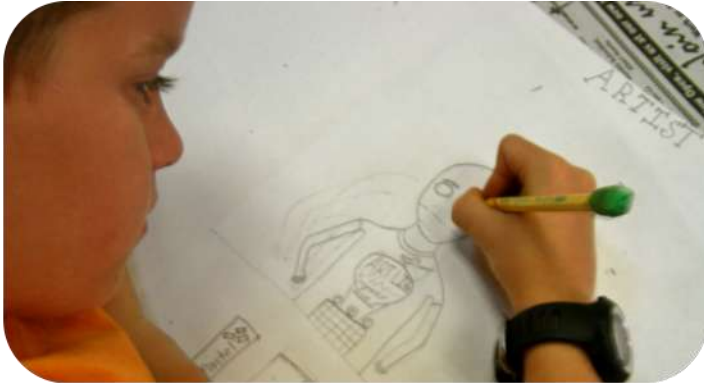


ART BEAT



SCHOLARSHIPS BRING ART TO CORPUS CHRISTI'S YOUTH



Art Center Groups Fund Scholarships that Send Children to Art Camp

The Art Association of Corpus Christi, Bay Area Art League, Southwest Sculpture Society and South Texas Traditional Art Association

awarded scholarships to *The Art Center* that will be used to send children to Art Camp. With education at the core of its mission, *The Art Center* values the positive impact of art education in a child's life. According to a 2002 study by American for the Arts, arts

education strengthens problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success. The awarded scholarships allow *The Art Center* to ensure that every child who walks through its doors has the opportunity to experience the many benefits of an education in the arts. Thank you to the groups who have supported us in achieving this goal. For more information on how you can give a scholarship to send a child to camp, please e-mail Jessica@artcentercc.org.

NEWS FEED

Art in the Gardens draws 25+ vendors



On Saturday and Sunday, May 29th & 30th, art vendors gathered at the South Texas Botanical Gardens for a two-day art fair. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible and we look forward to next year!



The tower in the courtyard at The Art Center has officially been named in honor of long time benefactors, Ellsworth and Suzy Handy. The "Ellsworth Tower" is named with a bronze plaque in their honor.

DAVE REGIER BRINGS HIS ART INTO THE HANDS OF STUDENTS

collaborations with local and national institutions.

On June 16th, The Art Center, Del Mar Art Department, and Dave Regier collaborated on a workshop for 25 eligible students at Del Mar College. Students worked alongside Dave Regier to create 3D shapes in stainless steel, which will become a part of a commissioned table for use in the lobby at *The Art Center*. Thank you to Dave and Del Mar College

for making this workshop possible. We look forward to future



MARKETING STRATEGY FOR THE ART CENTER

*We Asked, You answered! Marketing Survey Results Confirm
The Art Center is "Where Art Lives" in the Coastal bend*



Festival of the Arts
2009



Art Camp 2010



Acrylic Workshop
2010

Thank you to everyone who filled out our marketing survey! The goal of the survey is to go first and foremost to our valued members, to get your input on who we are, so we can create a marketing strategy that best reflects our mission and goals to the community at large. The results confirmed *The Art Center* is a community focused organization, "*Where Art Lives*" to promote the integration, education and appreciation of the arts, within Corpus Christi and across the Coastal Bend. What separates us from similar organizations is reflected in the meaning behind our name. We are a "**Center**," with a central location and gathering place for art classes, exhibits, workshops and events. We have **local appeal** and showcase local and regional artists. We are **all inclusive and accessible**, with free admission and programs targeted to all ages, skill levels, and segments of the community. This valuable insight will be utilized by staff and graphic designers to create a cohesive *Art Center* brand that will be reflected in marketing materials starting with a new website. Stay tuned as these materials are released! If you have any questions or comments please e-mail Jessica@artcentercc.org.

“LOOKING BACK FORTY YEARS”

A Retrospective of Paintings by Dorothy Kucera



*“A painting is as self
defining as our thumbprint.”
Dorothy Kucera*

Dorothy Kucera will showcase a collection of paintings of nature, wildlife, and people in a show in the “Kucera” Gallery at *The Art Center* July 3 – 31st. Dorothy informs us that she sees herself as a storyteller more than anything else. She gracefully shows us in “Looking Back Forty Years” that it is life experience that brings richness and a unique perspective to one’s work. *“Each of us has known degrees of joy, sorrow, despair, happiness, loneliness, satisfaction, hopelessness, success and failure. It is the totality of these experiences that shape the way we see the world, which makes our work different from the work of others...”* quotes Kucera. Besides being an experienced artist, Dorothy is a published writer and used to write a popular column for the Caller-Times under the title, “Feedback.” *“Early on I understood painting, like writing, is about communication. If you paint something but no one sees that painting, no communication has taken place.”* Dorothy’s work quickly captured the hearts and minds of Corpus Christi residents and leaders. Her dedication to the art making process lead her to spearhead fundraising efforts, which resulted in the new home of *The Art Center* at 100 Shoreline Drive. Because of Dorothy, area artists were able to have a “home of their own,” where they could convene to learn, grow and participate in the art making process Dorothy upheld. Join *Art Center* members and friends on Thursday, July 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. for a special reception and toast honoring Dorothy and her instrumental work.



AS WE SAY GOOD BYE TO THE GIFT GALLERY, WE LOOK TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBER ARTISTS

The Gift Gallery has been a part of the Art Center experience since the Center's opening on the Bay front in 1989. Unique in Corpus Christi, all the items for sale in the shop were artist made by *Art Center* members. In recent years, as many as 125 various artists have had items for sale at any one time. From jewelry to mugs, Christmas ornaments to carvings, paintings to pottery, cards to calendars, books to bags, clay to gold, unusual artist made items could be purchased as a gift or taken home for one's own pleasure.

Unfortunately, in those same recent years, the economics of running of a shop on this model tipped the operation more and more into the red. Throughout the past 2009 year, the amount of loss to the Center after artists and staff were paid, totaled \$13,000. The decision to close the Gift Gallery was made by the Board of Governors at the May meeting. It was not an easy decision emotionally. Our financial future, made bleak by the looming loss of city funding, required responsible action. The closing unfortunately meant the elimination of Gloria Hunter's paid staff position.

Gloria Hunter managed the complexities of keeping track of the inventories of many, many artists and was forever persistent in her efforts to increase traffic into the Gift Gallery. We appreciate her energy and focus and thank her for the five years she dedicated to *The Art Center* and Corpus Christi. Elna Smith also worked one day a week in the shop, and we thank her for her time and diligence.

Looking forward, the next goal is how to best repurpose the cleaned and painted space, so that it can generate some positive income, and still compliment the purposes and values of the *Art Center*. In the next newsletter, we hope to report to you, the membership, that something different and interesting is filling that room, that is generating traffic and income for the Center confirming that change is good in future endeavors.

Managing Director, Bob Baker

HANGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR

ART CENTER MEMBERS IN DESIREE'S BY THE BAY

We wish to continue the opportunity for members' art to be for sale in Desiree's Restaurant. Hanging policies will utilize a variation of our members' gallery guidelines. All in take will happen at the front desk, with forms, art, and payment being handled by Dianna. Sales will also go through Dianna and the *Art Center* will charge our standard 40% commission. Each piece of art will hang for two months (48 business days), for \$12 that comes to an average of 25 cents per day. Desiree prefers the consistency of a theme within the artwork. The theme for July and August will be "beaches." If you have framed or wrapped, medium to large pieces of art that would show well in the restaurant, please contact Dianna at dianna@artcentercc.org. Charges during this transition cycle will be prorated as we get the system in place. ~ Rob Baker

STUDIO "C" FORMER GIFT GALLERY HANGING OPPORTUNITIES

Our former Gift Gallery is temporarily available for short-term rental to our member artists as a studio sales space. An artist or small group of artists may rent the space for one or two weeks at a time. Artists will handle their own sales and keep 100% of profits. Contact Sarah Norris at the *Art Center* for more information. sarah@artcentercc.org ~ Bob Baker



The closing of the Gift Gallery has not eliminated hanging opportunities for member artists. Desiree's by the Bay and "Studio C" are available for member artists. Contact dianna@artcentercc.org for more info!

EXHIBITIONS

JULY

Meadows Gallery:

Independents 2010

2009 Winners:

*Monika Heckenbach
Ed Portis
Jim Forsythe
Sharon Forysthe
Daniel Forsythe*

Generously sponsored by:



Dorothy Kucera Gallery:

Looking Back 40 Years: A Retrospective Exhibition of Paintings by Dorothy Kucera

Bayview Gallery:

Bob Redding Photographs

*Opening Celebration & Awards:
Thurs, July 8th, 5 - 7 pm*

AUGUST

Meadows Gallery:

Barry Brown Clay Studio Group Exhibition

Dorothy Kucera Gallery:

The Moxie Files: Kim Walton

Lockett Gallery:

Nexus Art Collective Group Exhibition

Opening Celebration - Thurs, August 12th, 5 - 7 pm

MEMBERS' GALLERY

Not receiving in July

Next receiving August 14th

ART MARKET

Saturday, July 10th 10am - 4pm

Saturday, August 14th 10am - 4pm

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS!

Below is a list of front desk volunteers who have generously donated their time over the past two months:

**Shirley Barrera
Glenn Beardsley
Lloyd Bingham
Edward Bush
Shirley Cawthorne
Sherry Chapman
Rocco Corrino
Louis Garcia
Sheila Gritte**

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Ann Loberg
Judith Loverde**

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Elna Smith
Kathy Sulvaran
John Williams
Mollie Zick**

Amongst the hustle and bustle of busy Art Center life, a warm smile with helpful words at the front desk goes a long way. We simply could not accomplish all we do at The Art Center without our front desk volunteers, so WE THANK YOU! If you are interested in joining the team at The Art Center by volunteering, please contact Rosemary Fischer at 884-6406.

NEWS BRIEF

Call For Entries: DIMENSIONS XXXVIII

October 2 - 31st

Juror: Cesar Martinez

Submission Deadline:

August 25th

Download entry form and complete submission information at

www.artcentercc.org



ART WALK!

Join the Fun Every First Friday!

Starting August 6th
5:30 - 9 pm



Thank you to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation for your generous support of Art Center Education Programs!



EDUCATION CORNER

ART CAMP 2010 Update

Art Camp is in full swing with openings still available for the following camps:

- Camp #4 (Printmaking & Collage) July 13-15
- Camp #5 (Milagros-Metal Workshop) July 20-22
- Camp #6 (Painting with the Masters) July 28-30
- Art Camp 2010 Art Show & Reception, July 29th 5-7 pm

Mini Camp 2 - Sign up today! (Ages 4, 5, & 6)
 July 27th & 28th - 10 - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 27th - Clay "Flower Power"
 Wednesday, July 28th - Painting "Starry Night"



Art Camp 2010 offers three-day classes, Tues - Thurs concentrating on a specific media and provides creative, learning experiences in a positive, nurturing and fun environment. Cost is \$95 per camp with a 10% discount for members.

Please call (361) 884-6406 x206 or visit artcentercc.org to register

SPECIAL CLASSES

Explore Abstract Painting with Kimberly Walton



Friday, August 13th

9 am - 12 pm & 1-4 pm.

\$60 - All Levels Welcome

Minimum 10 Students

Explore new approaches to abstract painting with a more intuitive approach. Investigate the elements and principles of design and learn why they are important for creating strong compositions. This workshop is ideal for students that would like to learn how to paint beyond realism. Contact The Art Center and sign up today!



Sylvia Ramsey shows off her painting created in Chispa Bluntzer's Advanced Acrylic Workshop this June. Visit www.artcentercc.org for ongoing news on upcoming classes!

ON GOING CLASS SCHEDULE

[TUESDAY]

OIL PAINTING

Instructor: Lynn Dickey
 Location: McDowell Studio of Excellence
 Time: 10am-1pm
 Cost: \$60 mo/\$15 session.
 Supply list available at sign up.

[WEDNESDAY]

PORTRAIT GROUP

Location: McDowell Studio of Excellence
 Time: 10am-1pm
 Cost: \$5 session
 Contact: andreaaharwell@sbcglobal.net
 Bring your own materials, models provided.
PAINT-A-LONG
 Location: Courtyard Gallery
 Time: 10am-4pm
 Free!
 Bring your own materials, all mediums welcome. Sponsored by the STTAA.

[THURSDAY]

BASIC DRAWING

Instructor: Elna Smith
 Location: Courtyard Gallery
 Time: 10:30am-1pm
 Cost: \$60/ mo.

PAINT-A-LONG

Location: McDowell Workshop
 Time: 10am-4pm FREE!
 Sponsored by STMAS, AA, BAAL

THURSDAY - CLAY DAY

Instructors: Various CSG Instructors
 Location: Clay Studio
 Time: 9 am-12pm
 Cost: \$10 CSG Mbrs/\$15 ACCC
 Members & Adults only
ADVANCED WHEEL THROWING
 Instructor: Jim Tabor
 Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
 Cost: \$20

[FRIDAY]

PORTRAIT DRAWING

Instructor: Angela Schwengler
 Time: 10 am - 12 pm
 Cost: \$15

Supply list at front desk.
 Reservations required.

OLD MASTER'S OIL PAINTING TECHNIQUES

Instructor: Vicki Marshall
 Location: Barbara McDowell Workshop
 Time: 10 am - 1 pm
 Cost: \$15 per class
 Supply list available

Registration is required for all classes and workshops. Contact Susie Shepherd, 884-6406, sshepherd@artcentercc.org to register, or for more details on any of our programs.

[SATURDAY]

INTRODUCTION TO WATERCOLOR

Instructor: Elna Smith
 Location: McDowell Studio of Excellence
 Time: 9:30 am-12 pm
 Cost: \$60/ mo. - Register now for Fall 2010

SIMPLIFYING HAND-BUILDING

Instructor: Cheryl Ermis
 Location: Clay Studio
 Date/Time: 1st & 3rd Sat., 9:30-12:30 pm
 Cost: \$16 per session Adults only

MUDDY BUDDIES KID'S CLAY

Instructor: Lucille Gonzales
 Location: Clay Studio
 Date/Time: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 2-3:30 pm
 Cost: \$30/ mo. \$5 fee for clay, children under 6 w/ parent \$25

LYNN DICKEY'S OIL PAINTING FOR CHILDREN

Time: 10am-12 pm
 Cost: \$60/ mo. Ages 7 and up

[SUNDAY]

WHEEL THROWING WITH JAN SIJANSKY

Time: 1-4 pm
 Cost: \$25/class 5-student limit; teens-adults

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