Monthly Newsletter for Members of
ART LEAGUE OF FORT BEND & FORT BEND ART CENTER

Here’s a reminder on how this works:

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Meetings, Demos, and Events

November 25, 2019 - Meeting
Demo / workshop featuring Sally Babbitt
$65 members, $80 non members
Christmas Party reservation payment due

Come Vote November 25th for:
Bylaws Change
New Board Members

November 30, 2019 - 10 am - 5 pm
Rosenberg Shop Small Cookie Walk

December 6—7, 2019 - Christmas Nights

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January 27, 2020—Meeting
Demo/workshop featuring Debbie Rodriguez

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Studio Artist are encouraged to be in their studios.
Members are invited to come and enjoy the festivities.

Customers can pick up their Cookie Walk Passport at Another Time Soda Fountain. The Passport will include a map with all 24 stops listed. The first 100 customers will receive a goodie bag.
in Historic Downtown Rosenberg

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CHRISTMAS NIGHTS
DEC. 6 AND 7

Friday, Dec. 6
6 - 9 p.m.

Tree Lighting (6 p.m.)
Santa Selfies (6 - 8:30 p.m.)
Decorated Christmas Tree Voting
Dinner Under the Stars
Ice Skating
Kettle Korn
Snow Slide

Saturday, Dec. 7
3 - 9 p.m.

Santa Pictures (6 - 8:30 p.m.)
Downtown Merchant Activities
Decorated Christmas Tree Voting
Ice Skating
Trackless Train
Tanks Paintball
Craft Vendors
Food Vendors
Snow Slide
Christmas Carolers

* Dinner Under the Stars is a separate, ticketed event featuring a catered meal and performance by CAST Theatrical Co.

For information, contact Carrie Mannel at Cmannel@Rosenbergtx.gov or call (832) 595-3520.
Dinner
UNDER THE STARS
in Historic Downtown Rosenberg

Rosenberg CHRISTMAS NIGHTS
Dec. 6 | 6 p.m.

PERFORMANCE BY CAST THEATRICAL CO.

MEALS CATERED BY: Ol’ Railroad Cafe, Old Main Street Bakery, and Bob’s Taco Station

TICKETS: $50 (limited tickets available)

CONTACT: Carrie Marmol
Civic Center and Events Manager
(832) 595-3520
cmarmol@rosenbergtx.gov
STUDENT PIANO RECITAL
Performed By Students of
Elise Beckett Russell
December 8, 2019
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Students and Performers of Elise Russell who range from 8 years old to 18 years old and are very excited will share the Christmas spirit with us. The event will be catered by Cheryl Sedivec and parents of the performers. We welcome all ALFB members and the public. If you do not know Elise, she also a member of ALFB (stained glass).

Elise Russell
281-240-8290

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www.usgtx.com
https://www.facebook.com/WowLookAtThatPicture/?ref=bookmarks
https://twitter.com/stainedglasstex
https://www.etsy.com/shop/UniqueStainedGlassCo?ref=search_shop_redirect
Ol’ Railroad Café

Date: Dec 9, 2019
Cost: $12.00

We will have a meeting Nov 25, 2019 and your payment needs to be turned in on or before the meeting. The menu will be similar to last year. There is limited seating so get your payment in. We need a volunteer to be the contact person to keep track and receive payments for the meal.

Please contact Diana Miller if you can help at dianamillerartist@gmail.com
Richeson75 International 2019 Art Competitions

Figure/Portrait 2019
♦ In Gallery Exhibit: October 24 - December 14

Awards

Only artwork actually shown in the gallery exhibit is eligible for awards.

♦ Best In Show - $5,000 cash
♦ 1st (each category) - $500 cash plus a $1,000 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson & Co.
♦ 2nd (each category) - $250 cash plus a $750 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson & Co.

For more details follow the link to
http://richeson75.com/pages/prospectus/FigurePortrait.html

Animals, Birds & Wildlife ONLINE 2019

♦ Online Exhibit opens December 2

Awards

♦ Best In Show - $2,500 cash
♦ 1st - $1,000 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson & Co.
♦ 2nd - $750 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson & Co.
♦ 3rd - $500 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson & Co.
♦ People's Choice - $500 certificate for art materials from Jack Richeson

For more details follow the link to
http://richeson75.com/pages/prospectus/Animals.html
About the CFA Artist of the Year 2019 Award contest

For the 3rd year, we invite artists working in painting, photography, sculpture, collage, printmaking, ceramics, digital media, mixed media and new media to submit their artwork in order to compete for the CFA Artist of the Year 2019 Award.

Contest Deadline: December 1, 2019

Participation Cost
20 Euro per image entry

How are the winners selected? The winning artists will be judged only from the specific images/artwork they submit to this contest. Our director will also closely examine any links provided to the artists' portfolio and examine a series of criteria including the aesthetic, creative and technical aspects of their artwork, the artist's career, biography, and statement.

Contest Results to be announced by: December 15, 2019.

See Award Details at: https://circle-arts.com/artistoftheyear-2019/
Submit Your Artwork to: https://circlearts.formstack.com/forms/artist_of_the_year_2019
DEADLINE TO ENTER: DEC. 13, 2019
In Loving Memory of

Babs Wilson

5/9/52 - 11/4/19

By: Debbie Rodriguez
If you were to get a glimpse into the Book of Life under Babs Wilson, the description for her would be: wacky, original, dynamo, encourager, a ball of happiness, tenacity, bubbly, humorous, full of life, upbeat, optimistic, generous, courageous, catalyst, medical miracle.

Babs started painting in 2004 in California as a form of therapy when her husband Ted was dying of cancer. It was during this time in her life that she found she loved to paint. So, when she moved to Texas to live with her daughter and family, Babs joined the ALFB. This was some 9-10 years ago after meeting Barbara White at a Sip N Paint event. She went on to take lessons from Barbara White and Reg Stark. When the Gallery opened, Babs was right there with her kind of cool, kind of creepy, crazy beautiful works of art. Babs felt blessed and honored to be in the Gallery and said that it meant everything to her. She once told me that she found her piece of heaven here.
I first met Babs 27 years ago in Los Angeles through a mutual friend. We went on to become life-long friends. We serve on the board of the Pasadena Branch of the Arthritis Foundation, she introduced me to my husband Jim, and she got me involved in all sorts of things whether I wanted to do them or not. And yes, she was as wacky and loud from the first day I met her to the day she passed.

When I first told Babs that I was going to move to Houston three years ago, I told her that I was afraid that I would not be able to meet any friends. Babs told me to hurry up and get here because I was going to join the Art League and I had nothing to say about it. She was right of course, because she got me involved and I found my place with the Art League and Gallery and have made some very special friendships.

Babs was always generous, to a fault, and always sought to bring people together and make them feel welcome or make them feel better about themselves or their circumstances. She always remembered the small details about everyone and everything and tried to do good things for whoever needed it. When our mutual friend died earlier this year from pancreatic cancer, Babs knew how upset I was and painted the above picture and called it “Flowers for Debbie.” I will cherish this picture forever.
Babs talked a lot, was loud, and was funnier than anyone I ever knew. I used to tell her “Babs, use your inside voice,” and we would laugh and she eventually got in the habit of talking soft around me. We always joked about her not having a filter and blurt ing out everything that came to her mind, whether it was appropriate or not. I’m going to miss that.

Babs came close to death more than once throughout her life but you would never have known it because she always had a smile on her face and love in her heart. In spite of Babs’ difficulties and hardships through the years, she always seemed to find adventure and radiated joy even in bad circumstances. This was especially demonstrated during this past year, when she was struggling with all of her medical issues. She always tried to find glimmers of hope that things would get better and that she would be able to be with her friends and family and back at the Gallery painting.

Babs was able to overcome many obstacles in her life and never lost her sense of humor and lust for life. If she were here, she’d tell you that God, family, friendship, and art was the key to her life success.

She was unique and I loved her dearly. She was a force of nature and she was my friend, my hero, and now my Angel.
ART CENTER INFO

**Open art days** will be on Tuesday and Fridays (as class space allows) from 10am - 5pm. All members are welcome to bring your supplies and work with other artists in the classroom.

**Live Model Sessions** will be the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the 5th street classroom with Robin Williamson.

**The classroom schedule** is available on the website for viewing only. To add or delete classes contact Portia Bell artbyportia@sbcglobal.net

**New!!! Team up calendar link** to view classes, model sessions, and workshops is now featured on the Art League website. Click on what interests you to see more details.

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**2018-2019 Board**

Be sure to thank the following members for serving. They put in many hours to make our league a great place to create and sell art.

REMEMBER they are all volunteers and welcome your suggestions not your criticism.

President - Diana Miller  
1st Vice President - Anne Gregory (Publicity & Marketing)  
2nd Vice President - Portia Bell (Workshops & coordinate classes)  
Secretary - Brenda Bowman  
Treasurer - Karen Gehse  
At Large 1 - Kathy Golden (Membership)  
At Large 2 – Mary Lynch
Membership Renewal
January 2020

ALFB memberships are renewed every year in January. To help us keep track of renewed memberships we are asking ALL MEMBERS to please fill out a Membership Renewal form and submit your payment along with the form. The Membership Renewal form is then filed in the Membership Book as proof of payment. We have tried to make it convenient for you to pay for your membership renewal by giving you several options for payment:

Payment by Check

If you walk in with a check, please make sure to fill out the Membership Form and attach your check to the form. Please make your check payable to ALFB. Please make sure that your Membership form and your check are turned into the Membership Chair.

Payment by Credit Card

If you walk in and use a credit card, please turn in the completed Membership Renewal form and have the Gallery worker mark “PAID” on the form. Please ask the Gallery worker to record the payment, along with your name, in the desk sales book. Please make sure that your Membership form is turned into the Membership Chair.

Online Payment

If you renew your membership online with a credit card, please drop off or mail in your completed Membership form and note on the form that you paid your Membership renewal online, along with the date of the payment. Please make sure your Membership form is turned into the Membership Chair.

You may want to confirm with the Membership Chair that your completed Membership form and check have been received.

If you have any questions regarding Membership, please contact:
Kathy Golden (through January 2020) or Anne Perez (after January 2020)
Unit F, 1/2 of the room - $75 per month
Unit H, 1/2 of the room - $127 per month

If you are interested in renting a space, please contact Diana or Kathy for additional space and price information or to be placed on a waiting list.

Diana dianamillerartist@gmail.com
Kathy kathy@txgoldens.com
Classes and Workshops

For the November calendar, follow the link to view the classes offered.

https://teamup.com/kso32mf1nkw6hx85yi

Demos and Workshops immediately following Monthly Meeting

01/27/20 - PMC 101 - Precious Metal Clay with Debbie Rodriguez
02/24/20 - Demo / workshop featuring Chuck Rawle
03/23/20 - Demo / workshop featuring Mary Lowe
04/27/20 - Featuring Russell Autry - Photography

Offsite Classes

Ongoing, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
**Adult and Children Classes**, Various Media,
Instructor: Janet Green
Text: 832-646-6923 or
Email: janet@janetgreenart.com
for schedule and more information,
$15 to $30 per class, Sugar Land.

Ongoing, Flexible Schedule,
**Ceramics Beginner or Refresher**, 
Cisco Kolkmeier, call her at
281-846-8057 for more information,
$35 per visit, Rosenberg.
Alla Prima Oil Painting Class

With Artist, Sue Zelko

Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
starting January 9, 2020, through May 25, 2020

At the Fort Bend Art Center, 2012 Avenue G, Rosenberg, Texas.

The class will cover color theory and mixing, composition, painterly brushwork and alla prima (direct) painting techniques with oil paints, working from your own photos or sketches.

Cost of the class is $45 per week, payable monthly.

Sue Zelko painted her first oil painting at age 10, took art electives in school, and received her bachelors degree in art and design from UCLA. After moving to Houston, she continued her studies at the Lowell Collins School of Art, with classes in life drawing and painting, watercolor and oil painting. She has continued to hone her craft by taking workshops from numerous well-known and respected artists over the last ten years. She has taught art to grades one through eight, and some adult and private classes.

Please contact Sue Zelko at suezelko@att.net, or 281-639-7412, to sign up for class and get supply list.
Salli Babbitt

Mini-Workshop

November 25, 2019 (12:30-2:30)

Pick a collage, free form, or a mixture to create gorgeous pieces of art!

Ms. Babbitt will be bringing several sizes to work with so nothing can be too scary!

She will do a quick demonstration using resin, acrylics, and alcohol inks!

So exciting! Just dive in and enjoy!!

Members: $65.00; Non-Members $80.00

1226 7th Street San Leon, TX 77539

Cell: (713) 870-5120
Salli Babbitt
Mini-Workshop
November 25, 2019 (12:30-2:30)

Collage in wet colored resin

Colored alcohol links in wet colored resin

Colored lines of acrylics in wet resin

Acrylics in resin
In this beginning class students will learn the basics in working with Precious Metal Clay (PMC). You will have the opportunity to create your own fine silver pendant and/or earrings using texturized plates and shapes. No jewelry making experience necessary.

The cost of the class is $125.00. This price will include 15g of PMC for you to use and take home. All tools and supplies will be available to borrow and use. All you have to do is show up with your creativity.

Class is limited to 12 students so sign up now to secure a spot.

Come join me and Let’s Create!
LIVE LAUGH AND PAINT

- Private Events
- Groups
- Churches
- Canvas & wine
- Glass Painting
- Family & Friends
- Birthdays

Parties for all ages - All supplies included.

At the Team building events, bridle showers, birthday parties, holiday parties, baby showers and more. Lots fun in a joyful environment.

Fort Bend Art Center Annex
2205 Ave I Rosenberg TX 77406

Call for Appointments—Jackie Pena at 832-878-6555.

www.facebook.com/LiveLaughandPaint
Prayer Corner

Mike Hildebrand
Eugenia Garcia
Sue Roe and Husband
Grace Haggerty and Husband
Leah Blasingame and Husband

Blessings on the caretakers of our Members
Blessings on our Members who are caretakers
And Blessings for all who are suffering that are not mentioned
If you don't tell me, I don't know

We want to know if you win awards or are recognized at some event. We would also like to tell our members about events around town and in the general Houston area. So, if you want me to put something in the newsletter, email me before the 25th of the month at: debbiesuerod@gmail.com. Any submission after the 25th will be placed in the next newsletter.

There is a suggestion box at the gallery desk. All members are welcome to place suggestions in the box. If you would like the board to respond to your request be sure to put your name on your submission. We received a request for lectures on art history through periods of history. If you would like to participate or know of someone who could present an art history lectures please contact one of the board members.
Art Related Items for Sale

Resources

Amazon Smile
Craft Hut & Armstrong Ultra Panels with Fabric

Included: 10’ x 10” Craft Hut with 2’ Sunshade

Featuring
• Four fully zippered sidewalls
• Double wide skylight
• Dual heat and wind vents
• Telescoping legs
• PVC rafters included awning zippers front and back
• Storage bags for canopy and structure
12 - Armstrong Ultra Panels with bottom panels with Flourish, fireproof fabric covers. All are in prime condition, ready for show setup.
Total New Retail $4,000 - $2,500 - OBO - Plus: shipping if needed
ART SUPPLIES

Wind River Arts

Rosemary & Co artist brushes. Wind River Arts is offering to deliver brushes to ALFB for anyone that wants them.

Chuck Rawle
www.windriverarts.com
Phone: 972-342-4947.
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