



# River Region Art Association Newsletter

October 2009

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The September Board meeting was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the Art Center. Those present were: Betty Marks, president; Aileen Pine, secretary; John Robbins, parliamentarian; and Shirley Russell, Newsletter.



## NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The official nominations have been turned in by Elaine Champagne and Linda Simms who were the Nominating Committee. We thank you for your work. The election of officers will take place at the membership meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. at the Art Center. Place this on your calendar now and BE THERE to vote!

President	Betty Marks
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Carolyn Milner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Cy Rawls
Treasurer	Donna Braud
Secretary	Aileen Pine
Parliamentarian	John Robbins
Members-at-Large	Elaine Champagne Gene Ferguson Jan Hebert
Newsletter	Shirley Russell
Publicity	Donna Braud



## OUR VERY OWN MOVIE STAR, DONNA BRAUD!!!

**Donna Braud** will be making the rounds on TV to advertise the Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens. She will appear with Chef Jeremy Langlois of Houmas House to promote the festival. Thursday, October 1 they will tape Around the Town Show which will air Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 on Cox 4 and LCN. Then Donna and the Chef will do a live show with Kelley Hennessey on WAFB-TV Channel 9 on Saturday, October 3 at 8 a.m. Then early morning on Monday, October 5 at 5 a.m. Donna and Chef Jeremy will do a show with Whitney Vann 2une In, Channel 2.

Soon it will be time for the REAL SHOW TO GO ON. . . Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens! Tell all your friends to come!

We, the members, thank you **Donna** for your dedication and hard work for our organization!

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome all new RRAA members and invite you to bring your family and friends to *Awesome Art* in Autumn Gardens at Houmas House on October 10 and 11 to enjoy a wonderful weekend full of art, culture, music, dance, nature, and history all wrapped into one! Also enter the *Awesome Art Competition* and compete for ribbons and \$1,600 in prize money. Bring your entries to Houmas House on Thursday, October 8 from 1-7 p.m.

## RRAA MEMBER SKIP GOLDSTEIN

Skip Goldstein has had a hip replacement and is in rehabilitation. We wish him a speedy recovery!



## WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Roberta Loflin will teach a basic watercolor class including the elements of design. She will teach four Saturdays: October 24, 31, November 7, 14. The cost is \$88, and the time will be from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Students will work from their own photos on their own level. For her supply list, please go to [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org).

## DOCENT TRAINING

Since there is no one in charge of Docent Training, the president suggested that any one who needs new docent training, credit card training, or a refresher should go to the Art Gallery at Houmas House, look at the Calendar, and determine what day they would like to train; then call the person who is signed up as docent for that day and ask if they can train with them.



## MONTHLY THEME ART EXHIBIT

The September's monthly theme "Sugar and Spice and Snips and Snails" has a winner! The first place went to Dawn Broussard for her entitled "Study of Bree," a pencil drawing. Please stop by to see this creative piece of work! Congratulations!

October will not have a monthly theme due to *Awesome Art* at Houmas House. However, November's monthly theme is "Things Remembered." Any media is accepted. Bring in your art work on the first two Thursdays and Saturdays of November! The Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## CHARGE FOR BOOTHS AT ART GUMBO MARKET

President Betty Marks announced that vendors at Art Gumbo Market should be charged \$10 per booth beginning in January 2010. She said that the membership will decide on this at the next Membership Meeting.



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Our new October artist-of-the-month is **Sylvia Rochester!** A life-long resident of Baton Rouge, Sylvia currently resides at Bayou Corne. She is a graduate of L.S.U. with a B.S. in the College of Arts and Science with a concentration in Fine Arts and English.

Always anxious to learn new techniques and further refine her skills, Sylvia has studied through workshops and classes under numerous well-known artists such as Naomi Brotherton, Joan Salvant, Henry Casselli, John Reed Campbell, Bela Bodo, Connie Coogan, Becky Knolls and Gayle Rivere. Realism is the essence of her paintings, and she constantly strives to detail on canvas what nature so generously offers.

An avid outdoors person, Sylvia is often seen running the bayous and marshes of south Louisiana in her boat, photographing scenes for future paintings. Along the way, she doesn't hesitate to stop and pull in a mess of fish. She is blessed with two sons and six grandsons who bring to her an elixir of youth and fill her life with love.

When not painting, Sylvia turns her creative talents to writing. A member of the national and local chapters of Romance Writers of America, she has five books in publication with two publishers and is currently seeking an agent for her sixth completed novel. While past president of the Baton Rouge Genealogical & Historical Society, she co-authored *Introducing Genealogy Into the Curriculum and self-published Rochester Descendants in American, Vols. I & II*. She is a member of the Baton Rouge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Issac Monet Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

When President Kennedy said, "ask not," Sylvia answered his call and served two years as a teacher with the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. But no matter how far the journey, Louisiana always beckons her home. Hers is a love affair with the mystery and majesty of the bayous.

Her work will be on display at the Art Gallery at Houmas House from October 1 through October 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on how to order her painting and books, visit her website at [www.sylviarochester.com](http://www.sylviarochester.com).



## AWESOME ART FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jan Hebert needs several volunteers for two separate things. She needs volunteers for Thursday, October 8 for "take-in art" between the hours of 1-7 p.m. If you can work only a few hours, that's OK, just call and tell her.

Also Awesome Art needs volunteers for Saturday, October 10 from 6:45-10 a.m. to help Jan direct the demonstrators and booth people to their spots.

If you can help a few hours, call Jan Hebert on her cell at 933-1582 and leave a message if she doesn't answer; she may be at work. She will return your call as soon as possible! Jan **needs a response by October 7<sup>th</sup>** if you can help. Thank you, Jan!

**SINCE WE HAVE AWESOME ART OCTOBER 11, THERE WILL BE A COMBINATION MEMBERSHIP/BOARD MEETING AT THE ART CENTER ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 2 P.M.**