

## GVAL NEWSLETTER May, 2008



Gilbert Visual Art League provides local artists with opportunities to exhibit their work in the community, to form associations with other artists, and to practice and improve their art skills. The organization strives to benefit both the artists and the community by promoting workshops, classes, and exhibits as well as coordinating volunteer opportunities to foster arts and art appreciation in Gilbert.

### *A note from GVAL board members...*

Dear Members,

Hi everyone.

### **!Election!**

Election of new members of the board will be held at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Nomination forms with descriptions of the duties of the board positions are to be found on the forms page of our web site at [www.gval.org](http://www.gval.org) and with this newsletter.

We do have volunteers for the newsletter position. We still need volunteers or nominations for the other positions. A suggestion made at the last meeting was to have co-chairs for the board positions which is a good idea. Please consider serving in one of the board positions alone or with a co-chair. Contact Lana Leibow at the email or phone listed in the board member section to volunteer or nominate someone. Please get this information in soon, so that the ballots can be ready for the meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We suggest talking with the person or people that you wish to nominate from among our membership for a position on the board to see if that person is willing to serve. Nominations are due at the end of April and the election will be conducted at the May meeting.

### **Show opportunity**

We have an ongoing venue to show our art on the walls of their business, *The Coffee Cove*, at 538 S. Gilbert Rd. between Elliot and Warner, a short way north of Lowe's. There is space for about three to five artists to show at a time and the art will be changed about every 4 weeks. GVAL will charge a \$15 fee per artist to hang your art in the coffee house. If you are interested in showing your art in this venue, please contact Michelle Cornelius at [mozaic@mindspring.com](mailto:mozaic@mindspring.com) or at 480-545-4515

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Lana Leibow

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## Learning opportunities

Jean Smith will be having a drawing class beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup> to run for six weeks. This class will be on Wednesday mornings from 9 am – 12 noon. She also has an ongoing painting class on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. You may contact Jean at [jeanaes@aol.com](mailto:jeanaes@aol.com) or 480-497-0677 for particulars.

Sandra Wilderman will be offering another beginning watercolor class through Art on Boston in late June. For particulars, call 480-917-1112

## Member activity

Our best of show winner from our recent art show, Edward Kinnally, has received another honor. He received a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize in last month's "Geometric Shapes and Fractals" competition at 'A Singular Creation' for an art piece entitled "Dragon Skin". Refer to the blog page of our web site for directions to how you can view this artwork on your computer. Congratulations to Ed for receiving this honor.

## Get Well Wishes

Two of our members have been suffering from serious illnesses that have required hospitalization within the last month. Please join us in heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery for Andy Kirshberg and Shirley Goodridge. We miss you and hope you feel better soon.

## WEBSITE

Our website at [www.qval.org](http://www.qval.org) is updated weekly. The blog is up and running now and our blogger welcomes input. Let us know if you have any ideas to make our web site even better.

## May Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be on May 1st, 2008 with the regular meeting and speakers at 6:30 pm. There will not be a critique this month due to time constraints.

One of our speakers this month is George Lenz. George is retired after 40 years in the computer industry. One of his life's desires has been to be a photographer. Approximately a year ago, he started working towards the goal of producing high quality photography. His mission is to provide high quality images that are pleasing to the eye by changing ordinary photography into fine works of art and providing pieces that one would be proud to display in one's home or place of business.

George suggests that you bring your digital camera to the meeting. He will be going over the basic controls and will try to answer questions.

Our second speaker will be David Higley. David introduced himself to us at the end of the art show at the museum. He is a Frank Covina trained artist. David plans to talk with us about using glazing to enhance our oil landscapes.

### Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **May 1st, 2008 at 6:30 PM**. We will be meeting at *Page Park Center* at 120 N Oak Street in Gilbert. This is on the northwest corner of Bruce Ave and Oak St. It is two blocks north of Elliot and two blocks west of Gilbert Rd. Map to this location is on the web site on the calendar page.

*-Georgia, Lana, Helen, Jean, Rose, Andy and Ed*

### Upcoming meetings

**May:** George Lenz – Digital Photography  
David Higley – Oil Glazing on landscapes

Election of board members

**June:** Social at the Coffee Cove at 538 S. Gilbert Rd with a critique, meet our new officers and participate in games. This will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Michelle Cornelius at [mosaic@mindspring.com](mailto:mosaic@mindspring.com) or 480-545-4515 so that we can plan things properly.

# **Gilbert Visual Artists' League Board Member Election**

Nominations must be made by the end of April. Election is to be held at the May monthly meeting.

## **Positions:**

Chairperson – current – Georgia Mulholland – would like to retire

### **Duties:**

1. Schedule and conduct regular meetings of the GVAL governing board.
2. Preside over all general meetings and activities of the GVAL organization.
3. Guide and motivate the members of GVAL to accomplish the vision and mission of GVAL in the community.
4. Be the primary interface for GVAL with local organizations and government bodies.

## **Nominations:**

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Secretary/Treasurer – current – Lana Leibow – would like to retire

### **Duties:**

1. Provide an agenda for the committee meetings
2. Maintain minutes of the committee meetings
3. Periodically update the committee on the status of the GVAL funds and budget
4. Prepare and present to members annual financial report

Current office holder also handles membership coordinator.

### **Duties:**

1. Make available membership forms at all GVAL meetings.
2. Collect forms and fees for new members and dues of existing members.
3. Retain the data from membership forms and provide this information to the board. This includes contact information and other pertinent information on the members.
4. Provide new members and renewing members with a card as evidence of membership and expiration date.
5. Notify members in advance of expiration and provide the renewal information.

## **Nominations:**

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**Monthly Meeting Coordinator – current – Helen Marquardt – resigning**

**Duties:**

1. **Work with the committee to develop plans for all of the monthly GVAL meetings. The meeting should be planned several months in advance.**
2. **Be the primary contact for persons who will present at the monthly meetings.**
3. **Book the meeting place and see what resources may be needed by the presenter and that the resources are in place for the presenter.**

**Nominations:**

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**Featured Artist Coordinator/s – current – Jean T. Smith - resigning**

**Duties:**

1. **Seek opportunities to display the work of local artists in the community.**
2. **Collect and maintain information regarding GVAL artists who are seeking opportunities to display work. This information will consist of details that are important for the featured artist’s purposes such as: type of work, size of work, availability and son on.**
3. **Schedule and execute featured artists’ exhibits.**

**Nominations:**

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**Annual Art Show Coordinator/s – current – Jean T. Smith - resigning**

**Duties:**

1. **Select a committee for organizing one or more art show.**
2. **Work with local government and private organizations to coordinate and organize the show.**
3. **Propose a budget for the show on a per show basis. Propose fund raising activities. Monitor and control expenses within budget.**
4. **There are numerous details for the art shows such as: publicity, call to artists, awards, reception... These details will not be listed here.**

**Nominations:**

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**Publicity and Newsletter Coordinator – current – Rose Wells - resigning**

**Duties:**

- 1. Maintain a list of newspaper and other publicity contacts.**
- 2. Contact newspapers and other information outlets regarding GVAL activities.**
- 3. Complete a monthly newsletter and send it to all GVAL members and other interested parties.**

**Nominations:**

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