

President's Blurb Happy Spring!

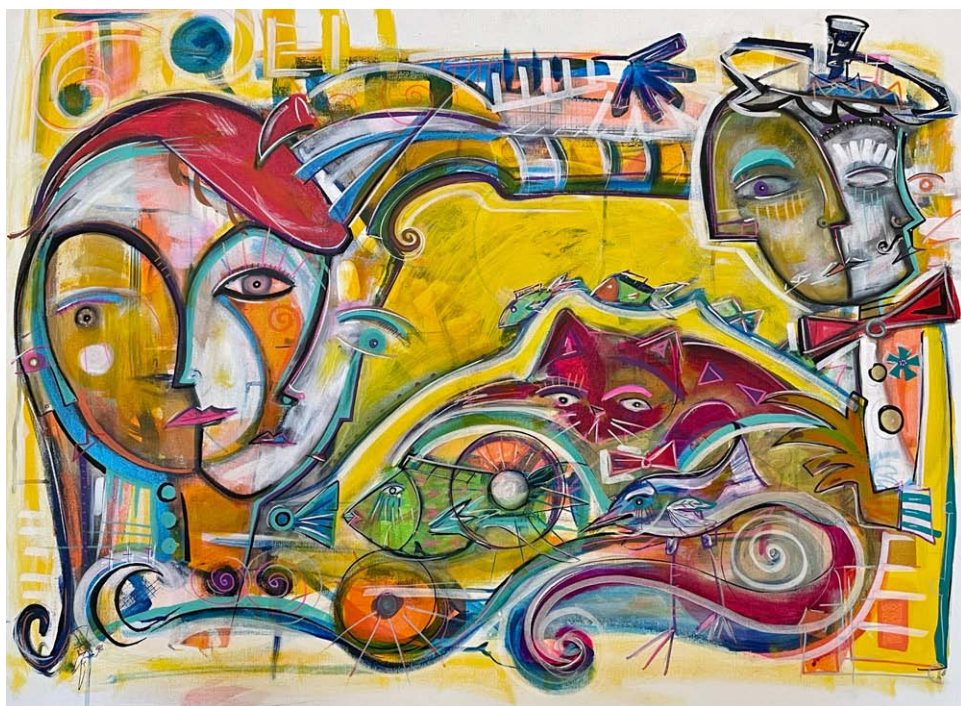
I am very happy with the tremendous response we had at our last reception for our joint H2O Show and Spring Market! A special thanks to Terry Palmer for curating the H2O exhibit. We had a great turn out from artist and patrons alike. It was so nice to see so many smiling faces. Several artist sold multiple pieces during this show.

If you would like to participate in our May Market, May 2nd-May 13th, please contact me as soon as possible for more information as spaces will fill up very quickly. This is another great opportunity for you to get your work out there.

Coming up next in April will be our 36th annual Kids Are Artist Too! youth art competition and exhibit. Here at the LAA, Margo Baker and Bonnie Camos will chair this event. Open to Pre-K thru 8th graders, this competition will be accepting student work April 4th through the 15th. There are no entry fees for this show with one entry per artist in either the 2-D or 3-D categories. Please bring completed submission forms when you submit pieces. Application forms can be found on our website at lafayetteart.org and at the end of this newsletter.

It's so nice to see our organization thriving.
Happy Spring, Happy Easter, and Be Happy creating.

Your President of Your LAA,
Dusty Reed
dusty@cajunpicasso.com



"Passing the Artist Hat to the Muse"

NEWS2NOTE:

Fill Your Easter Baskets with Art!

• Thru April 6th
SPRING ARTS MARKET
• Thru April 6th
WATERCOLOR SHOW

• April 4-15th
Submit for Kids Are Artists Too
• April 18th-29th
Kids Are Artists Too Exhibit
• April 29th • 2-4pm
Kids Awards Reception

• **CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS, 4/7-4/10**

• April 11th-15th
Pick up work from:
SPRING ARTS MARKET & WATERCOLOR SHOW

MINI WORKSHOP:

• April 15th • 10am-5pm
Clay Handbuilding: Coil Construction with Ed deMahy

• **Newsletter deadline: 4/25**
• **LAA BOARD MEETING:**
4/27 • 11am

OTHER DATES TO NOTE

• Good Friday 4/7
• Easter Sunday 4/9
• Artwalk 4/15
• Tax Day 4/17
• El Festival Español 4/21-4/23
• Earth Day 4/22
• Festivals International 4/26-4/30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

MAY ARTS MARKET, 5/2-5/13

Just in time for Mother's Day and Graduation gifts! Shop our 2nd Arts Market of the Spring. There will be 8+ artists to choose from!

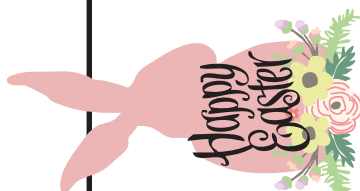
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
We need your help! Please Sign
Up today to Volunteer

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4 Cathy Mills 10-2	5 Cathy Williamson 10-2 Bonnie Camos 1-5	6 Sharon Brotherton 10-2 Rosemary Smith 1-5pm	7 Good Friday Happy Easter	8 Happy Easter
9	10	11 Cathy Mills 10-2	12 Cathy Williamson 10-2 Bonnie Camos 1-5	13 Sharon Brotherton 10-2 Rosemary Smith 1-5pm	14 Margo Baker 1-5 Simone Palmer	15 Dusty Reed Artwalk Mini Workshop Clay Studio Workshop w/Ed deMahy 10am-5pm
16	17 TAX DAY	18 Cathy Mills 10-2	19 Cathy Williamson 10-2 Bonnie Camos 1-5	20 Cathy Mills Rosemary Smith 1-5pm	21 Margo Baker <i>New Iberia</i> <i>El Festival Español</i> April 21-23	22 Dusty Reed Earth Day
23	24	25 Cathy Mills 10-2 1-5 Simone Palmer Newsletter Deadline	26 Cathy Williamson 10-2 Bonnie Camos 1-5 FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD April 26-30	27 10-2 1-5pm Rosemary Smith LAA Board Meeting 11am	28 Margo Baker	29 Dusty Reed Terry Palmer Kids Are Artists Too! AWARDS RECEPTION 2-4PM
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APRIL



36th Annual
Youth Art
Competition
& Exhibit

Kids Are Artists Too!



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LAFAYETTE ART ASSOCIATION
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April 18th-April 29th

SUBMIT ARTWORK:

April 4th-15th • Tuesday-Friday, 10-5pm; Saturday, 10am- 3pm

No Entry Fee • ONE entry per artist in either Category:

2-Dimensional or 3-Dimensional

Must be an original artwork created and done independently by the artist either at school or home.

Registration and identification forms should be filled out prior to submission of artwork.

Entry, Parental Consent and Artwork Identification forms are available online at lafayetteart.org, and at the end of this newsletter!

AGE GROUPS: Pre-K to kindergarten, 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th grade

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each age group and category

All participants will receive a fun gift, but must be present at awards reception to receive gift/prizes!

RULES of PRESENTATION:

- 2-D entries: Paintings, drawings, photos must be ready to hang either as canvas or frame with a wire on back; mounted or glued onto black construction paper or matt board; or matted with a cardboard backing
- 3-D entries: Free-standing (sculptures, etc) with easels for support bases

All artwork must be labeled on back (2-D) or at bottom (3-D) with an "Artwork Identification Form" (found at bottom of Registration Form).

AWARDS RECEPTION: Saturday, April 29th, 2-4pm

Artists are asked to pick up their artwork immediately after the reception (also end of exhibit), along with their ribbons, certificates of participation and prizes.

All artwork not picked up by May 5th, 2023 will become the property of LAA.

For more information contact: LAA at 337-269-0363

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Here are 6 Reasons to Create Art

from Create Studios 2023

1. Relieves stress and anxiety!

A creative outlet can be a great way to offload some of your stress. Whenever you sit down to make art, you go into a different mental space that lets you forget any troubles you might have. Plus, it's so absorbing that you don't have room to worry—just focus on your masterpiece!

2. Meditative

Focusing on what you're making can be a great way to relax and give your body and mind some peace. Take time to appreciate the peace and quiet from putting your creative energy to work!

3. Encourages creative thinking.

Creating art is a great way to give your brain some exercise! You're also actually helping to repair brain cells too. As you work through the problem solving that comes with artistic expression, you're forming new pathways that allow brain cells to communicate with each other.

4. Boosts Self-Esteem

Creating art gives you a wonderful sense of accomplishment - a major self-esteem booster! It increases your levels of dopamine - the natural hormone responsible for feelings of pleasure, achievement, and motivation.

5. Improves quality of life.

Making art of any kind can bring a lot of joy and purpose to our lives. Doing something creative can be a great way to brighten up your day and put some sunshine into your life.

6. Improves communication skills

Making connections with other creative people can really give you a sense of community and belonging!

Next time we have a general meeting at the LAA, please join us! You might get the chance to talk to people whom you would never have met otherwise.

Engaging in the creative act of making art can bring you immense pleasure and satisfaction - it doesn't even matter what the results look like! Not only that, but viewing art can also brighten your spirits and enhance your understanding of the world and those around you. So give it a try - it could be just the thing you need!



THANKS TO: Mr Al Hebert with News15 TODAY You made it fun and easy to be on TV before the sun came up! Margo Baker at the LAA with young artists, Katelyn Barboza, 13 and Lola Roszell, 12 talking about Kids Are Artists Too with Mr. Al.

We need your help!
We need prizes for
some very talented
young artists!

NEEDED: Markers, Drawing Pencils, Colored Pencils, Watercolors, Acrylic, Oil or Watercolor Paints, Paper Pads, Sketch Books, Art Books, Paint Brushes, Craft Kits, Canvases, Pastels...just a few items you can donate!

Want to be a Sponsor? Your monetary donation of \$25 or more will get you a Thank You listing on our Sponsor Wall at the exhibit!

Please drop off any new or unopened art/craft supply donations to the LAA Gallery, attn: Margo Baker now thru April 27th. We need prizes for Pre-K thru 8th Grade.

Kids Are Artists Too!

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OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of James K.

Johnson who passed away in mid March. While Jim was a recent LAA member, he certainly made an impression on us. A man of many talents, he was a very gifted painter and photographer winning many awards. Many will remember his very large, beautiful paintings from last year's "Eye of the Beholder" exhibit. He had a personality and career to match! A native of Pennsylvania, he moved to Youngsville a few years ago. A graduate of York Academy of Arts, he received his BS degree in Art Education with a minor in Pre-Med from Millersville University. He worked as a medical photographer and illustrator and after graduating, as a secondary school art teacher. He continued his education at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland graduating with a Master of Fine Arts Degree. He founded James Photo Art, a full-service art and photo company, purchased a full-service advertising company, the York Paper Box Company, and the Book Bindery Company. He was also a pilot who enjoyed flying fixed wing, helicopter and hot air balloons.

Words of Wisdom:

"Confidence is essential for a successful life. Don't compare yourself to others; compare yourself to the person you were yesterday and give yourself the confidence to be better tomorrow."



CONGRATS TO:

Gail Trim who'll have the next exhibit at Vermillionville thru June. Gail, a native of Iberia Parish, has been painting for over 30 years and has received numerous awards. She paints in a variety of mediums including oil, acrylic, enamel, charcoal, pastel, and watercolors. She is a proud member of the LAA, L'Acadian Art Guild in New Iberia, Iberia Cultural Resources, and teaches art at the South Regional Library in Lafayette. She also writes and illustrates and is currently working on getting some of her children's books and Cajun French Songs published. *"I believe in Louisiana, Acadiana, and the Cajun people and their religious belief, work ethics, and family ties. I believe you need to search for your purpose and do it the best way you can. This has had an influence on my art".*

Painting the Pond, A Fine Art Market Sat., April 22nd

Shop local artwork from both established artists from within the community and Ascension faculty & students until 12:30 pm. The Ascension Fine Arts Alliance is excited to announce the inaugural Painting the Pond - A Fine Art Market in the Sugar Mill Pond neighborhood, 220 Prescott Blvd Youngsville. Contact Info Rachel Delcambre, 337-233-9748 communications@ascensionbluegators.org.



Intuitive Painting Immersive in Brittany, France with Kathy Dumesnil

Join Kathy 9/3-9/11 on an inspiring artistic journey thru the villages and breathtaking regions of Brittany, France. As you explore, Kathy will do on-site demos and guide you thru informal journal studies in water-based media. Back in the studio use your travel journals as reference as Kathy gives demos to encourage you to play with art and design. Expect to meet plenty of locals, learn to cook authentic Breton foods, explore medieval towns and rugged coast lines and sample local wines and ciders. Limited to 8. For more info text Kathy at 337-654-0393 or email kathydumesnil.art@gmail.com.

Call To Artists:

Apply to get your artwork displayed in Cūr Nōn - a juried group exhibition celebrating the Lafayette Parish Bicentennial. It is an open call to artists to challenge themselves in their craft, to take chances within what they imagine for themselves, and to dwell on the intersection of the many cultures and histories that make up our contemporary Lafayette. Exhibition opens to the public at the AcA June 10-August 12. Application Deadline: May 1st. For more information and guidelines: <https://acadianacenterforthearts.org/events/cur-non-call-to-artists>



MAY ARTS MARKET

May 2nd-May 13th

Call for Artists!

Yes Indeed...it's another Arts Market at the LAA!
Artists set up throughout the LAA gallery for 2 weeks with a reception, May 6th, 5-8pm. If you'd like to participate please contact Dusty Reed ASAP for more info as spaces fill very quickly. Limit: 10 spaces. A great opportunity for you to get your work out there!



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Clay Handbuilding Workshop







COIL CONSTRUCTION

with Edward deMahy
Saturday April 15th
 10am-5pm
 \$70/members, \$80/non-members

- BUILD A CUP and Your Choice
- Lidded Container
- Bowl
- Plate
- Vessel

Please Register and for More Info
 Text or Call Edward
 337.322.1058
 Registration Deadline April 8
 Lafayette Art Association, 1019 Auburn Ave.



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Photos from the Demos done at the LAA by two Shadows-on-the-Teche Plein Air Artists

Artists from around the country traveled to New Iberia to compete in this juried painting competition. The artists painted throughout Acadiana and the public was invited to attend programs during the week, as well as watch the artists paint. We were lucky to have two of these artists here at the LAA on Wednesday, March 15th. Plein Air artist Kirk Larsen started off the day painting in front of the LAA a scene from across the street: the Sonic drive thru! After lunch we were privileged to also have an indoor demo by Karen Philpott. Taking notes from both, I filled up 4 pages! To say the least, I learned a bunch! Hopefully we'll be able to host another group during next year's competition event!



LAA Art Instructors' Student Art Exhibit at Lafayette City Hall extended thru the month of April

On view thru April, this is a very creative art work exhibit of six LAA Art Instructors' students: Dusty Reed, Nicole Dalhquist, Margo Baker, Laura LaHaye, Edward deMahy, and Kay Richoux. A great turnout for the reception held in mid March at the City Hall. Bring your kids to check it out! **Thank you, Margo Baker** for pulling this event together!



Look at all the March LAA events!

Our First General Meeting of 2023

Great turn-out on Tuesday, March 7th for our guest speaker, Dirk Guidry who gave us a brief history of his art career and answered a few questions about his artwork (which was on display in the front gallery last month). The LAA board will soon announce the next General Meeting date and speaker for the second quarter, so stay tuned!

Susan Chiqulein's Basket Mini Workshop

On Sunday, March 5, five ladies, including myself, achieved the wonder of making a basket! And, as we ended the day, we were all asking Susan for another workshop soon!



Susan's basket weaving workshop - what a fun group of women! Poor Bridget Bergeron had just had surgery on both hands, but she got it done! Heather Pace and Simone Palmer traded one flat reed color each! The mother-daughter team of Jamie Primeaux shared a dual success! Susan was mighty proud of her basket cases!



Dirk Guidry addressing the general meeting.

SPRING ARTS MARKET & H2O Color Exhibit and Reception

Two events, one reception! Saturday evening, March 25 from 5-8pm a great crowd got to enjoy the combined works of eight LAA Spring Market artists and several members of LAA's Water Color Guild.



Another March LAA event: Cheri Fry's 2 Day Painting Workshop

I was able to take a peak at noon on Saturday and at the end of the day on Sunday. A great group of eight - amazing work every day and every one! Cheri really knows how to get that spark out of you! The first day was spent on painting low horizon photos provided by Cheri. She gave step by step instructions for both watercolor and/or acrylics (or oils). On the second day, participants painted from photos of their own. As you can see, the results were awesome! Missing from photos are Jennifer Malin and MiMi Thibodeaux (sorry, I thought I had taken your pics too!).



Cheri Fry giving instructions for a watercolor sky and low horizon landscape.



Kathy Mere's finished work - magnificent!



Cecelia Hoyt created some beautiful water-color skies!



Terry Palmer proved to himself that he is and can be a landscape painter!



Gail Smith's finished work - so impressive per usual!



Carl Cherami's shows off his finished work



Bridget Bergeron, still struggling thru hand surgery recovery, surprised herself at what she could do !



KIDS ARE ARTISTS, TOO!!

Annual Youth Art Competition

April 18th through April 29th 2023

Submit art works April 4th – April 15th

Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. til 5 p.m. Saturday- 10 a.m – 4 p.m.

No artwork will be accepted after 5 p.m. April 15th

Each artist may submit ONE entry in either the 2D OR 3D category.



REGISTRATION FORM

Artist's

Name: _____

School _____

Grade (circle) PreK, Kindergarten, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Parent/Person Checking in Artwork:

Print _____ Sign _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Title of work _____

Medium _____

(crayon, pencil, watercolor, mixed media, metal, clay, fiber

Date submitted _____ Number _____

Accepted by _____

ARTWORK IDENTIFICATION (for back of piece)

Artists Name _____

Title of work _____ Grade _____

School _____

Contact Person/Phone _____

Kids Are Artists Too!
Annual Youth Art Competition
Exhibit Dates: April 18th-29th, 2023



Parental/Legal Guardian Informed Consent

PLEASE PRINT:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Child: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M - F

Parent's Contact Email: _____ Cell Ph #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Ph #: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parental/Legal Guardian Informed Consent For Participation / Photo-Videography / Internet Use / Phone Texting

I grant permission for both my child and his/her art products to be photographed and/or videoed during participation in the Lafayette Art Association's "Kids Are Artists Too!", an annual youth art competition and exhibit, April 18th thru April 29th, 2023.

The photographs, videos and/or images are sole property of the Lafayette Art Association (LAA) and may be used for promotion of any future art projects for children hosted by the Lafayette Art Association.

I understand that I am responsible to pick up my child's art entry on April 29, 2023, immediately following the awards reception (2-4pm). If my child's art entry is not picked up by May 5, 2023 (at close of business, 3pm), it will become the property of the Lafayette Art Association.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I understand all rules/conditions required for my child's participation in the Lafayette Art Association's "Kids Are Artists Too!" and give consent for my child's participation.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Signature of Adult Witness

Date

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