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President's Corner

WOW! Where did all this action come from?

I agreed to accept the chairmanship of a small committee and suddenly one of your friends elected herself to be campaign chairwoman to elect me as president!

I can't deny that I am pleased but I hardly feel worthy. I haven't been an artist very long and my skills are so minimal that I really only started calling myself an artist recently. I think my worst skill is that I didn't see all the work coming with this task, principally with the change over in people.

Having said that I think we are going to have a wonderful year. You have elected a very talented board that is going to lead us to new heights in the Slidell Art League. Thank you for the honor you have paid me and the support you have set up for me with the new board and especially the extremely tal-

ented Sharon DeLong as our Executive Director. Her credentials looked to be far more than we expected and she is even exceeding that! What a great person. You will get all the help you need from Sharon.



As artists, we talk a lot about value. And we are not, as you know referring to intrinsic worth. No, we are talking about the depth of color on a scale of one to ten. We use value to provide life to our paintings, clarifying shapes as

we alternate values, creating depth, adding interest with strong changes and even performing real magic by directing the viewer's eye where we want it to go. Value is one of the earliest skills we discuss and yet it seems that it takes us about a hundred paintings to begin to see some of the things that value can do for us.

We have the untouched canvas of a year before us, we have some 209 different tubes with skills to select and we have the wonderful scenes of southeast Louisiana and Slidell begging our talents to make this the best year ever for art.

I hope you will join me in setting our goals high: 100 new members, addition of 2 new successful shows, raising funds to allow us breathing room for next year, expanding our educational outreach, growth in personal skills for all,

Don Edwards

New Executive Director for SAL!

Sharon DeLong, a 7-year resident of Slidell, joins the SAL as Executive Director of the Gallery and Gift Shop. With an official start date of June 9th, DeLong's goals are to have the Art League's Gallery and Gift Shop organized and running efficiently within the next few months.

DeLong is experienced in

working with volunteer organizations, as well as helping people realize their highest potential with her work in self-development. Upon her announcement as ED, DeLong stated, 'I am excited to be assisting such a great group of people and about helping grow the organization by becoming more visible in the community.'



New Board of Directors Elected

At our regular meeting, May 12, League members present elected a new Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 year.

The following Board of Directors were installed at the June 9 membership meeting: President-Don Edwards; Vice President-Lynda Donaldson; Secretary-Salenah Cooper; Treasurer-Pink LaGrange; Show Chairman-April Holifield; Education Chair-Mike Remy; Hospitality Chair-Ruth Ann Weeks; Publicity-Richard Ray; OPTA Chair-Bruce Hume; SALT Chair-Mary Christopher; Fundraising Chair-Janet Wing; Business Relations-Sandy Dixon.



Volunteering for the Slidell Art League is my cup of tea!!



We're on the web!
www.slidellartleague.com

Kathleen DesHotel at Slidell Museum



"Good Grooming"

Slidell Museum

2020 First Street, Slidell

Museum hours:

Tuesday-Saturday

9 am-4 pm

"One can have no smaller or greater mastery than mastery of oneself."

Leonardo da Vinci

A Celebration of the Arts

This year's event will kick off at Friday with an Artists Reception at the Train Station Depot Gallery & Gift Shop from 7pm-9pm.

Show Chairman, April Holifield, encourages everyone to come out, to enjoy an evening of art appreciation with family and friends.



The show will be displayed from June 13-July 11, and over 86 entries were carefully judged by Lynne Weeks of Mobile, AL.

Upcoming Workshops:

- June 14 Watercolor with Don Edwards
 \$50 in advance
 \$60 at the door
- June 21 Pastel with Jean Lajuanie
 \$50 Members
 \$60 Non-members
- June 28 Peer Critiques
 No fee

Join the fun at the Gallery & Gift Shop...volunteer today!

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May 2008 ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Richard Ray
'The Young Dancer'

Congratulations to our Master and Apprentice winners for May!

Second Place Winners:

Master Level
Ed Balcourt
'Our Real Heros'

Apprentice Level
Camella Dimitri
'Spring Has Sprung'



Jean Frondorf
'The Majestic Stare'

"The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection."
Michelangelo

A French Night Out

A social was held for the newly elected and past board members May 21, 2008 at Jasmine French Restaurant on Front Street.

President-elect, Don Edwards, hosted the event, and not only did everyone have a fabulous meal of French cuisine, but they got more acquainted with each other as well.

Our new Executive Director, Sharon DeLong, was also on hand to meet the new and retiring board members.

Publicity Chair, Richard Ray, said, "The night out was great, and we had a lot of fun. The only thing that we might add next time is a bunch of dancing girls!"


While that may not be

the case, the league does plan to have more gatherings like this one in order for us to get to know each other better.

As artists, we may have a tendency to spend more time alone than with other artists., but we would like to have more gatherings where we can meet and greet each other in a social setting.

Anyone with ideas of a social, call

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Creating art from the heart!



Our Mission:

The Slidell Art League offers a vehicle to artists who wish to improve their skills in the visual arts, whether in production, marketing and teaching. It also provides social interaction with other artists and patrons of the arts to assist in broadening the contact between the producer and the user of the art pieces. It also provides a retail outlet for art pieces produced by members and educational outreach for young as well as disadvantaged members of our area.

S.A.L.T. Happenings! *by Mary Christopher*

The Slidell Art League for Teens (SALT) recently celebrated a successful year under the capable leadership of past officers Blake Kenworthey, Sarah Denn, Taylor Krulisky, Cindy Richard, Lauren Lanning and Jasmyn White. After the regular May business meeting, pizza and Pictionary were enjoyed by this hard-working and talented group of young artists. Graduating seniors (Blake Kenworthey, Lauren Lanning, Lindsay Dale and Sarah Denn) were recognized for their many contributions to SALT and were encouraged to keep producing art, even if it is not destined to be their ultimate profession. The group enjoyed many fun projects during the past year, including wonderful demonstrations by Bruce Hume, Emile Henriques and Blake Kenworthey. Members also took turns sharing information and prints of some of their favorite artists, participated in numerous community events and produced posters for the Slidell Friends of the Library. In addition to face

painting, several members have developed an amazing talent for caricatures and pencil portraits. You should see them at work - **UNBELIEVABLE!!** Even though we are losing our truly irreplaceable graduates, we are encouraged to welcome new members Ryan DesHotel, Ashlee Haab and Brandon Esperance. We are already looking forward to another exciting year of bright new ideas and fun experiences in SALT with our newly elected leaders. SALT Artist of the Year is Taylor

New Officers for the 08-09
President: Taylor Krulisky,
Vice Pres: Jessica Fletschinger,
Secretary: Christopher Trosclair
Treasurer: Cindy Richard.

Krulisky will have his opening reception on August 8 at 6 p.m. at the SAL gallery,

so please plan to come and meet our new President and see his work - you are sure to be very impressed. SALT is scheduled to be the featured artists at the Slidell museum during the month of July, which is another not to be missed event. The students will be sharing their talents again on June 6 at the City of Slidell Kids Fest at Heritage Park from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and on June 12 at the 2008 Business and Community Showcase at the Harbor Center from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. And next time you are in need of caffeine you may want to go by PJs Coffee Shop on West Hall to check out the current SALT artist of the month winners. You know a good cup of coffee always tastes better when surrounded by fine art!

Any teen or adult who would like to become involved in this dynamic group is welcome to jump in - contact Mary Christopher at 985-641-5710 to find out how - We would love to have you

Enter the Slidell Art League Logo Contest!

*We're growing
from this:*



To this:

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your
entry
here ~*

Criteria: SAL & SALT Members only!

Logo must speak to the league's heritage and pride

Submit your artwork on CD to:

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Deadline: 4pm Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Grand Prize to be announced in the upcoming July issue of *The Artist's Palette*

Sponsored by: SAL Public Relations Committee, Richard Ray, Chairman