



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2009

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>January 08 Board Retreat St. Martinville</p> <p>09 ANNUAL MEETING ARTWALK Lafayette</p>	<p>February 08 Board Meeting</p> <p>13 ArtWalk Lafayette</p>	<p>March 08 Board Meeting</p> <p>13 Career Development Workshop ArtWalk Lafayette</p>
<p>April 10 ArtWalk (for Festival International) Lafayette</p> <p>12 Board Meeting</p> <p>21-25 Festival International Lafayette</p>	<p>May 08 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>10 Board Meeting</p> <p>19 Arts Advocacy Day Baton Rouge</p>	<p>June 12 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>14 Board Meeting</p>
<p>July 11 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>13 Board Meeting</p>	<p>August 01 White Linen Night New Orleans</p> <p>08 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>10 Board Meeting</p>	<p>September 11 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>13 Board Meeting</p>
<p>October 02 Art for Arts' Sake New Orleans</p> <p>09 ArtWalk Lafayette</p> <p>09-10 Festival Acadiens et Creoles Lafayette</p> <p>11 Board Meeting</p>	<p>November 08 Board Meeting</p> <p>13 Art Walk Lafayette</p> <p>25-26 LCES New Orleans</p>	<p>December 11 Art Walk LCG Mini Craft Fair – Sans Souci 12 X 12 Silent Auction Jefferson Street Market Lafayette</p> <p>13 Board Meeting</p>



Message from the President

Hi there.

I look forward to seeing you on January 9th at the **LCG Annual Meeting** in Lafayette. We've been working on our agenda and I think there will be an opportunity to meet some of the funding folks, join in discussions on the Guild's future and enjoy some time playing during the evening.

I wanted to thank all who contributed to the **CERF Silent Auction**. During the December Second Saturday ArtWalk, Luann Duhon manned the second phase of the Auction while Ellen Caillouet managed the annual **12x12** fundraiser auction at Jefferson Street Market. Thanks also to Margaret Brinkhaus for her organization of the 12x12. We'll let everyone know the outcomes of these two events at Annual Meeting.

The Board has agreed to mount a **professional development workshop** on March 13, 2010, in partnership with College Art Association and the Tremaine Foundation. Tentative plans call for the event to happen in Lafayette or the Lafayette area. As soon as details are finalized, we'll inform. This is the second workshop offered to visual artists, with the first held in Alexandria in 2008. We'll have more details as this develops.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10 AM on January 9th at Stan's, across from Sans Souci in Lafayette. We'll meet till about 2 or 3 and then take a break before ArtWalk and a roaming party for Guild members. Please plan on attending ArtWalk and follow your friends to.....You'll just have to be at Annual Meeting for all the details about Saturday nights plans.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of the LCG this past year. I am always amazed by your talents, creativity and your willingness to share technique and processes. It's been a challenging year. I think we've accomplished a lot and we have some exciting opportunities in 2010. I'll see you in a couple of weeks at Annual Meeting. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Doug Stannard
President

The following comments were part of the artist packet you received this last week and I feel the info warrants a second visit.

Hi there.

Hope you and your family are doing well. After all, it is the Holiday Season. As we wrap up another year in the fine craft arena, I am aware of how tight money is. Besides low sales at the radio stations, we've had to repair transmitters and audio processors to the tune of about 15K. The money we had to spend was not in the budget. But we had to spend to stay on the air. It's kind of a fact of life at least in the radio business. You know how it works. If you're not on the air, you don't pay the bills. The economy has created tight reigns on everyone's purse strings. I certainly understand.

In some cases we have choices, like whether or not to renew our membership in the Guild. My concern is that with the current economy our membership could decline and with a declining membership the only way to survive is to trim benefits. We have made tremendous strides over the past several years and I for one hate to go backwards.

I think of my membership dues as a basic for doing business today. Rather like electricity and water or heating or cooling costs. If membership costs \$120 a year, that breaks down to about \$10 a month (break that down to 2 value meals at Burger King) for a full year of member benefits...including website representation, selling your wares at Sans Souci, Barnwell, River Oaks, on-line store and new this year, the LCG on Julia gallery in New Orleans...Plus the prestige and recognition of being a Guild member.

With your support, we have added a new gallery in the heart of the arts district in New Orleans. And, it is an almost magical shopping experience. To find such works of art all in one facility, representing so many of Louisiana's fine craft artisans is pretty amazing. Probably one of the most amazing elements of the Julia location is we've been able to cover expenses for the past 3 months. Of course we've had some major shopping opportunities like White Linen Night and Art for Art's Sake that helped contribute to the bottom line. The true test will come in first and second quarter next year.

The bottom line is, we need you now. We need to continue to grow as an organization and continue to better



serve our members. The Board of Directors has and continues to work diligently for you. We strive to be Louisiana's premier arts organization but, we cannot succeed without your membership.

Please, as you divvy up your earnings and as you plan for 2010, join us for another exciting year in the fine craft industry! Thank you and I look forward to seeing EVERYONE at the annual meeting in Lafayette on January 9th!

Doug

ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 AM
Saturday, January 9th, 2010
Stan's Bar & Grill - Lafayette

LCG Website Committee Update

Seasons Greetings to everyone!

It's time to pay our annual membership dues and if you are registered on the website you should have received an e-mail instructing you to pay your dues via the website. As of this writing there were a few programming issues in the payment system but they should be resolved within a few days. Once resolved, I will send out an e-mail with more specific instructions on how to pay your dues.

Since this is our first year to use the website for payment we are following the process closely. So please let us know if you experience any problems.

You must make your dues payment by 3/1/10 or you will be required to re-jury. The website is programmed so that if payment is not made by the end of the year (12-31-09),

your "free" web page will no longer show until you make payment by the deadline.

We'd like to welcome Ze DeLuz to our Website Team! Ze is an experienced web designer and volunteered to help us out with keeping our site current. Thanks Ze- we really appreciate your time and assistance!

Our annual meeting will be on January 9th. If you still need to upload your information on the website and need assistance you can bring your information on a CD to the meeting so we can help you out. Please include a picture of you working on your craft, 5 photos (saved as a JPEG) of your work (it does not have to be items for sale, just a good representation of your work); your artist statement and artist biography which will display on the website. If you have any questions about what to write- look at what other artist have written on the site at <http://www.louisianacrafts.org/artists/list/>

Our goal is to have 100% of our artist registered on the website. Recently I have a lady from Houston contact me to do a large commission because she saw my Guild web page- so it is a great member benefit! So please do your part to help us make our goal!

If you have questions please contact me at ehbraz@aol.com

Liz Brazelton
Website Committee Chair

Membership Committee

Please welcome Shirley Devard as our new Membership Chair.

Membership packets were mailed out this week. Please take the time to check out all of the important information in your packet. 2010 dues can be paid online or mailed to the Guild office.



2010 LCG Board Nominations

The following will remain on the 2010 Board of Directors:

Suzanne Juneau - Past President
Bruci Gauthier – Standards Chair (2010)
Liz Brazelton (2010)
Shirley De'Vard (2011)
Annie Odell (2011)

Nominations for 2010 board positions include:

OFFICERS (One Year Term)

President - Doug Stannard
Vice President - Ellen Caillouet
Secretary - Lynn Langhoff
Treasurer - Luann Duhon

Board Members (Three Year Terms)

Susan Breeland
Ze DaLuz
Michelle Fontenot
Emma Hughes
Elaine Hurst
Mary Morgan
Miles Peterson

Random Observations from 2009

Kenny Greig writes:

Looking back at the year:

Have you noticed that the best weather for a craft show this year occurred either the day before or the day after the show.

In 2009, I missed the Girard Park dust of 2007 & 08. I had three shows that were a total wash out and several that were wet in various phases to various degrees.

In the Spring we are competing with the public's urge to either go to a craft show or to work in the yard, and many times the yard wins out. Whereas, in the Fall the competition comes from the Saturday LSU games and the Sunday Saints games, and there is no competition as it is only vendors looking at vendors..

Have you noticed that it takes 2 hours to set up and 20 minutes to break down; and even less if it is raining.

In spite the economy, imports from China , the weather and football games, it was a very good year, and you make me smile when I see each and everyone one of you. Wishing you well in 2010 and Merry Christmas.

Kenny Greig

Standards Committee

Next Application review: End of January 2010

Bruci Gauthier
Standards Chair

LCG Show at Alexandria Museum of Art

The Alexandria Museum of Art presents a Louisiana Crafts Guild Show during December 2009.



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LOUISIANA CRAFTS GUILD GALLERIES

Support the Crafts Guild Galleries by selling your work there. Here's the contact information for our galleries:

Sans Souci Fine Crafts Gallery, Lafayette

Hi Everyone,
We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Happy New Year!

Kimberly Jones- Gallery Manager
219 East Vermilion Street
Lafayette, LA 70501
337-266-7999

LCG Gallery on Julia Street, New Orleans

Cheryl Grace - Gallery Manager
608 Julia St.
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-558-6198
Gallery email: lcgonjulia@att.net

LCG Exhibit at the Vault, Lafayette

Acadiana Center for the Arts
101 W. Vermilion St., Lafayette, LA 70501
For more information call Bobby Bender at 337-233-7060

Tuesday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm
Closed Sundays, Mondays and all major holidays
Admission to the Vault free, fee is charged other exhibits.

"the store" at the Barnwell Center Shreveport



Whitney Lary- Gallery Manager 318-673-7703
601 Clyde Fant Parkway
Shreveport, LA 71101 (318) 673-7703
(318) 673-7707 - Fax
www.barnwellcenter.com

LCG Gallery at River Oaks Square Arts Center, Alexandria

River Oaks Arts Center, Bolton House Gallery
1330 Main Street
Rachel Dausat, Executive Director
Preston Gilchrist, Donna Autrey
Alexandria, LA 71301

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FEATURES AND EVENTS

Red Stick Farmers Market/Arts Market

First Saturday of each month, downtown Baton Rouge.
Contact: Katherine Scherer Kathy@acgbr.com or
225-344-8558

Bywater Art Market

Third Saturday of each month in New Orleans
Contact: Blake Vonder Haar
504-944-7900, bywaterartmarket@aol.com
www.bywaterartmarket.com

New Orleans Arts Market

Last Saturday of month in Palmer Park in New Orleans.
Contact Gene Meneray
Director, Arts Business Program
Arts Council of New Orleans
GMeneray@artscouncilofneworleans.org
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