

The Arts Leaguer



President's Palette

Happy New Year arts lovers! I don't know about you, but lately time is my most precious commodity and I've been backing off my volunteering except for those organizations and causes I truly love. Supporting the Arts through The Arts League is one of them.

When I was approached about serving as president by the **Nominating Chair and Fellow Arts Lover, Connie Nichols**, I reminded her that I had been ill and didn't know what the future held. She didn't skip a beat when she breezily said, "Well, you know that president is the easiest job on the Board. You just conduct the meetings and everybody else does the work."

That was a novel approach—but it worked for me. It will be my privilege to serve as your president while all our hard working members continue to do their good works. I look forward to getting to know many more of you and encourage everyone to take advantage of the exciting excursions and special activities planned for the coming year. Our first event will be a **Membership Coffee at the Colleyville Library on February 22 at 9:30 a.m.**, so save that date.

I have some big shoes to fill following **Sharon Mayes**, but wish to thank the **Nominating Committee and the Board** for asking me to serve. I will do my best to earn their confidence—and yours.

I can't close without congratulating **Ginny Tigue, Karen Parsinen, Barbie Derby and their committee** for one of the most fun events of the entire holiday season at the Texas Star Mystery Theatre in Grapevine. The Arts League's annual Christmas party is always unique. This year, it was festive, "artsy," and well, hilarious. It will be hard to top this next year—but we will and we hope that you will join us.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.



2012 Arts League President
Renova Williams

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January Gaultier Excursion to DMA a must-see!

by Kay Stromberg, VP Programs



Our January excursion will take place on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012** to experience "*The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier—Sidewalk to Catwalk*" at the Dallas Museum of Art. Afterwards we will have lunch at the Atrium Café in the museum. Dallas is the first of **ONLY TWO** U.S. cities on this International tour! Thirty 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.

We will leave the Bedford Boys' Ranch at 10 a.m. and carpool over to start our tour at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30.

Both the entrance fee and luncheon must be paid in advance. Our group price for the exhibit is \$14.00 per person. (Since this is a group price, even DMA members must pay this fee "and consider it a donation to the museum," I am told). Lunch is \$18.00 per person and includes lunch, a beverage, tax and tip. If you choose to have wine, it is \$6 to \$8 per glass and will be charged separately. **We must confirm all luncheon selections by Friday, January 20, 2012!**

Please RSVP immediately to: **Kay Stromberg, stromberg@sbcglobal.net or by phone: 817.929.3320**. Mail a \$32.00 check payable to Kay Stromberg, 1386 Sweetgum Circle, Keller, TX 76248, and include your luncheon selection of one of the following: Texas Ranch Salad with Shrimp; Grass Fed Slider Burgers; Chicken Crepe Riviera or Margherita Flatbread. This is an exciting exhibit not to be missed!

Celebrating Our Own!

by Sue Howery, Community Relations Chair

The Arts League supports several community events throughout the year where organizations support us or where our own members are honored. The purpose of Community Relations, a new board position this year, is to increase awareness among our members and, where there is interest, organize a table for Arts League members to sit together. Several events are coming up right away, so please contact Chair Sue Howery immediately if you wish to attend any of these as part of The Arts League group.

The Art of Giving Luncheon, sponsored by Fort Worth Texas Magazine, nominates five ladies from NE Tarrant County for their volunteer work for numerous organizations, including The Arts League. This year's nominees include **Elsie Gunter, Cecilia Monacelli, Ret Stansberger, Renova Williams and brand new member, Fonda Martin**. We are tremendously proud of these members and their contributions to The Arts League and the community.

For more information on this award and the awards luncheon, please visit www.fwtx.com. If you wish to attend and sit with The Arts League, please contact **Sue Howery (email: s.howery@verizon.net or phone 817.454.6125) by Wednesday, January 18**. Make your \$40 check payable to Fort Worth, Texas Magazine and mail to: 913 Glenhurst, Keller, TX 76248 immediately.

The Art of Giving Awards Luncheon
Thursday, January 26, 2012
Fort Worth Club - Horizon Room
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Tickets \$40 • Complimentary Valet



Two additional support events are scheduled
Please contact Sue Howery to attend either of these:

36th Annual Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
Saturday, January 28, 2012
Hurst Convention Center
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Tickets: \$55 - \$65

For additional details: www.colleyvillechamber.org

The Colleyville Woman's Club
Fashion Show & Luncheon Benefit
Lunch with the Girlz
Friday, March 23, 2012
Hurst Convention Center
Tickets \$75 - \$200



For additional details: www.cwcfashionshow.com

Holiday Update

by Ginny Tigie, Special Events

Those of you unable to attend The Art's League Christmas Party at Texas Star Dinner Theater in Grapevine on December 14th missed a delightful and fun-filled evening!! Fifty plus Arts League Members and their guests enjoyed the very professional and very entertaining actors' performance of "Dismay in a Manger."

THE 1880's in Fort Worth and Hell's Half Acre was the setting for this "rip-roaring" comedy "Who-Dun-It?" Attendees were able to guess who committed the brazen offense after questioning the suspects and the brilliant "Columbos" among the group went home with t-shirts declaring their victory! Attendees enjoyed camaraderie and small talk during the cocktail hour, followed by a delicious holiday-themed dinner interspersed with the theatrical production. It was a lively, engaging kick-off to the holiday season and a wonderful event enjoyed by all!

2012 CALENDAR

January

- 9 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSCNE, Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 18 Wednesday
Last day to RSVP to Sue Howery
for Art of Giving Luncheon
s.howery@verizon.net
817.454.6125
- 20 Friday
Last day to RSVP to Kay Stromberg
for Gaultier Excursion & Menu
stromberg@sbcglobal.net
817.929.3320
- 24 Tuesday
Gaultier Excursion to DMA
9:30 a.m. carpool
Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 28 Saturday
Colleyville Area Chamber
36th Annual Banquet
Hurst Conference Center
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

February

- 1 **Wednesday**
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
- 6 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSCNE, Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 22 Wednesday
Arts League Coffee
featuring "Ovation" Jazz Choir
Colleyville Public Library
9:30 a.m.
Guests welcome!!

March

- 5 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSCNE, Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 23 Friday
Colleyville Woman's Club
Luncheon & Fashion Benefit
"Lunch with the Girlz"
Hurst Conference Center
9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.

April

- 2 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSCNE, Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 10 Tuesday
Wine, Women & The Arts
TBA

May

- 7 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSCNE, Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 19 Saturday
Arts Council Northeast
Triple Crown Affair
Lone Star Park

Upcoming Membership Activities

by Connie Nichols, Membership Chair



"OVATION"— Colleyville Heritage High School's Award-Winning Jazz Choir

The Arts League will host a **Membership Coffee on Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m., at the Colleyville Public Library.** The League has some exciting activities scheduled for 2012 and we would love for you to come and hear the plans.

In addition to refreshments, the event will feature the lively sounds of "**Ovation,**" Colleyville Heritage High School's award-winning, audition-only Jazz Choir. If you've heard them before, you know you're in for a treat! Don't miss this! Please plan to bring a friend!

Also, mark your calendars for **Tuesday night, April 10th when The Arts League will host our Annual Wine, Women & the Arts.** Members, your League scored a COUP on this one! You won't want to miss this special and exciting program planned for your enjoyment! Intrigued? Watch for more information to come, but pencil in that date!!

Thank you, Members!!

Thank you so much for your support of the arts during this past year. With your help, **The Arts League gave the Arts Council Northeast more than \$38,000 in 2011** to fund its many community arts programs. In addition to funds raised in support of Arts Council Northeast Programs, you also provided in-kind donations in support of GRACE's Feed Our Children program, offered in conjunction with Summer Arts College at GRACE, PLUS funds to renovate the foyer of the Arts Council Northeast building. Fresh paint and new carpet make a great, first impression for our newly renovated entrance to the Gallery and Arts Council offices!



2012 Arts Council Northeast Chairman David Nelson (center) and President Lee Koch (right) receive a check from The Arts League's Outgoing 2011 President Sharon Mayes.

Dues are due!

It is time to pay Arts League dues of \$40 for 2012. Watch for your dues renewal form in the mail along with an invitation to the Coffee. Some members pay their dues in conjunction with the Arts Council Northeast membership. If you are unsure when yours are due, contact **Connie Nichols at 817.577.0754, or connienichols47@gmail.com**

Treasurer's Report

by 2011 Treasurer Cecilia Monacelli

The Arts League 2011 Financial Summary as of 12/31/2011:

CASH BALANCES @ 12/31/11:

Checking	\$45,817.00
Savings	2,695.00
Total	\$48,512.00

2011 FUNDRAISING Net Profit:

Garden Party	\$3,252.00
Shining Stars	34,469.00

2011 ARTS COUNCIL SUPPORT:

Cash	\$34,160.00
In-Kind	\$4,260.00

Member Birthdays

by Membership Chair Connie Nichols

Happy Birthday, Arts Leaguers!

January

1	Susan Potter
10	Carole Shaw
20	Gina Erazo
29	Janet Smith
30	Lynn Buffington
31	Suz-Ann Moore

February

7	Sharon Mayes
9	Ruth Francis
17	Shirley Schollmeyer
22	Elsie Gunter
28	Mary Smith
	Marty Reiswig

Arts League member and friend, **Sally Nees**, is recovering from knee replacement surgery and would welcome an encouraging card or call. Her address is: 1504 Wimberly Ct., Bedford, TX 76021.