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THE NEWSLETTER OF RIVER REGION ART ASSOCIATION

JULY 2007

START PAINTING FOR AUGUST GALLERY EXHIBIT

Happy Dancing Colors is the theme for the August Community Exhibit at RRAA Gallery. This exhibit is open to all art forms. Take in is August 1-4. No entry fee, ribbons awarded. All wall art must have wire for hanging.

AWESOME ART EXHIBIT AND SALE AT HOUMAS HOUSE OCT 13 and 14

DEADLINE FOR BOOKLET COVER ART. This is a **CONTEST** for the design of the cover of the booklet that is published to accompany the **Awesome Art** exhibit. Please submit your entry for the contest by 2:00 PM, July 29th (the time of our July general meeting) at the Gallery at which time the winner will be chosen. Any member may enter artwork (painting, drawing or photo).

ADS FOR BOOKLET. Members, we need you to sell at least **one ad** for the booklet.. The price of ads range from business card size (\$30.00), ½ page (\$60.00), to 1 full page (\$100.00). Revenues from the ads will go to defray the cost of publication. Businesses and individuals may also purchase Sponsor Awards where they donate an amount before the exhibit and then are entitled to purchase art in the exhibit for that amount. The deadline for selling ads is August 24 as we need to have the book printed and presented to the public a month before the event. If you have connections to local businesses or plants and would like to help sell ads call **Carole Bryant**.

RAFFLE. RRAA will again sponsor a raffle at the **Awesome Art** event. We need donations of art work to be raffled off. We will start collecting donated art at the Gallery on September 15.

BOOTH space will be available for RRAA members at Houmas House for the weekend of **Awesome Art**. You may share a booth with another member.

Call the gallery (225 644-8496) for more information on Awesome Art, the booklet, renting a booth, and the sale of ads.

DOCENTS: Thank you to all members who volunteer to man the gallery on the five days a week which we are open. Every member should consider donating a day (6 hours from 10AM to 4PM) or a half a day (10 to 1 or 1 to 4) every month. It is not a difficult job. You will have a brief training session to acquaint you with the routine of opening and closing the gallery and making sales. You may bring a friend to keep you company or spend your free time sketching or painting. Call the Gallery (225 644-8496) to volunteer.

REMINDER: When measuring your paintings or photos to determine exhibit fee please measure the entire size of the piece, including frame. The exhibit fee for is based on hanging space.

ART CLASSES IN AUGUST

Rene Fletcher and Louise Hansen will be teaching classes at the gallery in August. Call the Gallery for details.

RRAA WEBSITE

Gene Ferguson is doing a fantastic job on our Website but he wants some help from you. All members need to post a bio with photo samples of your art on the website. This is a great publicity tool and **FREE**. When you e-mail your art as attachments, please send one photo per page and Gene will size and arrange them. If you need help in doing this e-mail Gene at gene@artgumbo.org. Gene can also set you up a free e-mail address through the website.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

At each monthly membership meeting (next one is July 29) a member is randomly selected to be Artist of the Month. This artist has the privilege of displaying a grouping of his or her artwork at the gallery free for the following month. Drop by the Gallery to see the works of July Artist of the Month, **Jessie Bourgoyne**.

RRAA welcomes new member Richard B. "Rick" Nettles to the gallery. His medium is Photography.

Big Hurray for Melanie Giroir, she was our gallery big seller for the month of June.

PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

July 29	Deadline for Awesome Art booklet cover art contest
July 29	July General Membership Meeting at Gallery, 2:00 PM
Aug 1-4	Take-in for August gallery art exhibit
Aug 2	Board Meeting 6:00 PM
Aug 24	Deadline for selling ads for Awesome Art booklet
Sept 15	Take-in for donated art for Awesome Art Raffle