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The Arts Leaguer

President's Palette

Spring arrived just in time for The Arts League's Garden Party and what a party it was! We could not have asked for a more beautiful setting than the estate home of **Terri and Kim Gill**. My sincere thanks to them for opening their home to The Arts League and its guests. We appreciate their generosity, thoughtfulness and the many kindnesses extended to all of us.

It was a Garden Party in every sense of the word, replete with a String Quartet, a shady nook with artists busily painting, beautiful raffle items and baskets, and last but certainly not least, beautiful and tasty assortments of food and beverages prepared and donated by our talented Board members. Special thanks to **Kathryn Bradford, Garden Party Chairlady** and all the terrific ladies on her committee whose hard work, time and efforts made this delightful and enjoyable afternoon possible.

Connie Nichols, Membership Chair and her committee arranged a delightful Membership Wine and Cheese event, held March 5th at the Colleyville Center. **Sandra Durbin and Kay Stromberg, Program Co-Chairs**, introduced Mr. Keith A. Wolfe, Managing Director and Artistic Administrator with the Ft. Worth Opera, who gave a capsule review of its upcoming Festival season. Many thanks to all these dedicated ladies for a fun-filled and informative evening. We also managed to have a brief business meeting to introduce our 2009 Board members and to bring all our members up-to-date on The Arts League's progress and future projects.

Busy **Program Chairs Sandra Durbin and Kay Stromberg** arranged a trip and luncheon to the DMA for the King Tutankhamum and Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibit. Most recently we hosted a trip to the Kimball to view the Art & Love in Renaissance Italy Exhibit, followed by a delightful luncheon at the Modern Museum. Thank you, Sandra and Kay, for these fascinating and enjoyable excursions.

Sharon Mayes, Shining Stars Chair is already busily working on the VIP Reception and the Gala Luncheon on October 23rd at the Las Colinas Marriott.



THIS JUST IN! FLASH ALERT! **Watch For Your Invitation!**

The Arts League celebrates its
Shining Stars Kickoff
at a special

Drop & Drink Party

Saturday, August 18th • 6-8 P.M.

sponsored by New Member Donna Moss &
That's Haute!

3700 Cheek Sparger Road • Ste 140
Bedford, Texas

Details Coming Soon!

I am very fortunate to have a Board of Directors comprised of experienced and dedicated ladies, but that is only one component to our success. The second component is the support and participation of our membership. This second component is vitally important and is the lynch pin to the League's success. We constantly strive to enroll new members, keep everyone updated on all our future events and encourage them to become involved in our organization and our special projects and events.

On behalf of the Officers and Board members, I thank you for all your help and support. We cannot do this by ourselves, but with the support of each and every member we will have another successful and enjoyable year. Hope you are enjoying a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Evelyn H. Englert

2009 Arts League President

Membership Update

by *Connie Nichols, Vice-President—Membership*

Please welcome the following new members: **Jean Dodds, Donna Moss, and Anita Taraba.** We look forward to getting to know them.

I will be working on a new Arts League directory this summer. If you have any information that changes, please let me know @ csn47@verizon.net, or 817.577.0754. (Please note that this is a new email address.)

Remembering Colleen . . .

The Arts League lost one of its most devoted and long serving members on May 9, 2009. **Colleen Anne Meadows** shared a love for the arts in all its forms and was passionate in sharing that love with others. In 1985, she helped to establish The Arts League, and remained active throughout her 29 years of membership, serving on multiple committees as well as on The Arts League Board in many roles, including as president, publicity chair and hospitality chair.

Colleen had a special place in her heart for children. Through The Arts League, she helped to introduce the beauty of the arts into their lives by providing scholarships for ARTNET's summer arts college, a summer art camp experience for children 5 years and up. Colleen's elegant demeanor and soft-spoken manner concealed her creativity and strong organizational skills. She was quick to praise with genuine appreciation and her generosity was boundless. Summer always meant that Colleen would return from her vacation with two or three one-of-a-kind artistic items to help fill the Shining Stars silent auction coffers! She will be remembered for the many contributions that she made, but more importantly, for the extraordinary, kind and loving person that she was. The Arts League extends its deepest condolences to her husband, David, daughters Julie and Jennifer and her extended family.



CALENDAR

August

- 3 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
9:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
Shining Stars Meeting
10:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 20 Thursday
"Taste of Northeast"
5:30–9:00 P.M.
NYTEX Sports Centre
North Richland Hills
Food, Entertainment, Silent Auction
& More

September

- 4 Friday Evening (PENDING)
First Friday at the Modern
5-8:00 P.M. • Modern Art Museum
Cocktails, Jazzy Guy Nick Kithos;
Docent Tour, Dinner (optional)
R.s.v.p to Sandra Durbin or
Kay Stromberg
- 14 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
9:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
Shining Stars Meeting
10:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 24 Thursday
Shining Stars VIP Reception
Colleyville Center

October

- 5 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
9:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
Shining Stars Meeting
10:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
- 8 Thursday
Legacy of Women Awards
10:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
The New Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
- 23 Friday
Arts League Shining Stars Luncheon
Featuring Special Guest Bob Schieffer
10:30 A.M.
Presentation of the 2009 Shining Stars
Silent & Live Auction
Dallas Marriott Las Colinas
- 28 Wednesday
Open Arms Luncheon & Fashion Show
Featuring Special Guest Victor Rivers
10:30 A.M.
Silent & Live Auction
The New Cowboys Stadium, Arlington

November

- 2 Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
9:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch
Shining Stars Wrap-Up Meeting
10:30 A.M.
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch

Excursions

by Sandra Durbin & Kay Stromberg, 1st VP Programs

Our May excursion to the Kimbell Art Museum to visit the Art and Love in Renaissance Italy Exhibit was very enjoyable and lunch at the Modern was delightful. Several of the ladies found shopping in the museum gift shops to be to their liking—you may even see some pieces of jewelry in the silent auction at the coming Shining Stars luncheon in October!

We are currently discussing going to **First Friday at The Modern on September 4**. This would be an evening outing with husbands or significant others included. On the first Friday of each month, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth offers a well-rounded evening of music, art and food. Cocktail hour features a themed cocktail to compliment the musical offering; at 6:30 p.m., a 20-minute docent led tour is offered, which is free to Modern members and Star-Telegram Press Pass holders. Dinner at Cafe Modern, normal open only for lunch, is offered from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required.

The September 4 evening will feature the sizzling sounds of jazzy guy Nick Kithos with special cocktail "Soul Soother." ***Please let me know your interest on this.*** We look forward to seeing you at our next excursion. Email: sandra.durbin@prurealty.com

Coming Soon—Shining Stars 2009!

by Sharon Mayes, 2009 Shining Star Chair

The Arts League is proud to host the 14th Annual Shining Stars Awards Luncheon on **Friday, October 23, 2009 at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas**. The purpose of this prestigious annual event is to honor outstanding women volunteers from North Tarrant County for their community service while raising funds to support the many educational and cultural programs of ARTSNET. Our **special guest, Bob Schieffer, moderator of CBS Face the Nation and Chief Washington Correspondent**, will be offering some remarks and presenting the awards

Since 1975, ARTSNET has taken a bold leadership role in cultivating the arts by encouraging, supporting and facilitating artistic and cultural opportunities through grants and awards in North Tarrant County. This would not be possible without the support of The Arts League.

We are also very proud of the Summer Arts College, now in its 15th year, which provided 500 children the opportunity to experience the performing and visual arts on 2008. Many of these children received scholarships funded by The Arts League. Our goal is to ensure ***no child is turned away.***

Given the economic challenges, we need 100% participation of the membership to have a successful event. Would you like to sponsor a table or know someone who would? Do you have a contact for a Live Auction or Raffle item? Be thinking about what you can donate to the Silent Auction. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

We believe Art is not a luxury, but rather a necessity, and we are passionate about ensuring that artistic and cultural opportunities are available to the entire community, not to just a privileged few. We need your help and thank you in advance for your support.

Keep in mind . . .

by Kay Stromberg, Shining Stars Silent Auction Co-Chair

NOW is the time to start thinking about items for the Shining Stars silent auction. As you travel during the summer, keep an eye out for interesting items for the auction tables. It would be wonderful if every member could donate a unique gift which would sell for no less than \$50 to \$100. Keep us in mind as you shop 'til you drop this summer!

“Taste” is looking delicious . . .

by Karin Newell, ARTSNET President



Dear Arts League,

Congratulations on an outstanding Garden Party! Year after year this event is truly a “must attend” and on behalf of the ARTSNET Board of Directors, thank you for a job well done. Proceeds from the Garden Party go toward ARTSNET’s Summer Arts College and aid in providing scholarships for those children who would otherwise not be able to participate in a summer camp. During these difficult times, because of your gracious volunteer fundraising spirit, the arts will come alive in helping hundreds of children develop life skills that will benefit them for years to come. You are an outstanding group of ladies and you have reached out to touch the future thru the children who will be attending Summer Arts College this year.

Our next fundraiser is ARTSNET’s Tenth Annual “Taste of Northeast.” This year’s theme is “Happy Days” and **Chair Carolyn Sims** looks for all you Beboppers to save the date—**August 20th at the NYTEX Sports Centre in North Richland Hills.** Festivities start at 5:30 and last until 9:00. We already have an unprecedented list of restaurants that have jumped on board, so the evening promises to be another fun family event in support of the arts.

Once again, thanks for the great support you provide ARTSNET and don’t forget to “save the date” – **August 20th for “Taste of Northeast”!!**

Artfully yours,

Karin Newell, ARTSNET President

Treasurer’s Report

by Winnie Wayne, Treasurer

INCOME

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| DONATIONS | \$1,610.00 |
| SILENT AUCTION | 795.00 |
| TICKETS | 2,125.00 |
| RAFFLE | <u>1,320.00</u> |
| | \$5,850.00 |

EXPENSES

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|---------------|-------------------|
| INVITATIONS | \$411.28 |
| LABELS | 28.29 |
| STAMPS | 277.20 |
| ENTERTAINMENT | 250.00 |
| SERVICE | 105.00 |
| REFRESHMENTS | 102.00 |
| SUPPLIES | 54.24 |
| GOLF CARTS | 191.20 |
| HOSTESS GIFT | 108.25 |
| FOOD SERVICE | <u>260.00</u> |
| | \$1,787.46 |
| NET | \$4,062.54 |



Bows & Strings Quartet



*Welcoming Committee (l to r):
Katherine Bradford, Sally Nees, Karen Parsinen, Jean Lewis*



(l to r): Arts League President Evelyn Englert, Janice Kane, Bonnie Kurtz



ARTSNET Board Chair Bob Hamilton & ARTSNET President Karin Newell

Congratulations to new grandmother Jacqueline Young who excitedly welcomed 7lb., 3.6 oz granddaughter **Asa Jeffrey Young** on May 9, 2009! Asa’s proud parents are Tori Carpenter and Jeffrey Young.

Garden Party Kudos . . .

by Katherine Bradford, Chair

This year The Arts League Garden Party was held on April 30 at the gorgeous home of Terri and Kim Gill in Montclair Parc. The weather cooperated with a spring day, and the beautiful home and outside setting were the perfect places to have a garden party. All who attended enjoyed wonderful food lavishly displayed—beautiful music inside and out—and an opportunity to watch talented artists create works of art. The raffle included many generous and unusual donations which helped to make this very special event a successful fundraiser for ARTSNET 's summer arts college program and scholarship fund. Thank you for helping to make it such a success!



Mitzi Long, District Representative with Vicki Truitt's Office stands with Colleyville Area Chamber President Mary Smith; seated are Georgia Kidwell (right) and guest.



(l to r): Tablescape Stylist Lynda Sanders & Assistant Judy McClellan in the Gill dining room.



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Janet Vaughn & Daughter

*The Arts League thanks its
Silent Auction, Raffle &
Underwriting Donors*

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- Jill Danahey
- Evelyn Englert
- Cathy Fryer
- Suzanne Harrington
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- Jean Lewis
- Kris Lindsay
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- Sharon Mayes
- Judy McClellan
- Sally Nees
- Karin Newell & ARTSNET
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