and cameras at our June Member's Meeting. (June 14) The slides of various national parks were spectacular, illustrating use of lighting and filters, etc. Steve's wildlife around Topeka showed what patience and a good telephoto lens can capture in our own back yard. His wild turkey in full tail-spread was classic Thanksgiving. Thank you both for your presentations.

ARTISTS WORK SOLD IN JUNE

Congratulations to Tammy Patterson, Angela Lexow, Phyllis Cory, Lisa McKenzie, D. A. Buehler, Mary Robinson, Michelle Leivan, Betty Fox, Albo Glass, Marie Plinsky and Lynn Burris for sales of their artwork during June.

TAG Artist Biography

Marie Plinsky

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Type of media you prefer: I started my art in watercolor and now have added acrylic and metal leaf.

What got you interested in art? For many years I have wanted to take painting classes. In my field of hairdressing, I was very interested in the mixing of hair color to get the desired results. It is the same theory with watercolor or acrylic paint.

What training (formal or informal) do you have in art? I have taken many classes offered by TAG and a drawing class at Allen Community. In the fall of 2009, I will be enrolled in a Design class.

Why did you decide to join the Topeka Art Guild? I joined TAG at the suggestion of Johanna Hanks, my first watercolor teacher. It has been interesting to meet many artists and learn about their choice of media.

How long have you been a member of the Topeka Art Guild? I joined TAG about 8 years ago. Since then I have served on the Gallery Committee and am currently serving on the Board of Directors. I hope every member of TAG will serve on one or the other of these important groups. It really lets you meet all of the members and learn about the true working of our Gallery.

If there's one thing we should know about you or your art, what would it be? Art is the one thing that can allow me to totally lose track of time. I'm often surprised to find that I have been painting two or three hours since looking at the clock.

A quote(s) that you love is: Leave it better than you found it. "Surround yourself with people who respect and treat you well", Claudia Black.



Delores Healy and Grant Jaquith's
Artist of the Month Display in July

Cecilia Daniels and Cynthia Pederson who read
poetry at the July First Friday.



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

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, Elizabeth Jane
- 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



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