



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2009

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>January 09 Board Retreat St. Martinville 10 Annual Meeting Lafayette 10 ArtWalk Lafayette 22 Tourism Summit Marksville</p>	<p>February 09 Board Meeting Sunset 14 ArtWalk Lafayette</p>	<p>March 09 Board Meeting Sunset 14 ArtWalk Lafayette</p>
<p>April 11 ArtWalk (for Festival International) Lafayette 13 Board Meeting Sunset 22-26 Festival International Lafayette</p>	<p>May 02-03 Mayfest Leesville 09 ArtWalk Lafayette 07-10 Bike Week New Orleans 11 Board Meeting Sunset 20 Arts Advocacy Day Baton Rouge</p>	<p>June 08 Board Meeting Sunset 13 ArtWalk Lafayette 20 Hodges Gardens LCG Craft Fair Florien</p>
<p>July 11 ArtWalk Lafayette 13 Board Meeting Sunset</p>	<p>August 01 The Guild on Julia Street Opens White Linen Night New Orleans 08 ArtWalk Lafayette 10 Board Meeting Sunset</p>	<p>September 12 Board Meeting Sunset 14 ArtWalk Lafayette</p>
<p>October 03 Louisiana Book Festival Baton Rouge 10 ArtWalk Lafayette 10-11 Festival Acadiens et Creoles Lafayette 12 Board Meeting Sunset</p>	<p>November 09 Board Meeting Sunset 14 Art Walk Lafayette 29 Twas the Light Before Christmas Lafayette</p>	<p>December 12 Art Walk Lafayette 12 X 12 Silent Auction Jefferson Street Market Lafayette 14 Board Meeting Sunset</p>



Message from the President

Hi there...

Hope you're well and your studio is packed with goodies for your next show. It's past spring and because of the high temps the past few weeks, I'll go out on that limb and predict a hot steamy summer...with lots of love bugs. And the show goes on.

I wanted to congratulate each of you that played a part in redeeming the Division of the Arts funding. There were over 80,000 tallied posts to legislators. Hundreds of meetings, phone calls and last minute nudges have worked so far as the budget heads to the Senate. It really shows how strong the support for the Arts is in Louisiana. GREAT JOB!

We're getting ready to build a gallery and there is a tremendous amount of work to happen over the next several weeks. If you can help, please, please call Jane. We need help doing every imaginable chore in preparation. Your help is really needed. Please don't think you can't help...You can. And, we need everyone to rally. Target date is June 10. We have to paint and light podiums, create signage, build storage for stock, find appropriate display units, gather stock and keep some semblance of calm with the mounting daily chores...like the new website maintenance or preparations for Festival Acadiens et Creole in October.

I had a chance to meet several New Orleanians during a recent tanning session at Bike Week in New Orleans. It was soooo hottttt! But, the twenty or so folks who I mentioned the new gallery to were very excited. I mean really excited. Not Guild members. Not Guild members, yet. The response toward the Guild from the artists I spoke with was exhilarating. I met a Magazine Street gallery person, foundation people, new gallery on St.Claude people, several out of state artists and arts supporters (buyers) and lots of arts enthusiasts who were admiring the Bike Week artistan tans.

That's it for me. I had my shoulder cut on about 10 days ago and it's uncomfortable to type, move, breathe, cut glass and it even hurts to sleep, so you get off really easy this month.

We should find out how our LDOA Grants fared with the panels by late June. Applications and payment options are now available online for Festival Acadiens et Creoles as well as other Guild events. Thank you Website Guru's.

We need you! Please help us with Julia!

Doug Stannard
President

Message from the Executive Director

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

Henry David Thoreau

If Henry David Thoreau's words are true, the Guild's new endeavors are sure to be successful. My portion of the newsletter this month will be short and sweet, because frankly, there's a lot going on and a shortage of available time. Things are moving forward with the new Gallery on Julia Street in New Orleans. The name of the new Gallery will be **The Guild on Julia**. Telephones and internet are set to go in on June 18th. These are some things that I need people to volunteer or assist with in getting the gallery ready to open in July:

1. We need someone to create a double-sided sign that is 18' tall by 28" wide. All you painters and artsy types out there please contact me as soon as possible.
2. We need artwork to put in the gallery. I will be taking art work in by appointment June 8 – June 13th. If you have submitted pictures of your work to be put into the gallery, please call me at 504.914.5301 to schedule a time to meet me at the gallery to go over your pieces to be put in inventory. If you have not submitted pictures of work to go into the gallery, please do so as soon as possible. Items may also be shipped to the gallery starting June 8th. If you are planning to ship your pieces, please make sure to contact me so I may email you a consignment sheet to complete and include in the shipment



3. We need display pieces, shelving, and especially lighted jewelry cases and fiber display pieces. Board Member, Miles Peterson, has graciously offered to build some necessary displays for the gallery, thanks Miles!. Member, Greg Arceneaux, has graciously agreed to put several pieces of his furniture in which may also double as display pieces. Thank you Greg.
4. I will need volunteers the week of June 15th to install ceiling track systems for hanging art work by cable. If you have a ladder and are handy with tools, please email me to set up a convenient time for installing the hanging system.
5. I need volunteers the week of June 23rd to assist in recording and displaying our inventory; distributing postcards and flyers to area hotels and tourist sites.

Stay tuned for email updates on the opening of this new gallery and other Guild opportunities!!!

Grants

Applications for Round two of LCEF Funding are now available online at www.culturaleconomy.org. Our members have been very successful in securing these grants. Basically, the LCEF grants will fund projects that will help the artist make more money. If you have a need for equipment that will yield increase production and more money for you, this is the grant you want. If you need money to fund marketing materials to increase your business, this is it. If you need money to launch your new website, this is it. The deadline is **July 6th**. **If you did not receive a grant the first round, you are eligible to apply for this round. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.**

If you received an LDOA grant for the 08-09 funding round, your final report is due June 1st. Don't be late!

Website

Have you checked out our website that is growing daily? If your work is not on there, you are missing a marketing opportunity. We have made sales with the online store! Isn't that great! We can't list your items on the online store if you haven't registered for your artist page. **If you need help submitting your information for your artist page, please contact Doug Stannard or Liz Brazelton.**

Artist websites are now available for purchase. I think the wait is worth it because now we are able to offer artist websites with their own shopping cart! If you are interested in launching your website with or without a shopping cart, please contact Liz Brazelton.

Merchant Card Updates

Here's another quote from a happy member regarding the new merchant card services: "I switched my credit processing to the 1st Nat'l Processing and LOVE IT! I did not have to pay a cancellation fee to my old company since I had completed the 3 yr. commitment a long time ago. I got the store and forward machine. MUCH cheaper. The set up people were very helpful. I really appreciate the Guild negotiating this as the service fees have been killing me."

Note to all with merchant card processing services: The Federal Government has mandated all banks who underwrite processing services to implement privacy and identity theft mechanisms into their business under threat of major fines. This is a major cost which is being passed on to merchant card processing customers, in other words, YOU! The industry has implemented a \$129/year charge to cover these costs. This will be charged to everyone with processing services each year, no matter who their processor is. Members who changed to 1st National Processing on March 1 or after, will not be charged this fee until March 1 of 2010. They do not want to implement these charges and are encouraging customers to send letters of protest to their legislators telling them the impact it will have on their small businesses. If you would like more information on this, please contact me by email.

Member Kudos

Did you know that Guild members are earning Best in Show Awards around the state? **Sherry Lutz** won Best in Show at the 2009 Jazz Fest! At Fest for All in Baton Rouge **Shirley DeVard** received an Award of Distinction and a Purchase Award and **Babeth Schlegel** received a Warard of Merit as well as a Purchase Award. Congratulations to you both!!! And **Annie Hendrix** has just been featured in an article in the Baton Rouge Advocate.



Protect Your Artwork at Shows

There have been increased reports of 10 finger discounts at shows recently. Perhaps it is the economy. Try to have an extra person at your booth and make sure your artwork is secure. Use your cell phone to take pictures of your work before the show begins so you have documentation for the police in case some of your work goes missing. One of our members recent had a problem with a photographer artist taking pictures of their work without their permission. If you do not want pictures of your work taken by professionals, please post a sign asking that no photographs be taken. If they have already started taking pictures, ask that they delete the pictures from their camera in front of you. Your art work is proprietary, and you have the right to protect your creativity.

Other News

Our contact at the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Kelly Pepper, gave birth to her first child recently. Congratulations to Kelly and her husband on the birth of their son, Noel.

I will be out of town from May 30th – June 6th. I will have limited access to emails during that time. I will have my cell phone, 504.914.5301, if you need to get in touch with me.

Jane Haun Nugent
Executive Director

LCG Website Committee Update

The new Louisianacrafts.org, the Guild's website is up and running and I'm happy to report we've made our first sale from our web store! Kimberly at Sans Souci is busy stocking the web store- so please contact her if you have items you would like to place for sale in the web store. She will need photographs of your items. We need professional looking photographs as we want the quality of our crafts to be reflected on the website.

Also, you must be registered on the website to sell in our web store and to take advantage of the other features. We have extended the time to register for a few months. Doug Standard and I will be assisting members in registering and completing information for their member page. If you

need assistance please contact me at ehbraz@aol.com or call me at (318)487-4968 and I will be glad to help you. Doug and I will also be contacting members in an effort to get everyone registered within the next couple of months.

Liz Brazelton
Website Committee Chair

LCG New Members

Congratulations to the following artists who were recently approved for membership by the Standards Committee:

Janet Akers - clay
Marilyn Cox - mixed media
Robin Daning - mixed media
Becky Dennis - clay
Stephanie Dwyer - metal
Helene Fielder - clay
Joy Gauss - clay
Amy McJunkins - mixed media
Karen Burns Morrow - mixed media
Mary Louise Porter - mixed media
Rachael Stegman - clay

Chad Aldridge (additional medium) - metal
Michael Boicourt – (additional medium) - mixed media

Artist Opportunity –Hodges Gardens Art in the Park Show – June 20th, 2009

Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hodges Gardens State Park by participating in the Art in The Park show on June 20, 2009. The show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. The admission fee to the park is waived for artists showing in the Park. The grounds are exquisite and it should be a wonderful way to spend a summer day. Booth fees are \$25/booth space. The application is available online shortly. Check our website for events on the home page to pay for your booth. Cabins are available at the park at a great rate. Round up some of your friends, share a cabin, enjoy the grounds, and sell, sell, sell!



LCG Members Receive LCEF Grants

Congratulations to LCG members who have received 2009 LCEF grants:

Annette F. Aucoin
Elizabeth H. Brazelton
Rosalind L. Broome
Annie Hendrix
Paul Troyano
Kathleen Whitehurst

2008 recipients of LCEF grants include:

Linda Berman
Ellen Caillouet
Maxie Durel Crain
Chris DesJardin
Luann F. Duhon
Lynn Langhoff
JoEdna O'Quinn
Petronella Huibers Plaisance
Trish Ransom
Elisabeth Schlegel
Laura J. Teague
David Wortman

Artist Opportunity Music Legends Park

Have you signed up to show at Music Legends Park? The Guild has been invited to have one artist show there each weekend. The park is located on the 300 block of Bourbon Street. There is live music play there every day.

The cost for being able to sell your art in this venue will be 10% of your sales. You will be able to show for the weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, From 10 AM on. You may unload in front of the park and then park your vehicle at the Basin Street Station on North Rampart. The Park closes up between 10 PM and Midnight, depending on traffic. You will be able to store your art in the handicapped bathroom during off hours. If you are interested in participating in this exciting venture, please contact Jane Nugent.

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

We now have almost 200 items available for purchase on the e-store! I have spoken with many of you about the items that I would like to feature and in the next few weeks, we will continue this process.

In order to be listed in the store, the items must be in our stock at the gallery and we must have a good quality photograph.

Please give me a call if you have a specific item you would like to feature or if you have any questions.

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

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 is free, a fee is charged for the other exhibits.

LCG Gallery at River Oaks Square Arts Center, Alexandria

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

"the store" at the Barnwell Center Shreveport

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

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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
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