

President's Blurb

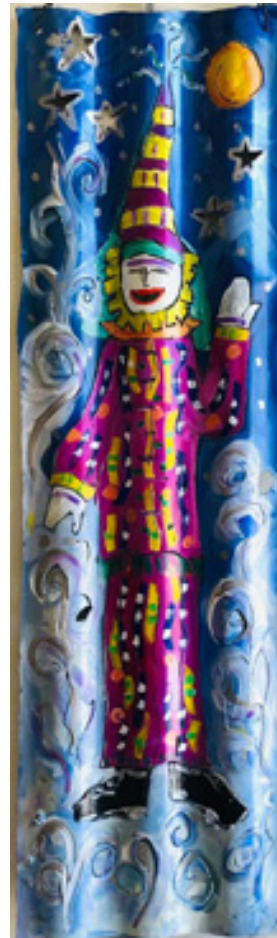
As I sit here on the morning of Mardi Gras 2025, reflecting on the past year, I'm filled with gratitude for all the support I've received as president of the Lafayette Art Association. The recent Bird Show serves as a perfect reminder that this organization thrives on the collective efforts of so many! It was an incredible success, and I couldn't have been prouder during the reception. It truly goes to show that teamwork and dedication can create something wonderful. I have so many people to thank! A huge **THANK YOU** to **Cathy Mills** and **Ginger Kelly** for leading The Bird Show with your creative vision and dedication- every detail was thoughtfully executed, making the evening truly fascinating! **Ginger Rees**, your refreshments were not only delicious but beautifully presented, as always! **Terry Palmer**, your Bird Show sign was a perfect addition! To all the volunteers, thank you for stepping up and making this event run seamlessly. To our judges, your expertise and thoughtful critiques were invaluable, especially with over 100 incredible entries to consider! And most importantly, to the artist - thank you for trusting us with your exquisite work. Your talent and creativity are what make these events so special!

Now that the Bird Show has wrapped up, hold on to your hats! We have a packed schedule ahead for spring! Up next is the **H2O Color Exhibit & Sale**. Submissions are being accepted now through Saturday, March 8th, and the exhibit will open on Tuesday, March 11th. This year, the LAA is excited to participate in **Open Studio Acadiana 2025**, happening on Saturday and Sunday, March 22nd & 23rd. We're also gearing up to celebrate the **38th anniversary of Kids Are Artists Too!** Submissions will be accepted at the LAA during the last two weeks of March, with the exhibit running April 1st-10th at Lafayette Consolidated Government. We've been receiving donations of supplies and money. Thank you to those of you who help each year to keep this event free for Acadiana's young artists. Additionally, LAA member and artist Ken Broussard will debut his photography show on April 15th, with a reception set for May 3rd. I'm excited to see what he has in store for us, as his enthusiasm is contagious!

And last but not least, a big welcome goes to our new board members: Cynthia Alleman, Laura Bourgeois, Laura Davis, and Burnell Lemoine! Your commitment to the LAA is deeply appreciated! Please continue to follow us on social media, read your emails, and stay up to date on our website, www.lafayetteart.org.

Sincerely,

Your President of Your LAA, Margo Baker



NEWS2NOTE:

- **Thru 3/8 Submit for Annual LAA Watercolor Guild Exhibit**
- **3/11-4/5 Annual LAA Watercolor Guild Exhibit**
- **3/11-4/5 Foyer Gallery: The Art of Us: Showcasing student creativity, diverse perspectives and expression**
- **3/8 Artwalk**
- **3/18-3/29 Kids Are Artists Too submissions at the LAA**
- **3/20 Board Meeting 5:30pm**
- **3/22-3/23 Open Studio Acadiana Visit Nine Member Artists at the LAA during Open Studio Acadiana! 11am-4pm**
- **3/29 Water Color Workshop with Johnny Thomas, 10am-4pm**
- **NOW Thru 3/29 Drop off Art Supplies/Donations for Kids Are Artists Too! exhibit prizes**

On View At Our Satellite Gallery:

- **Vermilionville: Regina Steele thru March**
- **Karen Bordelon & Sue Baudier thru June**

UPCOMING APRIL

- **4/1-4/10 Kids Are Artists Too Exhibit** at Lafayette Consolidated Government
- **4/5 Reception for Watercolor Exhibit and Margo's Art Class, 5pm-7pm**
- **4/10 Kids Are Artists Too Reception** at Lafayette Consolidated Government
- **4/15-5/10 Photography Exhibit by Ken Broussard: More Than What You See**



THE WATERCOLOR GUILD OF THE
LAFAYETTE ART ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

H₂O COLOR EXHIBIT & SALE

SUBMIT THIS WEEK Wed, March 5 thru Sat., March 8th

SHOW DATES: March 11th - April 5th | RECEPTION: April 5th | 5:30-7:30pm

- Open to the public to enter
- All entries must incorporate some use of watercolors
- Non juried, but judged show with ribbon awards
- Contact show chair, Terry Palmer for info: terrylenoir1952@gmail.com
or text 337/207.3211
- Applications can be found online at lafayetteart.org.

Watercolor Guild Members: 1st entry is free; \$15 for each additional piece; Max 3 entries.

Non Watercolor Guild Members (and Non LAA Members): \$20 per entry; Max 3 entries.

Lafayette Art Association | 1019 Auburn Ave, Lafayette | Open Tuesday thru Saturday 11am-3pm | lafayetteart.org | 337.269.0363

Sat, March 29th
Watercolor Workshop:

Time to Branch Out

with

Johnny Thomas

www.jtwatercolors.com



March 29th | 10am-4pm

\$125 Members

\$150 Non Members

For More info and to register: Text 337.207.3210
or email spalmer1@cox-internet.com

Out with the cold (press) and in with the Yupo! Challenge how you look at traditional watercolor techniques and expectations. Beginner to advanced watercolor artists will be exposed to the medium on a new type of canvas: Yupo - a synthetic polypropylene paper, that brings out the vibrancy and natural flow of watercolor (to be supplied by instructor). Artists will leave the workshop with a new appreciation for letting go of control while learning to mold their pigments like clay. ***Recommended supplies:*** *Size 2 and 8 round brushes and your favorite watercolor palette.*

Registration deadline: March 25th

1019 Auburn Ave • 337-269-0363 • info@lafayetteart.org



LAFAYETTE
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Kids Are Artists Too!

38th Annual Youth Art Competition & Exhibit

EXHIBIT DATES:

April 1st thru April 10th

SUBMIT ARTWORK: Tues-Sat, 11am- 3pm

3/18-3/22 and 3/25-3/29

Lafayette Art Association • 1019 Auburn Avenue

No Entry Fee* • Up to 2 entries per artist: (1) 2D & (1) 3D

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

A free gift and certificate of participation given to all participants!

(Participants must be present at awards reception to receive their free gift and certificate)

RULES/PRESENTATION:

- Must be an original artwork created and done independently by the artist either at school, art class or home.
- 2-D entries (paintings, drawings, photos, etc) 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) must have easels if needed for support base.
- All 2D art must be labeled on back and (3D) at back or bottom with an "Artwork Identification Form" (which can be found at bottom of Registration Form).
- Registration and art identification forms should be filled out prior to submission.
- **Entry forms are available online at lafayetteart.org**, at the Lafayette Art Association or emailed upon request.
- Artwork should be picked up immediately after the reception (end of exhibit), along with any ribbons, participation certificates and prizes. *All artwork not picked up by 4/26/25 will become the property of LAA*

Note: Exhibit and Awards Reception will be held at the Lafayette Consolidated Government Building,

705 W. University • Mon-Fri 8-12 noon and 1-5pm

The Awards Reception will be Thursday, April 10 • 5-7pm

For more info:

LAA at 337-269-0363 or email kidsareartists2@gmail.com.

**While there are no entry fees, the LAA appreciates any monetary donations in order to support the Kids Are Artists Too Competition.*

You can scan this code to donate now. THANKS!



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Once Again, We Need Your Help With Art Prizes & Sponsorships for Kids Are Artists Too!

Needed: Art Prizes for Pre-K thru 8th Grade

Markers, Posca pens, black drawing pens, drawing pencils, pastels; Artist Grade colored pencil sets, watercolors, acrylic or oil paints; Paper pads, sketch pads, mixed medium paper pads, paint brushes, craft kits, canvases...a few ideas to donate!

Drop off any new or unopened art/craft supply donations to the LAA Gallery, attn: Margo Baker NOW thru MARCH 29th

Want to Help?

Contact Margo at 337-269-0363 or email kidsareartists2@gmail.com.

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! Just

scan the QR code on left to donate now.

THANKS!



LAArt&about

PLEASE NOTE:

We've updated our business hours:
We are now open Tuesday through
Saturday, 11am-3pm.

UPCOMING EVENT AT THE LAA:

Photographs by Ken Broussard: *More Than What You See*

April 15th - May 10th

Reception:

May 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm

The Lafayette Art Association welcomes Lafayette artist Ken Broussard whose photographs will be on exhibit in both the Front and Sara Parker Galleries beginning mid April thru May 10th. Ken attempts to "slow down the process" that occurs between the eye and the mind, disrupting what looks familiar so that viewers can impose their own interpretations onto the image. With keen attention to light and shadow, he seeks to convey a narrative element in the moment he captures. All are invited to attend the reception on Saturday, May 3rd at the LAA.



Don't Miss Open Studio Acadiana March 22-23!

Celebrate Louisiana's creative culture by road-tripping through the parishes of Acadiana. Presented by the Louisiana Crafts Guild, this free, all-ages, self-guided tour will once again showcase the inspiring spaces where creativity comes to life.

Visitors will meet artists, watch live demonstrations, and experience the rich artistic heritage of Acadiana across multiple parishes. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with the members of the arts community, learn about others crafts, and see how our local creatives bring their visions to life!



The LAA will once again be one of the many hosts for the Open Studio Acadiana!

Join us at the LAA as nine of our very talented artists showcase their work and offer visitors demonstrations of their art medium or craft during this year's Acadiana Open Studio event on Saturday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 23rd, 11am-4pm.

To date, these nine LAA member artists will be participating at the LAA: Margo Baker (Oil Painting on Plasma Cut Metal), Edward deMahy (Drawing, Painting and Pottery), Laura Bourgeois (Mixed Media Collage), Dusty Reed (3D Mixed Media), Laura Davis (Acrylic Painting), Susan Chiquelin (Ceramics), Cynthia Alleman (Acrylic Painting), Kai Drobich (Architectural Memories, Ceramics) and Sara Conner (Wire Wrapping and Leather Jewelry).

Some of our members will also be on the tour, giving demos at their studios: Ted Bertrand (Acrylic Paintings, Grand Coteau), Pat and Suzanne Juneau (Jewelry and Metal art, Scott), Michelle Landry (Magnolia Art Creative, Lafayette), and Tina Trahan (LaToscana Studio, Oil Mixed Media, Lafayette).
For more info: OpenStudioAcadiana.com

Words of Wisdom:

"There's nothing more interesting than the landscape of the human face" Irvin Kershner

"In a portrait, I'm looking for the silence in somebody." Henri Cartier-Bresson

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The LAA will once again take part in Open Studio!
Saturday, March 22nd & Sunday, March 23rd from 11am-4pm with 9 artists!

Covington Three Rivers Art Festival Call for Artists Applications

Application Deadline: June 5, 2025

November 15th & 16th | 10am-5pm

Attracting 50,000+ visitors last year, this award-winning festival is dedicated to bringing the best of fine arts and fine crafts to historic downtown Covington, LA, and providing the best in Southern Hospitality for our artists. A Carefully juried 200 artists event that takes over several city blocks. Works in every medium are represented in the booths lining both sides of Columbia Street. www.covingtonthreeriversartfestival.com

The Big Easel Fall, November 8th

Application Deadline: June 15, 2025

The Big Easel, an outdoor art festival hosted in the River Ranch Town Square, will take place November 8th. Artist tents fill the Town Square in various mediums including oil, acrylic, wood, pottery, jewelry, metal, mixed media, watercolor, glass, and more! A free event for all who wish to attend. If you are an artist who would like to participate in future shows or if you have questions regarding the event, please email thebigeasel@outlook.com or call 337-216-6566.

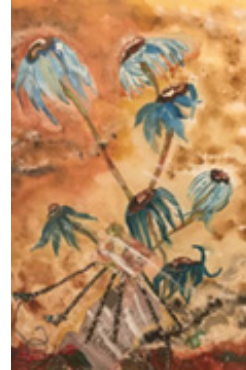
Call for Women Artists

Application Deadline: March 30, 2025

We are thrilled to invite contemporary women artists to submit their work for AQ Quarterly VI, a curated collectible publication dedicated to showcasing outstanding contemporary art. Expand your network and connect with a global community of artists, curators, and collectors. See your work published in a high-quality collectible art book. createmagazine.submittable.com/submit

Congrats to:

Donna Davis whose work was highlighted by Basin Arts' weekly Art Circle series. Now a native of New Iberia, Donna attended the University of Louisiana and continued her education in Pocono Lake, Pennsylvania. She began drawing at a young age finding her love for watercolor later in her career. Through reading and experimentation, she has created her own technique and recognizable style. Donna is a member of of L'ACADIAN Art Guild and the Lafayette Art Association. *"Watercolor is my center and heart. I love what a simple drop of water does to the page and how water, such an essential part of Louisiana culture, adds to the images of wildlife and nature we are rich in. My work continues to evolve with mixed media traditions, and is central to my work with cultural motifs and nature subjects."*



Two 2-Day Workshops with Kathy Dumesnil:

Intuitive Painting, Exploring What Inspires You In A Series April 5-6

Intuitive Mixed Media, Exploring What Inspires You In A Series April 12-13

If you ask yourself "What's the next thing I need to do?", then join Kathy in exploring new ways to shift your process. These workshops will be playful explorations in color, value, design, themes, tools, and techniques and what inspires you whether representational or abstract. All levels welcome! these are 2 separate workshops, working in acrylics. Contact Kathy for more info: kathydumesnil.art@gmail.com or 337-654-0393.

Here's Some Interesting Bird Show Info!

About our 2 Judges:

Emma Sonnier an engaged curator based in Lafayette, her work is informed by an academic background in History and Art History from Loyola University in New Orleans. Her professional journey spans roles as the Visual Arts Coordinator at Acadiana Center for the Arts and co-founder and curator of ARCHIVES Exhibitions, where she has designed immersive exhibitions that preserve artistic legacies while cultivating meaningful dialogue and community engagement. Driven by a commitment to community care and storytelling, Emma is passionate about exposing audiences to art experiences not commonly found within our state.

Jesse Pimbeouf a New Orleans native, received his BFA from ULL, and obtained a MFA from Tulane University. He now lives and works in his home studio near Cecilia on the banks of the Bayou Teche. Having taken part in many juried competitions nationwide, his work is included in museums and many private collections. 2024 marked his 53rd year of exhibiting his work in galleries. He and fellow artist, Alan Gerson have been collaborating on an ongoing series of paintings on paper, "Ruining Paper", for 17 years and have produced over 200 works. He is currently working with Brian Kelly at ULL Marais Press to produce a multicolor lithograph.

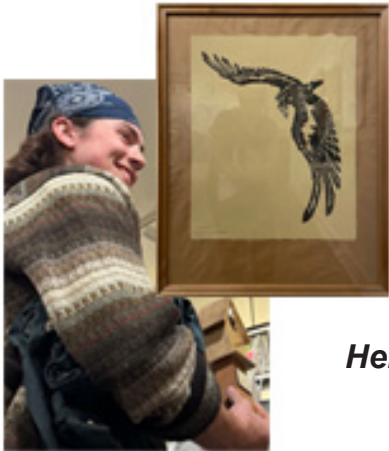
AND SPECIAL THANKS from show Co-Chairs Cathy Mills & Ginger Kelly to:

- **Terry Palmer** for his bird house sign
- **Michelle Landry** for the vinyl lettering on walls and the bird house plaques
- **Simone Palmer** for her Bird Show artwork and PR
- **Edward deMahy** for bartending
- **Bonnie Cammos** for ice
- **Sharon Brotherton** for helping with food setup and purchase checkouts
- **Laura Davis** for help with purchase checkouts
- **Cindi Hanna** for artists' nametag distribution
- **Ginger Rees** for beautiful reception foods and setup
- **Margo Baker** for steady hands on the tiller!



Here Are The Bird Show Winners!

Judges Pick-5 Winners!



Circling Upward
Aiden Begeal



Heron Preening
Ann Dubois



Best of Show-2 Winners!

Roseate Spoonbills
Kay Jeansonne



Take Me With You
Sandi Stewart



CONGRATS to our Best of Show Winners, Kay Jeansonne and Sandi Stewart



CONGRATS to our Judges Pick Winners: Aiden Begeal, Ann Dubois, Cyndy Hanna, Lauren Daspit and Sandra Blair.



And 2 Honorable Mentions



Play Ball
Lauren C. Daspit

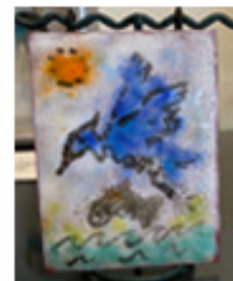


Crows Nest
Sandra Blair

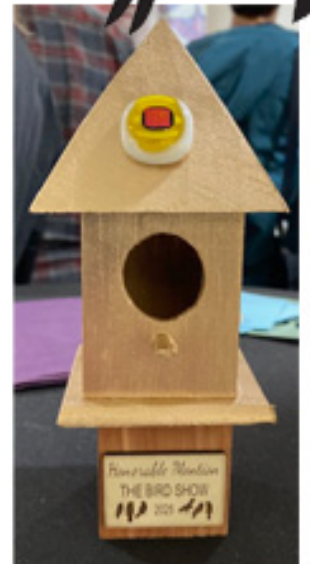
Together Forever I & II,
Cyndy Hanna



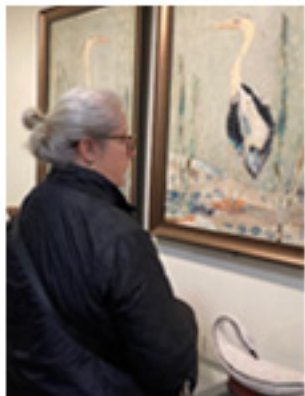
Holy Trinity Catch
Cyndy Hanna



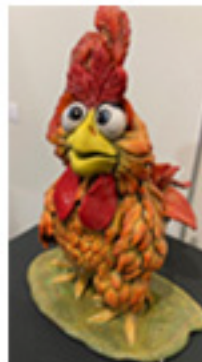
Wild Blue Heron
Baylee Bourque



And, Here's The Party!



CONGRATS to our Co-Chairs, **Cathy Mills** and **Ginger Kelly** for an outstanding exhibit!





MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	1 Mini Workshop: Clay Studio with Ed deMahy 10-3
Pick Up Bird Art Show Thru 3/1						
SUBMIT WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 2/25 thru 3/8						
2	Mardi Gras LAA CLOSED	3 HAPPY Mardi Gras! LAA CLOSED	4 Ash Wednesday	5	6	7 Art Walk
SUBMIT WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 2/25 thru 3/8						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HANG Water Color Show		Main Gallery: WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 3/11 thru 4/5				
FOYER: Margo's Student Art Class Show : The Art of Us 3/11-4/5						
16	17	18	19	Board Meeting	20	21 Acadiana Open Studio Tours
Submissions taken in at The LAA for KIDS ARE ARTISTS TOO 3/18-3/29						
Main Gallery: WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 3/11 thru 4/5						
FOYER: Margo's Student Art Class Show : The Art of Us 3/11-4/5						
23 Come by and see our artists at the LAA during Acadiana Open Studio Tours	24	25	26	27	28	29 10-4 Watercolor Workshop with JThomas
Submissions at The LAA for KIDS ARE ARTISTS TOO thru 3/29						
Main Gallery: WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 3/11 thru 4/5						
FOYER: Margo's Student Art Class Show : The Art of Us 3/11-4/5						
30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5 WATERCOLOR & Art Class Reception 5-7pm
KIDS ARE ARTISTS TOO Exhibit at LCG April 1-April 10th Reception 4/10						
Main Gallery: WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT: 3/11 thru 4/5						
FOYER: Margo's Student Art Class Show : The Art of Us thru 4/5						
						Pick Up WATERCOLOR 5/5-5/12



APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
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