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### ART MATTERS

By: Edith Herring, DAC President

#### What's new at the DAC Gallery?

Since the recent "art change out day", visitors will find all of the art in the Green Room Gallery is new! Every quarter, the DAC Artists change out their art to make the exhibits new and exciting. These artists are hard working professionals that continue to create unique pieces that reflect their perspectives, their creativity and their growth as artists. Please take time to visit the DAC Gallery soon and enjoy their efforts. DAC Green Room Gallery Artists include: Lenora DeLude, Joe Hartley, Charles Lizyness, Jeb Lord, Diana Manning, Eugenia Manning, Azzie Mitchell, Contina Pierson, Mark Poole, Wanda Prothro, Wayne Roberts, Nancy Spanial Blake and Barry Wiley.

The **Room for ALL Seasons** gift shop is also brimming with new and interesting art pieces for collecting or gift giving. The gift shop offers reasonably priced art and high end crafts for reasonable prices. This space maybe the best kept "secret" in our parish...check it out!

A special display of prints of original art by DAC Artists greets visitors in the entry hallway to the Gallery. These prints offer art at a reasonable price and cover a wide variety of subjects. Prints of original art make wonderful home decorating accessories. They can add to the color scheme or become the focal point of any room.

Something new next door to the DAC Gallery is a shop recently opened by Mary Odenwelder and Anna Dunn...**Dunn's Antiques**. DAC welcomes this new business to our Hicks & Richardson Bldg. business family. We have already enjoyed an increase in our foot traffic due to their opening and wish them the best!

### CHURCHES OF DESOTO KICKS OFF

**Cindy Williams** will be moving the traveling DeSoto Arts Council exhibit, "Churches of DeSoto" to the Pelican Library for the month of June. Folks in that area are invited to visit their library for a special showing of many of their churches. Each showing is accompanied by a book of information on many of the churches in the exhibit. Next stop will be Logansport for the month of July. DAC members working on this special project are: **Cindy Williams, Rowena Anderson and Linda Brown.**

DeSoto Arts Council Membership drive is still underway. For our supporters that have not already joined through the Red Envelope project or paid, the dues remain at \$15 per individual membership. Checks made payable to the DeSoto Arts Council may be mailed to P. O. Box 352. Grand Cane, LA 71032. Call Linda Brown, Membership Chairman 318-858-3419 for more information. Our success depends on the continued financial support of our members. Please renew your membership and enlist someone else to join. Help DAC unleash the force of the power of art for DeSoto Parish!

### In Memoriam...

The DeSoto Arts Council was saddened to learn of the recent passing of **Judy Ball Johnson**. Her dedication to teaching art to students of the DeSoto Parish School System through the "gifted art program" has been a driving force in the continuing display of student art work in the DAC Gallery in Grand Cane, LA. Mrs. Johnson's love for art and her students was evident in every exhibit of their work that she presented at the Gallery. Her influence for the power of art will be greatly missed by students and visitors to the DAC Gallery.



### SUMMER SOLSTICE "ARTISTS IN ACTION"



The DAC will welcome summer on Saturday, June 25 from 10 am – 1 pm with a very special "ARTISTS IN ACTION" event. Several of our DAC Gallery Artists will be out on the street and inside the Gallery demonstrating how they create their art. This will be a rare opportunity for visitors to watch, ask questions and enjoy the artists as they work. There will be refreshments and free art activities for adults and children. Participating artists are: Joe Hartley (wood carving), Jeb Lord (acrylics), Diana Manning (clay), Mark Poole (pottery), Wanda Prothro (oils) and Wayne Roberts (colored pencils). Plan to stop by and take advantage of this special opportunity to see art "up close and personal."

## 'Art is the Answer....What was the Question'

*Exploring the positive influence of art on child development.*

Sarah Glenn Duncan, B.A. M.S. LPC

Broken bones never seem to occur at an opportune time. From during Christmas holidays to at the Super Bowl and every "Seriously?!?!" time in between, nothing quite beats breaking an arm or a leg or really ANYthing right at the beginning of summer. But it happens! and the best way to cope with it from this writer's point of view is...with art!

So let's just say you either are--or are worrying about--the victim of a rogue water ski, or a pop fly, or a pothole while cycling, or a nervous horse. After proper care is given, and the aches subside, and the loooooong list of everything that CAN'T be done is compiled, look at what CAN be done: tell the story! Grab a notebook or someone who will write down the tale and put on your author hat. Drawing is a great way to turn your experience into a graphic novels of your own. Is Hollywood in your stars? Faraway relatives, worried grandparents, and friends who don't know would love to see your story in a video shoot as you direct and star in the first blockbuster hit of the summer. If the injury is relatively light, painting and drawing can be excellent ways to get motor skills back up. Should the trauma be heavy, either from significant pain or sadness over lost opportunities, art can be a great place to store those feelings so they are not bottled up inside.

Much of the great art throughout history is in existence because something important happened. So here is a prayer that all of your summers are safe, and that you find a reason to express yourself artistically....but don't wait until you are hospitalized to MAKE ART!

### Watercolor – Beginner Class by Vicky Williamson



The DeSoto Arts Council is sponsoring a Beginner Watercolor Class by Vicky Williamson in the DAC Gallery, Grand Cane, LA. The class will consist of:

A three day workshop

Dates: Thursday, July 14, Friday, July 15 & Saturday, July 16, 2016

Time: 10:30 am – 2 pm – 30 min. lunch break, brown bag

Fee: \$80.00 (this does not include supplies. Paid registered students will receive a supply list to obtain and bring to class.)

There are a limited number of slots available for this class. The fee must be paid in advance to secure a slot and may be refunded if cancelled by July 9, 2016. Checks should be made payable to DeSoto Arts Council and mailed to P. O. Box 352, Grand Cane, LA 71032 or brought to the DAC Gallery during regular business hours: Thurs – Sat 10 am – 1:30 pm. Call 318-663-3080 for more information

In this workshop students will learn the following:

- watercolor techniques – dry brush, wet brush, lifting, glazing and more
- compositional techniques – learn how to create balanced compositions, how to extract a composition from a photograph
- paints - explore different types of watercolor mediums and how to mix colors and basic color theory
- brushes – what brushes work best for different techniques and explore other tools that can be used to create paintings
- paper - explore different watercolor papers and some that are more experimental

Each technique will be used to create small paintings allowing the student to utilize one or more of these techniques in each composition.

Vicky Williamson has been a watercolorist for over 35 years, is a Signature Member of the Watercolor Art Society of Houston. Her paintings have been accepted into the International Watercolor Show and won various awards for her paintings.



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