



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2010

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>January 08 Board Retreat St. Martinville 09 ANNUAL MEETING ARTWALK Lafayette</p>	<p>February 08 Board Meeting 13 ArtWalk Lafayette</p>	<p>March 08 Board Meeting 13 ArtWalk Lafayette 20 Art in the Park Hodges Gardens</p>
<p>April 01 Jammin on Julia New Orleans 10 ArtWalk (for Festival International) Lafayette 12 Board Meeting 21-25 Festival International Lafayette</p>	<p>May 04 LPA/LPAA Advocacy Day Baton Rouge 08 ArtWalk Lafayette 08 Career Development Workshop Lafayette 10 Board Meeting</p>	<p>June 12 ArtWalk Lafayette 14 Board Meeting</p>
<p>July 11 ArtWalk Lafayette 13 Board Meeting</p>	<p>August 01 White Linen Night New Orleans 08 ArtWalk Lafayette 10 Board Meeting</p>	<p>September 11 ArtWalk Lafayette 13 Board Meeting</p>
<p>October 02 Art for Arts' Sake New Orleans 09 ArtWalk Lafayette 09-10 Festival Acadiens et Creoles Lafayette 11 Board Meeting</p>	<p>November 08 Board Meeting 13 Art Walk Lafayette 20 Art in the Park – Hodges Gardens Florien</p>	<p>December 11 Art Walk 12 X 12 Silent Auction Lafayette 13 Board Meeting</p>



Message from the President

Hi there.

We finally had some rain and now I feel like I'm living in Louisiana again. What would we do without humidity. Don't know what life would be like without clothes sticking and a damp brow. Oh, well, we love it, eh? On the really hot days when I run from the air conditioned house to the air conditioned car to my air conditioned work, I really appreciate what a compressor and Freon can do. Enough. Now that I've wined about the dampness, it won't rain again till the 12th...Of never.

I am having problems with a transmitter at work that's eating my lunch, so my part won't be as wordy. As you know, without a working transmitter, we are not on the air. So, here we go...with brevity.

What a weekend. Kudos to College Art Association for their part in bringing us several days of knowledge and resources with our Professional Development event in early May. There were about 40 folks who took part in the 2½ day workshop at the Science Museum...which, by the way is a really fabulous facility. We had some really pertinent panelists with a great way at looking at what we do as artisans. Thomas Mann and Bruce Baker were all they were supposed to be. Down to earth, hands-on information presented in a casual manner. And, our photographer, Will Crocker from New Orleans, did an amazing shoot of over 170 shots of attendee works. Maureen Dallas Vanacore provided website updates to attendees and she's completed the finishing touches on our member blog. Log on and add your comments on the workshop. Thanks to CERF+ for their support through the Studio Protector offered to each attendee. Yep, CERF+. The plus is new and adds a new element of support to craft artisans....Prevention. Check them out online at www.craftemergency.org.

I want to personally thank Susan Schear and Maureen Thibodeaux Vanacore of ARTISIN for their vision and planning of the weekend. They did an amazing job of coordinating and promoting the weekends schedule and providing food, speakers and a really great evening of networking. If I could do the weekend over, I would do the same things again. It was that good. Thank you to all!!



Workshop Instructor Bruce Baker



Susan Schear, Workshop Coordinator

Tomorrow I meet with the French connection. Mayor Patrick from Montbeliard, France will meet with the folks who want to spend December at his Christmas Market. What an opportunity to be a featured artist at this great event. You can see what it looks like if you follow this link to see for yourself. <http://www.lumieres-de-noel.fr> The website is in French. It's really pretty cool. They are promoting the invitation to Louisiana artisans on one of the buttons. We will know the details of this adventure after our meeting in the morning.



A quick funding update. The legislators are still working on House Bill 1, which includes the budget. We await the results of Advocacy Day at the Capital. The Louisiana Partnership for the Arts Advocacy (LPAA) lobbied to keep 1.5 million in 2 million dollars of proposed cuts that would allow minimal funding of the grants programs from LDOA. It's a really bad time for government as they struggle to fund the State coffers. If LPAA needs our response to Legislators again, I'll forward a post. Remember, if you can add LCG to the subject line that would be a good thing.

I have two final reports due at LDOA on June 1 and a grant to write for Festival Acadiens et Creoles by June 11. And some great news...Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission has announced that our grant was successful. We applied for 10K and received 7K. Funds will be used to update our Point of Sale system so it will handle multiple locations as well as technical upgrades at Sans Souci. Great news! Thank you LCVC!

Hodges Gardens State Park is preparing for their November Show on the 20th. I'll pass more info soon. Mark your calendar for this juried event. The LCG is working with their PALS program for kids at the park. K-4th will be attending events, including art events during the month of June.

Ok...that's it. Gonna head to work and pick up on budget stuff for final reports. And work on the sickly transmitter. Thanks for being a part of the Louisiana Crafts Guild. Stay cool....or at least near air conditioning!

Doug Stannard
President

LCG WEBSITE SUPPORT

If you have questions about website performance or usage, please contact our new website chair person, Zé daLuz by email at tech@louisianacraftsguild.org.

Christmas Market - Montbeliard, France

Here's the latest on the Christmas Market in Montbeliard, France from Doug Stannard:

Thanks to the folks who met yesterday at Sans Souci with our Christmas Market adventure and Jean Marie Patrick Legal. This is an unbelievable opportunity and the exact details are still being laid. But, we found out there will be 6-8 artists invited to participate at the Montbeliard France Christmas Market open from November 26-December 24. Each artist will be provided air fare or discounted air to and from the event. It may be necessary for each artist to provide \$250 towards their air expenses so additional artists can participate. The package includes an apartment with kitchen for the duration of the market. Artists will have to share accommodations. Each artist will be provided a custom chalet that is 12 foot wide and 6 foot deep.

There are a total of 140 artists at the Market which is open daily from 10am till 8pm and until 9pm on Saturday nites. The area dedicated to the Louisiana Artists is near the ice skating rink and there are plenty of local eateries surrounding the market. Patrick is working on providing a banking institution for financial stuff so we'll have a place to manage funds. There is no tax on sales and there will be a large container to ship the art to France...Tentatively scheduled for an early September departure. Gotta think ahead on this one since it takes about 6 weeks to sail our art to the market. Montbeliard is located near Zurich Switzerland and will most likely serve as our entrance into Europe. The only expenses for the chosen artists will be their food costs...and maybe the \$250 towards airfare. Our host is also coordinating several events for the 140 market artists...like a dinner and meet and greets that will be a lot of fun. The artist apartments are located within a half mile of the Market making it an easy walk to and from. According to prior market sales, each chalet has traditionally grossed about \$12,000 - \$15,000 in sales, which accounts for a busy 4 weeks.

Patrick and his wife Beatrice were very impressed with the Sans Souci along with the attending artisans. Our meeting would not have been possible without the interpretation assistance of Phillip Gustin from Le Center International de Lafayette. He's great. Really great!



There are several artists that will be considered for a different venue than the chalets. Artists that produce framed art that might be affected by the snow, ice and moisture are being considered to exhibit at a different gallery location near the market. These artists might be asked to pay more towards their transportation, share a bed at one of the artist apartments and perhaps stay for a lesser period of time....like two weeks.

Patrick will provide the final list of attendees within a week to ten days. Some decisions, as to the additional gallery artists, may take a bit longer. I know some folks who are waiting with baited breath for the final cuts.

All in all this is a very exciting opportunity. Thanks to the city of Montbeliard, Patrick Legal, Philip Gustin and all who have applied to participate. This is a very exciting opportunity. Good luck!

Doug Stannard
President

Kudos to LCG Members

- **Sherry Lutz**, who was recently featured in an article in the Times Picayune prior to New Orleans Jazz Fest.

June's Jewelry on Julia at LCG Julia Street

Jewelry artists to be featured on June 5th include: Chris Dejardins, Suzanne Juneau, Doug Stannard, Ann O'Brien, Laura Teague, Ilene Kay, Laura Lawson, Patricia Collins, Margo Manning, Carole Matero, Vitrice McMurry, Eme Morgan, Michael Hayman, Natalie Nichols, Shirley DeVar, Audrey Leonard, Becky Dennis, Annette Aucoin, Frank Thompson, and Lee Palmer.

White Linen Night – White Art Request

Can you create a large white piece of art to be featured at White Linen Night, the first Saturday of August. If so, contact Meg Hall at LCG on Julia Street.

Pat Juneau at the Vault

Pat Juneau is the featured artist at the Vault in the Acadiana Center for the Arts. His exhibit "Rhythm in the Swamps" will be on display until July.

Thoughts and Prayers for LCG Members

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Marc Taylor**, who died on April 29th. Marc was a very gifted fiddle maker and wood carver. We will miss his demonstrations at Festival Acadiens et Creole.

Also, our sympathy goes to the family and friends of **Michael Boicourt** who died on May 4th. Michael was a weaver, spinner and mixed media artist.

Our thoughts and prayers to Betsy Meyers-Green and her family. Her husband, **Robert Green**, is suffering from a serious illness.



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LOUISIANA CRAFTS GUILD GALLERIES

Sans Souci Fine Crafts Gallery, Lafayette

Kimberly Jones- Gallery Manager
219 East Vermilion Street
Lafayette, LA 70501
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LCG Gallery on Julia Street, New Orleans

Meg Hall - Gallery Manager
608 Julia St.
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-558-6198
Gallery email: lcgonjulia@gmail.com

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
Admission to the Vault free, fee is charged other exhibits.

"the store" at the Barnwell Center, Shreveport



Whitney Lary- Gallery Manager
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
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Alexandria, LA 71301
Rachel Dauzat, Executive Director
Preston Gilchrist, Donna Autrey

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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

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 each month in Palmer Park
Contact Gene Meneray
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