

**SEPTEMBER GALLERY EXHIBIT.** The theme for September's exhibit is *Have You Scene It?* An invitation to use your imagination and produce art on any theme. This exhibit is open to all in community. You may enter up to 3 pieces of artwork. Bring your artwork to the Gallery Sept 1 to 6. Pickup is Sept 29. No entry fee, ribbons awarded. **Invite your friends and family members to enter this exhibit.**

**A note to new members:** Each month (except October) we have a themed art exhibit at the Gallery. The structure of the exhibits varies, for example one exhibit a year is for photographs only, one exhibit is for Youth Art only. For most exhibits there is no entry fee but the entries are judged by categories and ribbons are awarded. For other exhibits there is a small entry fee and cash prizes and ribbons are awarded. One of the few rules for the exhibits is that wall art must have wire attached for hanging. Bring your art to the Gallery on the take-in days, fill out a brief entry form and Voila! You Are In!

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

**AWESOME ART BOOKLET.** Four RRAA members submitted artwork for the **Awesome Art booklet cover contest** at the August general meeting. All members present voted by secret ballot and the winner was: **Peggy Carbo**. Congrats Peg! We look forward to seeing your painting on the cover of the booklet.

**\$5.00 VOUCHERS TO THE TWO TOP AD SELLERS!** Five dollar Gallery vouchers will be given to the top two sellers of ads for the **Awesome Art Booklet**. The Awesome Art booklet is a program for the Awesome Art in Autumn art exhibit which is held at Houmas House every fall. The exhibit is presented by the River Region Art Association in conjunction with the Louisiana Division of the Arts, the Baton Rouge Arts Council, Ascension Parish PARC and Houmas House Plantation. The sale of ads for the booklet is in full swing. Please try 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. 1000 copies of the booklet will be printed, 500 distributed locally before the exhibit and 500 distributed at Houmas House during the exhibit. The deadline for selling ads is August 24. If you have connections to local businesses or plants and would like to help sell ads call **Carole Bryant** at the gallery number 644-8496.

**MORE INFO ABOUT AWESOME ART.** The exhibit is open to all artists and all media including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry smithing, doll making, sculpture, metal design, wood carving, glasswork, quilting and pottery to name a few. The fee for entering your artwork is \$9.00 per entry or 3 for \$25. All items entered will be judged and money prizes and ribbons will be awarded in various categories. **Plan now to have your art on exhibit at Awesome Art. Invite your artist friends to join us in the exhibit.**

**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, entering your artwork in the exhibit, and the sale of ads.

**HELP! IN ORDER TO MAKE SALES, THE GALLERY MUST BE OPEN.** This means we must have volunteers to work at the gallery on the five days a week (Tues. - Sat.) which we are open. RRAA is a non-profit organization which means no one gets paid to do all the work necessary to keep the Gallery running. RRAA needs **YOU** to donate one day (6 hours from 10AM to 4PM) or a half a day (10 to 1 or 1 to 4) a 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.

**NOTE TO DOCENTS.** Due to spiraling costs we have discontinued the use of the credit card machine. Please ask customers to pay with cash or check until we can replace the machine with something more economical.

**ART CLASSES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER** Any member or nonmember may take the classes offered by RRAA. Invite a friend to take a class with you. Teachers are:

**Rene Fletcher**

Drawing and Perspective  
August 18, 9:30 to 4:00 PM

Drawing and Composition  
September 15, 9:30 to 4:00 PM

**Louise Hansen**

Pen and Ink Drawing - \$40.00  
August 25, 9:00 to 4:00 PM

**RRAA WEBSITE**

**Gene Ferguson** is our Website designer and coordinator. He reminds us that all members need to post a **BIO** on the website. All you have to do is write a short biography and send it to Gene at [gene@artgumbo.org](mailto:gene@artgumbo.org). You may include photos of your artwork A good resource for writing your Bio is the Book of RRAA Members which is always displayed at the Gallery or click on the member names on our website. This is a great publicity tool and **FREE**. If you need help in doing this e-mail Gene at [gene@artgumbo.org](mailto:gene@artgumbo.org). Gene can also set you up a free e-mail address through the website.

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

Artist of the Month for August is **Matthew Collum**. Come by the Gallery and see a display of Matthew's work.

**THANKS TO ALL** who taught and assisted during the **Summer Art Classes**. The art classes (both for children and adults) were a tremendous success. 82 children enjoyed two week classes in Drawing, Acrylics, Photography, Mixed Media and Clay Sculpting.

**Wilma Roy** was our No. 1 Gallery seller for the month of June.

**PASS THE WORD.** Tell a neighbor or a friend about River Region Art Association. Invite them to visit our Gallery. Invite them to join our Association.

**PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

Aug 24	Deadline for selling ads for Awesome Art booklet
Aug 26	August General Meeting, Open to all members.
Sept 6	Board Meeting
Sept 15	Take-in for donated art for Awesome Art Raffle
Sept 23	September General Meeting. Open to all members.

**OPEN PAINTING DAY** has been changed from Monday at the Library to **Wednesday at the Gallery** starting this month. This is a drop-in art session for the purpose of getting together to paint or sketch. This is a great way to get to know your fellow artists and RRAA members. Just grab your paints or pencils and show up. Starts at 9:30 AM. Strictly informal.

**PLEASE REMEMBER. RIVER REGION ART ASSOCIATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. WE RELY ON UNPAID VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THE GALLERY OPEN AND THE ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONING. PLEASE COME TO MEETINGS AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP US REALIZE OUR MISSION TO PROMOTE LOCAL ARTISTS AND MAKE ART ACCESSIBLE TO ALL IN THE RIVER REGION.**