



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

**OCTOBER  
CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 4, 2009  
KANSANS PAINT  
KANSAS OPENING  
3-5PM**

**OCTOBER 10, 2009  
ARTIST'S WAY  
WORKSHOP**

**OCTOBER 12, 2009  
5:00 GALLERY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:00 BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 15, 2009  
DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER**

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

**OCTOBER TAG NEWSLETTER**

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

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT by Marie Plinsky**

On September 3rd Kathy Smith and I attended the Kansas Arts Commission in Salina. Salina has done an amazing job in marketing their arts culture. The city manager of Salina and the 29 year Executive Director the Salina Arts and Humanities Commission sat at the table with Ms. Smith and me. It was inspiring to hear how Salina has grown its Arts & Humanities Commission from one part-time employee to a current staff of eleven full-time and eight part-time employees and 1800 volunteers. WOW! I was blown away by the increase. It can be done and Topeka will do the same with the Heartland Visioning and the help of TAG and many other art groups. The items Salina felt most important were: motivated leaders, a great product, positive attitude, inclusive of all arts and people, and a belief in the value of art in a community.

TAG has accomplished a great deal already this year. Next week will be our exciting Kansans Paint Kansas show. Please tell all of your friends, neighbors, co-workers and everyone else you meet to come join the fun on October 4, 3-5 pm. It will be a chance to purchase wonderful art at very reasonable prices. We will also have our 3-D art available for sale.

**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.

**KANSANS PAINT KANSAS – HELP FOR OPENING**

We need workers for the Kansans Paint Kansas opening. Specifically cashiers, reception helpers, and clean-up. If you can help please contact Cynthia Stotlar or Marie Plinsky.

**NOTE FROM GALLERY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

If you haven't been into the gallery in the last week or so, come in and see the changes for 3-D!! We had 6 more large pedestals made, with "bottoms" so that we can use them in any direction. We have removed the large 6-shelf display unit and donated it to The Salvation Army. This will allow us more options in hanging shows and is much more functional for 3-D display. -Angela Lexow

## 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.

## ARTIST POSTCARDS

If you would like to have postcards made of your artwork please contact Mary Ann Earp. She has had cards made by Josten's twice and wants to do it again. We have 8 people who want to have cards and we need 8 more to get a good deal. The price is \$72.50 (plus tax) for 1000 cards. This is a very good price and is less than we paid last time. There is a poster of the cards that were done in the last printing. It is hanging in the classroom near the coffee/refrigerator. Mary Ann Earp 232-9432.

## 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).

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Johanna Hanks will be part of the watercolor exhibit at YMCA (on Chelsea). The show runs from September-November.
- Members Angela Lexow, Diane Lawrence, and Bruce Bower will be showing their work at Gallery Walk in the Country, Sunday, October 11 from 12-5. All 3 members will be at D.L. Studios (Diane's studio), at 3318 SE 69<sup>th</sup> in Berryton.
- Angela Lexow is a featured artist at Taos Blue during their Fall Arts Festival.

## 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)
- **JUNCTION CITY** art council is on the search for 2010 Premier Artist. The winner of this 2-D (no Photography) Emerging Artist will be honored on Feb. 27, 2010 at the Premier Ball. Website: [www.junctioncityac.org](http://www.junctioncityac.org) or e-mail [jcartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:jcartscouncil@yahoo.com) phone 785.762.2581.
- **Oil Painting class** with Michael Albrechtsen will be October 25-30 in the FlintHills. Your room and board is included in the cost, \$785.00. Call Judith Mackey 620.273.6454 for more information or to enroll.
- **ART FOR KIDS** will take place October 23rd from 5-8pm at the Ramada Inn Downtown. This is a fund raising event that helps classroom teachers provide experiences to students outside the regular guided curriculum. For each donated piece the donor will receive one ticket to the event and a signed print by artist Lila Bartel, from Topeka West. If you or any artist you know would be willing to donate art, please contact Ms. Tiffany D. Pryor, Fine Arts Department Chairperson, NEA-T Building Representative, Highland Park High School, 274-6000, ext. 6128

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following members who made a contribution to TAG during August: Bob Heintzelman. 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 August**

Congratulations to Cynthia Stotlar, Albo Glass, Free State Glass, Lisa Mc Kenzie, and Michelle Leivan for sales of their artwork during August.

## **TAG Artist Biography**

### **Linda K. Shoults**

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**Type of media you prefer:** Oil, acrylic and pastel

**What got you interested in art?** I don't remember a time when art was not a part of my life. My dad, a commercial artist, always saw to it that paper and art supplies were available for me. We would spend almost every Saturday morning drawing and my dad taught me so much about composition, color and design. In sixth grade I took my first formal oil painting classes and have been painting ever since.

**What training do you have in art?** College courses, some required for my education degree and others as electives. After my undergraduate degree I have enjoyed learning techniques acquired by private instruction and workshops.

**Why did you decide to join the Topeka Art Guild?** Kaye Abbott is a dear friend and she so enjoyed TAG and had so many positive comments about the opportunities that I decided to become a member.

**How long have you been a member of the Guild?** Since 2004

**If there's one thing we should know about you or your art, what would it be?** I want to devote more time to painting and have a 2009 Resolution of finishing 100 paintings.

**A quote that you love is:** The following yellowed newspaper clipping is taped to my studio easel:

An Artist's Prayer

O Great Creator, I open my heart to you.

I welcome you into my heart and ask for boldness in my work.

Grant me the courage to step out onto the shakiest of limb,

And the vitality to overcome procrastination,

And the determination to ignore my internal Censor.

Help me to pay attention to right now,

And remind me to be joyful in the creative process.

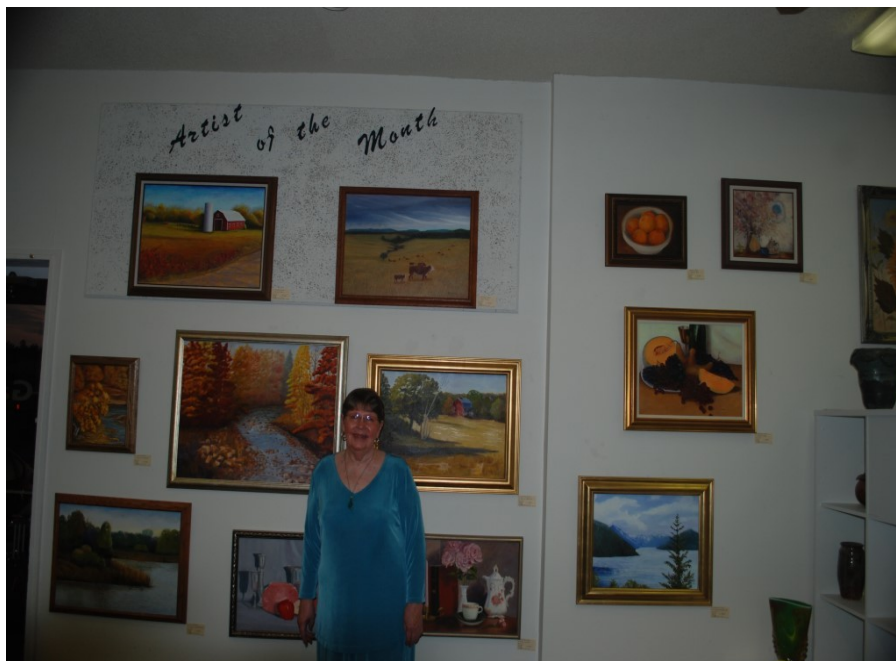
O Great Creator of all things,

Thank you for creating the unique me,

And thank you for my unique creativity that is yet to be.

Amen

Or this quote: A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. What one can be, one must be. -Abraham Maslow



Dorothy Foster with her Artist of the Month display in September.

## **DONATIONS 2009--**

### **Junior Partner Level**

Creative Business Solutions - In Kind - computer and monitor

### **Contributing Partner Level**

Kansas Tire & Auto Inc.

John R. Hamilton

Sabatini Family Foundation

Russell & Pat Windsor

### **Associate Level**

Artist Collection-Ron Koerperich

Mark & Sharon Boranyak

Connie English

Louise Hamilton

Joanne Harrison

Southwind Gallery, Gary Blich

### **Friend Level**

Roscoe and Mary Ann Earp

Barbara Hesse

Dave and Marie Plinsky

Olive Ubel

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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

