

January Program

Future Programs

January 26 Ginny Eckley: Program on Creativity

We are all creative in different ways. Learn what scientists and writers have to say about developing and increasing creativity. Find out what successful people in other fields do to problem solve. Listen to the latest discoveries on left and right-brain thinking. The talk is followed by slides showing Ginny's use of these ideas through her artwork.

Ginny Eckley's artistic endeavors range from creating and experimenting in her studio, to teaching art, and writing. A passion for nature has provided her with boundless ideas and mysteries to uncover. You may remember her amazing art quilts from the Federation show in Plano and the Dallas Quilt Show in 2008.

To learn more about Ginny, visit her website at www.fabricpainting.com.

January Mini-Workshop

January's Mini-workshop will be a demonstration of EZ silk screens conducted by Ginny Eckley. After the demo, participants can create silk screens for a kit fee of \$16 or \$36. (Several screens will be available for purchase or bring screens you have purchased from Ginny in the past.)

Please be on time if you are planning on participating in the mini-workshop.



Workshop

Painting with Seta Color

Saturday, January 24, 2009
10am to 4pm
Asel Art Supply
2701 Cedar Springs, Dallas

This incredible paint from France is designed for fabric and is truly exceptional. Learn how to get the most out of it. We'll use it with resists, mediums and thickeners. Best of all, it can be used on all fabrics, both synthetic and natural. Discover how to use opaque, transparent and metallic paints to achieve incredible colors and designs through layers.

What to Bring:

- * \$30 kit fee payable to Ginny
- * Wear clothes that can get messy.
- * Sack lunch or money for lunch out
- * Money for any registration balances owed to DAFA

February 23 Ed Noyce 'Why I Never Do the Same Thing Twice'

Mini-Workshop: Ed Noyce, weaving

March 23 Lisa Renner presents Mixed Media

<http://www.lisarenner.com/index.html>

Mini-Workshop: Denise Spillane, Spirit Dolls

April 27 Ellen Holt presents Tassel Making <http://www.ellensholt.com/>

Mini-Workshop: **TBA**

May Officer Turnover, Pot Luck and Art Swap

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Message from the President

Happy New Years!.....pant, pant.....

So much for easing into 2009. The year started with me scrambling to keep up with my resolution to begin entering my work in various shows and competitions. Between the DAFA member show, the Quilt Guild of Dallas and various Quilting Art explorations, I am already exhausted.

Then, there is Flo Barry's retrospective, a couple of rubber stamp shows, Tojour Couture, my art group, all the inaugural balls, Ginny Eckley, the Lunar New Year. And that is just January.

What are your goals/plans for 2009?

Every news show has been talking about how to set goals that you can accomplish. The key items are to write down your goals and be specific.

For example:

- * Bad Goal—I am going complete a quilt.
- * Better Goal-I am going to complete a quilt by June 30, 2009.
- * Even Better Goal-I am going to complete a pink patchwork quilt by June 30, 2009.

Here are some of my goals:

- * I am going to enter my work in at least three shows in 2009.
- * I am going to meet with my sewing mentor and complete one article of clothing a month.
- * I am going to attend three motorcycle rallies in 2009.
- * I am going to teach Red three new tricks in 2009.
- * I am going to drink more.

I have also hung a giant calendar next to my computer. I have highlighted my goals, written down entry dates, etc to help keep me on track. Get the idea.



Keep your fingers crossed and I will let you know how it works out.

Off to plan my nap for February,

Michelle

Birthdays

January

1/2	Sherrie Tootle
1/6	Reid Barnhart
1/14	Brenda Arrington
1/15	Edwin Noyce
1/20	Deborah Boschert
1/26	Carrie Ott



February

2/1	Pam Patton
2/14	Karen Arzamendi
2/26	Linda Thiemann
2/27	Brenda Wyatt



Member Exhibits

FLO BARRY: *An Artist Life's Work in Retrospection.* Exhibition at the Keller Town, 1100 Bearcreek Pkwy, Keller, Texas from January 5-30, 2009. Join us in celebrating the life and exceptional work of Flo Barry. For more information, email Flo at floartist@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Around Texas

Heirloom's Grapevine Rubber Stamp & Paper Arts Festival in Grapevine, Texas

January 10-11, 2009, For admission fees, festival hours and class schedule visit www.heirloompro.com/shows-grapevine-01-10-09.html.

StampScrapArtTour: Rubber Stamp, Scrapbook, Paper Crafts Show in Mesquite, Texas

January 17-18, 2009, For admission fees, show hours, class schedule and directions to the Mesquite Convention Center, visit www.stampscraparttour.com/infopage.asp?id=1.

Quilt Mania II

A collaborative exhibition of a wide variety of quilts from September 26, 2008 to April 1, 2009 at eighteen Dallas area cultural institutions. Visit www.QuiltMania.org for locations and dates.

Around Texas cont...

Dallas Art Dealers Association

Spring Gallery Walk - April 18, 2009 from 10 AM - 8 PM

The Dallas Art Dealers Association (DADA) will present its annual Spring Gallery Walk. Over 30 of DADA's member galleries, museums and non-profit art spaces throughout the Dallas area will be open for art lovers to socialize and roam in. This is a free event.

For more information, visit www.dallasartdealers.org.

Other Exhibits

White Stone Gallery's 2009 Juried Biblical Art Exhibition will be held January 16th—February 15th in Philadelphia, PA. Visit www.whitestonegallery.com (Gallery Menu) for more information.

27th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show: *Telling the American Story through the Art of Craft* will be held from April 23-26, 2009. Visit www.smithsoniancraftshow.org for more information.

Federation News

Celebrating Our Creative Spirit

The Federation of Fiber Artists' exhibition, which will be hosted by the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, will be October 3 - December 24, 2009, with the entry deadline **June 15, 2009**. Details are available in the membership directories. Work for the exhibition will be selected by Tim Harding, who is well known for his layered/slashed constructions. All Texas artists who work in fiber or fiber-related techniques are invited to submit up to three entries. Each entry must have been completed after October 1, 2007, and must not have been created under the supervision of a teacher or workshop instructor. For more information, contact Cindy Hickok at cynthiahickok@sbcglobal.net or pick up a brochure at the next DAFA meeting.

Call for Entries

Southern Open 2009

Juried by Eleanor Heartney, an accomplished art critic from New York, ***Southern Open 2009*** will be held *May 9 – July 25* at the Acadiana Center for the Arts in Lafayette, Louisiana. The Southern Open is a competitive juried exhibition that showcases the best of southern arts and crafts. The Main Gallery is the perfect setting

for all types of mediums: painting, photography, crafts, sculpture and multi-media installations. The exhibition is open to artists residing in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. For more information, visit www.acadianacenterforthearts.org/site365.php.

Virginia Spiegel - Collage Mania 2009

Call for artists of all mediums, to submit collage artwork. The collages will be auctioned May 5-7, 2009 with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Visit www.virginiaspiegel.com/CollageManiaCall08.html for details.



Texas Museum of Fiber Art (TMFA) 2009 Juried Exhibit *BIG as in Texas*



will be held over Memorial Day weekend at the Texas State Capitol—May 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2009. Entry deadline is April 5, 2009. Visit www.texasfiberarts.org for more information.

International Quilt Festival/ Long Beach: *Silver Screen II*—showcase of quilts dedicated to the film industry—the movies—the stars—the costumes—the sets—the locales. The exhibit will premier at International Quilt Festival/Long Beach, July 24—26 and possibly exhibit at Houston Market and Festival. Submission deadline is March 19, 2009. For more information, visit www.quilts.com/home/contests/index.php?page=Call%20ForEntries/intro&menu=entries.

The Main Street Gallery— Contemporary Fine Art - Groton, New York- *Light Fantastic Exhibition, June 11- July 19, 2009*. The theme of the artwork must be based on the subject of light, in either a physical, emotional, conceptual, cultural or spiritual way. Deadline of prospectus application is May 9, 2009. For more information, visit www.mainstreetgal.com/links.php?3643.

The Main Street Gallery— Contemporary Fine Art - Groton, New York—2009 National Small Art Quilt Works Exhibition—July 23—September 6, 2009. Deadline of prospectus application is June 13, 2009. For more information, visit www.mainstreetgal.com/links.php?3643.

Fiberart International 2010—Society for Contemporary Craft and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts—April 16 to August 22, 2010. Jurors: Mary Ruth Smith, Vibeke Riisberg, Rebecca A.T. Stevens. Entry deadline: August 21, 2009. For more information, visit www.fiberartinternational.org.

Our Supporters

Asel Art Supply Supports DAFA

Asel Art Supply is offering DAFA members a 20% discount on all non-sale items in their stores. You must present your membership card at the time of purchase. Saving money on art supplies is easy with six locations throughout the metroplex.

Thanks Asel Art Supply for supporting our artistic endeavors.

Visit Asel Art Supply's website at www.aselart.com for:

- * Location information
- * Product information, or
- * To sign-up for their newsletter



Links, Blogs and Things

Rhonda Douglass has discovered **NING**, a social networking tool that allows people with common interests to create a place to meet on the web. Rhonda's love is felting so she is part of the *Milliande Creativity Club - Soulful Mixed Media Art Explorations*. To visit/join Milliande, go to www.ning.com and enter Milliande in the Search box. (**Note from Editor**—this is a fun site. I joined Milliande and discovered free instructional videos on various topics and weekly challenges to spark your creativity.)



San Antonio Fiber Artist member Susie Monday has a new book on the shelves: ***New World Kids, The Parent's Guide to Creative Thinking*** To learn more about the book, visit www.newworldkids.org.

DAFA Bulletin Board

Missed last month's program? Catch up at www.dallasfiberartists.org/ProgramMins.html.

Check out a complete listing of **member websites**, go to www.dallasfiberartists.org/Links.htm. New this month: Sherrie Tootle.

Need a Ride or Want to Carpool? Don't stay home and miss our exciting programs and mini-workshops just because you can't drive at night. Call Diana Pease at 972-231-0659 and we will find someone who lives near you so you can come and enjoy the group.



Not receiving emails from the DAFA? It is likely that these communications are going into your spam filter. Please enter the following email addresses to your contacts list to ensure that you will receive future messages, meeting reminders, and newsletters.

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newsletter@dallasfiberartists.org

Newsletter Submissions

This is your newsletter! Please share any information about shows, events, accomplishments, classes, links, etc. Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month.

Pictures are welcome and should be in the jpeg format and no larger than 300 dpi. Information and stories should be edited and ready to put in the newsletter.

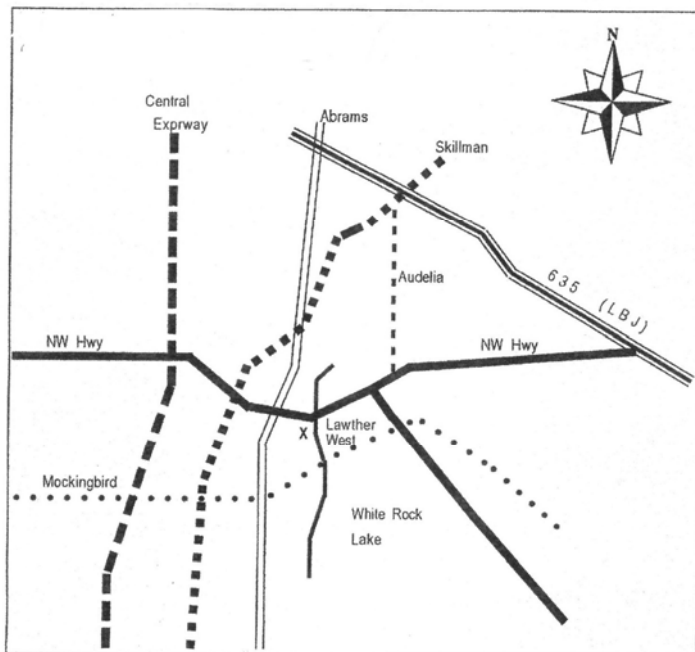
Email submissions or questions to Sherrie Tootle at newsletter@dallasfiberartists.org.

About DAFA

Dallas Area Fiber Artists is a non-profit organization, which promotes fiber arts and artists through education, workshops, and annual exhibitions. Our members are enthusiastic, creative people who explore and expand all facets of fiber arts. Monthly programs include lectures and demonstrations by professionals on varied subjects such as: stitchery, fabric painting, fabric manipulation, papermaking, paper as well as fabric collage, garment design, fiber jewelry, beading, altered books, free-form crochet and other aspects of fiber techniques and art. We are associated with the Texas Federation of Fiber Artists.

Membership is open to anyone who is actively involved in the creation of original fiber art or interested in its promotion as art. Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings.

We meet every 4th Monday of the month at The Point, Center for Arts and Education on the campus of C.C. Young Retirement Community. **The business meeting begins at 7:00 pm with program following.** Mini Workshops are scheduled before each program, so check the website or the newsletter for the latest information!



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