

The Arts Leaguer



President's Palette

Every day, hundreds of women across the Metroplex give their time and energy to numerous charitable causes and civic organizations throughout the community. One day out of the year, a unique event, the Shining Stars Luncheon, honors these outstanding volunteers recognized by their peers. Many lives are enriched by the efforts of these Shining Stars, and by the groups they represent.

Charlotte Davis and the Shining Star committee worked diligently to make this event not only memorable for the honorees but a financial success as well for the Arts League. Through the support of our generous sponsors, contributing Artists and Arts League members for their donations of time, treasure and talent, we were able to help raise funds for the many valuable programs and grants offered by the Arts Council Northeast.



2011 Arts League President
Sharon Mayes

Each of you made this event a success! Thank you to those who attended and brought a friend. Thank you to those who said yes to Elsie Gunter and Ret Stansberger when they ask you to buy and sell raffle tickets. Thank you to those who donated a fantastic item to the Silent Auction, headed up by Earlene Garvey and Donna Moss. Thank you for the many who worked behind the scenes, the incredible, dedicated committee members and the long list to whom we owe special thanks. You made it happen and we applaud you!

Sincerely,
Sharon Mayes
2011 Arts League President

Y'All Come to our Texas-Style Christmas Party!

by Ginny Tigue

Ready to bring out the Old West in your holidays? Then don't miss this year's Arts League spin on your celebration!

There are sounds of the holiday season dancing upon the evening air, Christmas carols being sung by a choir, sleigh bells ringing on the horses passing by, and fighting in the town square! But Mayor Rufus Yates' outlandish interpretation of the Christmas story is destined to ruin more than one reputation! Was Mayor Yates trying to roast more than chestnuts when he assigned the roles to this cast of Wild West misfits? Join our perilous pageant posse and help our hero, Marshal Jim Courtright, sort through his list of who's been naughty or nice. This is one interactive murder mystery dinner experience that will put the "Ho Ho Ho" into your Holidays!

Voted **Best Entertainment in North Texas for 2009 & 2010** by *Texas Meetings & Events Magazine*, Texas Star Mystery Theater, 816 S. Main Street in Grapevine, will feature "**Dismay in a Manger**" at a private Arts League party on **Wednesday, December 14, 2011**. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with a full Cash Bar, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show. Attire is Holiday Festive or Western Chic. Tickets are \$75 per person. Arts League members and their guests are welcome on a first-come, first served basis. Your check mailed to Barbie Derby is your reservation. **Rsvp by December 7**. Watch for your Evite in your email mailbox soon! For information, contact Barbie Derby (817.416.7519) or Ginny Tigue (817.267.5527).





“ART . . . a place in the HEART”

by Shining Stars Chair Charlotte Davis

The “Stars” definitely shined brighter deep in the “Heart” of the Hurst Conference Center on Friday, October 21, 2011 when we honored our Shining Star volunteers! The endless hours they contributed throughout the community and their respective nonprofit organizations truly defined the “Art of Giving!”

Speaking of the “Art of Giving,” Cook Children’s didn’t hesitate to graciously increase its donation over last year to move up to the Presenting Sponsor Level. In fact, all our sponsors on so many levels “reached deeper within their pockets” to make this luncheon a Showcase event! I speak with extreme gratitude to Universe Level Sponsors Bates Container and Star-Telegram & Affiliates for their continued support. Also, to our Galaxy Level donors—please know each of you is a crucial part of this event’s continued success.

I must add a personal note of appreciation to a new sponsor this year. Hurst Conference Center “embraced” this organization with its generosity, supporting both the VIP Reception on September 29th as well as the Shining Stars Event. This incredible state-of-the-art facility eagerly showcased its facility and the wonderful menu was absolutely delish!

In addition to our infamous MC, radio and TV personality Suzy Humphries, who entertained us with her heartfelt stories, we also featured International Jazz Harpist Carlos Guedes during the pre-luncheon event. I applaud each of these talented artists for sharing their distinctive talents, along with the special contributions by Auctioneer Andrew Wayne and members of the City of Hurst Fire Department.

Thank you to all our Milky Way & Shining Stars Level and Friend of the Arts donors, as well as to our fabulous Shining Stars Artists. And lastly, I extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of my dedicated committee. Each of you reflects the love of art in your own hearts though your generosity in so many ways. It was a fabulous event and it was a privilege to be a part of it!

Sincerely,

Charlotte Davis, Shining Stars Event Chair

The Arts League’s 2011 Shining Star

You no doubt saw Sharon Mayes in action on this year’s 2011 Shining Star Committee, but you may not be aware she is also its 2011 Shining Star! Dynamic Duo Sharon Mayes and Kay Stromberg headed up this year’s VIP Reception; once over, Sharon quickly jumped on board as part of the Silent Auction committee.



Sharon’s two-year tenure as president brought a number of initiatives to the organization, including this past summer’s Arts League partnership with GRACE’s “Feed Our Kids” program and a memorable Shining Stars Event as Chair in 2009, which offered the crowd-drawing celebrity of big brother Bob.

Sharon first joined The Arts League in 2003, bringing her love of the arts coupled with her strong education background. As an educator of more than 40 years, Sharon embraces the unmistakable link between learning through the arts and greater academic achievement. As a high school principal, district program director and later Head of School for St. Vincent’s Cathedral School, she worked to cement the importance of the arts in education. Sharon served as The Arts League’s Programs VP for two years before assuming the role of First VP (Ways & Means) in 2009.

Currently, Sharon serves on the Arts Council Northeast BOD, tutors weekly at Union Gospel Mission and is a Cook Children’s Medical Center Trustee. In addition, as the Executive Director of the Penrose Foundation, she helps Hispanic students realize their dream of a college education. The Arts League proudly appreciates and congratulates its deserving and dynamic 2011 Shining Star!

Treasurer’s Report

by Treasurer Cecilia Monacelli

THE ARTS LEAGUE November 2011 Statement

Checking Account Balance:	\$22,215.07
High Yield Savings Account Balance:	\$2,694.88
Total Bank Accounts:	\$24,090.95*

* Cash Basis

Expenses are still outstanding, but Cecilia expects Shining Stars to net between \$36,000 and \$37,000.

Deepest Condolences

Deepest condolences to Arts League members Lynda and Jackie Railsback, who lost beloved husband and brother-in-law Leighton on Saturday, September 24, 2011 as well as to member Joslyn Marksbury on the loss of her father on Saturday, November 12, 2011.



Hurst Conference Center proved a beautiful venue with lots of space for art and food!



Glen & Jean Lewis and Karen Parsinen



Hurst Conference Center is a star in its own right!



Foreground: Sponsor Glen Lewis, J&G Fine Jewelers
Background (L to R) Jean Lewis, Joe Tigie, Ginny Tigie, Karen Parsinen, Peter Parsinen, Roxanne Holt



2011 Event Chair Charlotte Davis

**The Arts League's
2011
Shining Stars
VIP Party
at
Hurst Conference Center**



Surprised Artist Martha Ragsdale wins Best of Show!



The deep community support of Bates Container and its "family" always warms the heart of The Arts League!



Northeast Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce Shining Star Nancy Doyle (right) and friends.



Art buffs admiring this year's 2011 Shining Stars artwork.



2011 Shining Stars



Live Auction Chair LeAnn Brown (center) pumps up future bidders!



2011 Shining Stars Artists

These great VIP and Shining Stars pictures are available for purchase from Shining Stars Photographer Mike Lewis. Visit his website www.mikelewisphotography.com and click on "Events." A \$20 or more photo purchase before Dec. 2nd receives a 10% discount.

Thank you, 2011 Shining Stars Underwriters, Sponsors & Donors

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PLUS Milky Way & Shining Stars Level Donors, Shining Stars Artists, Friends of the Arts, Program Advertisers and Special Thanks Contributors.

Congratulations, Jury Show Artist Winners!



BEST OF SHOW
"Abita"
Artist Martha Ragsdale

DUEL PRIZE WINNER
1ST AWARD & PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
"POPIE'S in Tres Ritros"
Artist Jackie Railsback



2ND AWARD
"Gentle Slumber Rose Bouquet"
Artist Nancy Medina



Photo by Mike Lewis Photography, Grapevine

Excursions Kick-off in January

by Kay Stromberg

The Arts League kicks off its 2012 excursion season on **Thursday, January 24, 2012**, as it invites you to experience “The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: from the Sidewalk to the Catwalk” at the Dallas Museum of Art. Jean Paul Gaultier, whose early work in the 1970s earned him the nickname “enfant terrible” of fashion, is unquestionably one of the most important fashion designers in recent decades.

This is the first exhibition devoted to Gaultier, who draws inspiration from dance, pop-rock, cinema, television, photography, and world cultures. The exhibition, organized along six different thematic sections tracing the influences, from the streets of Paris to the world of science fiction, that have marked the couturier's creative development, "The Odyssey of Jean Paul Gaultier," "The Boudoir," "Skin Deep," "Punk Cancan," "Urban Jungle," and "Metropolis" features approximately 130 ensembles from the designer's couture collections, as well as from his prêt-à-porter line, along with their accessories. Created between 1976 and 2010, the majority of these pieces have never been exhibited. Placed throughout the galleries, 30 animated, talking mannequins, including one of Gaultier, add an extra dimension to the lively atmosphere by surprising visitors with their lifelike presence and spontaneous commentary.

Dallas is the first of **ONLY** two U.S. cities on the international tour! Tentative plans are to meet at Arts Council Northeast, Bedford Boys Ranch and carpool, with lunch following the exhibit, possibly at the museum.

This event will require group tickets. Complete information, including cost and reservations, will follow by email, with complete details available after Christmas. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful excursion! We hope that the whole membership will attend this fun and fashionable excursion. Member-invited guests welcome!

For more information, contact Kay Stromberg (817.929.3320).

2012 Proposed Slate of Officers

by Nominating Chair Connie Nichols

The 2011 Arts League Nominating Committee is pleased to present its recommendations for the 2012 Arts League Executive Committee. I extend special thanks to committee members Winnie Wayne, Kay Stromberg, Ginny Tigue, and Karen Parsinen.

Appreciatively,
Connie Nichols, Nominating Chair

President	Renova Williams
First Vice President-Ways & Means	Cecilia Monacelli
Second Vice President – Programs	Kay Stromberg
Third Vice Presidents—Membership	Connie Nichols & Jean Lewis
Treasurer	Sharon Mayes
Recording Secretaries	Jill Danahey & Lynda Railsback
Corresponding Secretary	Roxanne Holt
Parliamentarian	Evelyn Englert

If you would like to serve on the board, please let me know. We will vote in December on the slate of officers.

Trekking to New York City

by Lee Koch

The rescheduled dates for the New York Trip are arrival on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 with departure on Saturday, June 9th. Each member is responsible for her own airfare arrangements.

Tentative hotel arrangements at the Hilton Garden Inn near Times Square per person rate are two in a room for \$232 per night or four to a room at \$116 per night. Both assume two queen-size beds. Earlene Garvey and Mary Smith are finalizing the agenda for restaurants, but rooms must be secured soon to get a decent rate. So far, only two checks have been received. Please contact Lee Koch if you are interested in this great trip!



Plenty of room for a crowd!



2011 Shining Star Award



The Ballroom is beautiful (and the food fabulous!).



Shining Star Sue Parent & her Christmas Is For Children Fan Club!



(L to R) Arts League President Sharon Mayes, MC & Guest Speaker Suzie Humphreys & Event Chair Charlotte Davis



(L to R) Larre Green, The Colleyville Courier; Joy Donovan, ESocialWorld and Ret Stansberger

The Arts League's 2011 Shining Stars Awards Luncheon at Hurst Conference Center



(L to R) Vicki Truitt, District 98; Matt Jack, Community Outreach Representative for Congressman Kenny Marchant & MC Suzie Humphreys



City of Hurst Fire Department
VIP Escorts



Latin Jazz Harpist Carlos Guedes



(L to R) Shining Star Lynn Stillman, Event Vice Chair Darla Dennison, Peggy Hoelser & Janice Kane



Incoming Arts Council Northeast
Chairman David B. Nelson



2011 Shining Stars Honorees

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2011 Shining Stars Awards Luncheon Committee



Back row, standing (L to R): Charlotte Davis, Event Chair; Elsie Gunter, Suzanne Harrington, Sally Nees
Front row, seated (L to R): Ret Stansberger; Sharon Mayes



Back row, standing (L to R): Earlene Garvey, Karen Parsinen, Kay Stromberg, Renova Williams, Evelyn Englert
Front row, seated (L to R): Lynda Railsback, Connie Nichols; Ginny Tigue, Kathryn Bradford



Back row, standing (L to R): LeAnn Brown, Jill Danahey, Cheri Irwin, Roxanne Holt, Linda Timmons
Front row, seated (L to R): Darla Dennison, Barbie Derby, Winnie Wayne
Not pictured: Lynn Buffington, Sandra Durbin, Regina Erazo, Jean Lewis, Kris Lindsay, Cecilia Monacelli, Donna Moss, Brenda Ritz, Jodi Sanders

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The Arts League

... supporting ARTSNET since 1985

The Arts League is an arm of Arts Council Northeast, providing volunteer services and fund raising activities to support the arts in North Tarrant County.

Membership In The Arts League is \$40

Entitles You To:

Museum/Art Excursions

Members Only Events

Notification of programs and classes in the visual and performing arts

Priority notice of upcoming exhibits and special events, etc.

The satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting Arts Council Northeast's premier arts, humanities and literary organizations.

Arts Council Northeast Membership \$ _____

Arts League Membership \$40

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Card Number _____

Expiration date: _____ CVV/CVC Code _____

Signature of Card Holder _____

_____ I do not wish to be included in the Arts League Directory

Volunteer Opportunities:

_____ Spring Garden Party Planning/Set-up

_____ Procure or donate a gift basket for the Garden Party

_____ Serve on the Shining Stars Luncheon Committee

_____ Serve as a hostess at the Shining Stars Luncheon

_____ Procure or donate an auction item for the Shining Stars Luncheon

_____ Serve on the Arts League Board for 2012

_____ Volunteer at Arts Council Events or MasterWorks Concerts



Individual Membership

Audience \$35–99 – 10% off with Joint Membership

Name placement on Arts Council Northeast website

Exclusive Invitation to Masterworks Meet the Artist Reception

Monthly Arts Council Northeast digital newsletter & calendar

Player \$100–299 15% off with Joint Membership

Exclusive Invitation to Grant Awards Breakfast

Exclusive Invitation to Masterworks Meet the Artist Reception

Name placement on Arts Council Northeast website

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Exclusive Invitation to Masterworks Meet the Artist Reception

Exclusive Invitation to Arts League Garden Party

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Two Tickets to Taste of Northeast

Director \$500–999 – Free Arts League Membership

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Exclusive Invitation Shining Stars VIP Reception

Invitation for two to sit at Arts Council table at Shining Stars Luncheon

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Four Tickets to Taste of Northeast

Patron \$1,000+ – Free Arts League Membership

Priceless Work of Art From an Arts Council Northeast Granted Artist

Exclusive Invitation to Grant Awards Breakfast

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Exclusive Invitation to Arts League Garden Party

Exclusive Invitation to Shining Stars VIP Reception

Invitation for two to sit at Arts Council table at Shining Stars Luncheon

Name placement on Arts Council Northeast website

Monthly Arts Council Northeast digital newsletter & calendar

Six Tickets to Taste of Northeast

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