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The Arts Leaguer

President's Palette

Congratulations to several distinguished Arts League members! *Fort Worth Magazine—The City's Magazine* named past Orion Award Winner Ginny Tighe its 2009 Outstanding Volunteer from Northeast Tarrant County. Arts League members Cecilia Monacelli, Karen Parsinen, and Renova Williams were also nominees for that honor.

Sue Howery received the Leadership Award from the Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce on February 5. Sue will chair The Arts League's 2010 Shining Stars Luncheon in October.

Board member Jean Lewis will have her artwork featured this month at the Buon Giorno Coffee Shop, 2350 Hall Johnson Road in Grapevine. Jean will chair the 2011 Shining Stars Luncheon, as well as the 2010 Garden Party.

John Peter Smith will name its Euless school-based health center the JPS/HEB Kidwell Health Center after devoted JPS Volunteer and Arts League member Georgia Kidwell. Congratulations to all!



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**2010 Arts League President
Sharon Mayes**

Connie Nichols has an outstanding program planned for our annual *Wine, Women and the Arts* membership party on February 23, 2010. Beautiful Robb & Stucky Interiors in Southlake will host this event for us. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend with an interest in joining The Arts League.

Our trip to Philadelphia in May is going to be fabulous! Sandra Durbin and Sally Nees have not only planned an outstanding trip but also really worked to make it affordable. I understand there are still a few spaces left. Please call Sandra at 817.690.5709 if you would like to be part of this trip. These two women continue to work to provide our league members with fun-filled activities each month. In January, 17 women toured the Kimbell Art Museum and enjoyed lunch at the popular and trendy Tillman's Roadhouse. Thank you, Sandra and Sally! See you at *Wine, Women and the Arts*.

Sincerely,

Sharon Mayes, 2010 Arts League President

Upcoming Membership Social—Wine, Women & The Arts

by Connie Nichols, Third Vice-President, Membership



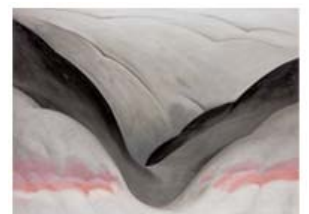
Don't miss the third annual *Wine, Women and The Arts* to be held Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at Robb & Stucky Interiors, 301 State Street, Southlake, Texas, 6-7:30 p.m. The Arts League invites the public, as well as members, to enjoy this informative and inspiring event and learn about The Arts League and its mission in support of ARTSNET of North Tarrant County.

Following wine, light appetizers and special treats, compliments of generous sponsor and host Robb & Stucky Interiors, guests will enjoy a presentation at 6:45 p.m. by Diana Vela, Director of Exhibitions and Education, The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Dr. Vela will speak about the much-anticipated Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Faraway: Nature and Image." The exhibit explores the relationship that Artist and Cowgirl Hall of Fame Honoree O'Keeffe's shared with nature and the American West through her camping experiences and artifacts.

The event is complimentary; members and guests, both men and women, are welcome. Please R.s.v.p. by Friday, February 19, to Connie Nichols at 817.577.0754, or by email: csn47@verizon.net



O'Keeffe's connection to the American West and her reputation at the forefront of American Modernism are essential to the premise of this exhibition and pertinent to her induction into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame. She identified herself with the ideals of the West—rugged individuality, fierce courage and a quest for the untamed. Nowhere is this more evident than through her arduous camping trips to paint the landscape of northern New Mexico, a place she romantically referred to as "the far away."



Membership Dues

by Membership Third Vice-President Connie Nichols

It is time to renew your membership in The Arts League. After much consideration, the Arts League Board of Directors voted to raise the dues to \$40. This is the first dues increase in many years. This year your Arts League plans to offer an activity every month in which members can participate. You won't want to miss out on the fun! If you have a dual membership with Arts League/ARTSNET, your dues may not be renewable until later in the year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please note that the return address on the membership envelope is incorrect. The correct address is ARTSNET, PO Box 210816, Bedford, TX 76095.

Arts League Plans Excursion for March 11

by Programs Co-Vice-President Sally Nees

Our March Arts League outing will be on Thursday, March 11 to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth to experience first hand "*Georgia O'Keeffe and the Faraway: Nature and Image*," a collaboration between the National Cowgirl Museum and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This exhibit explores the relationship the artist had with nature through her camping experiences and artifacts. Afterwards, we will meet for lunch at a location to be determined. Please plan to meet at the ARTSNET building at Bedford Boys' Ranch at 9:30 a.m. to carpool.

On Thursday, January 28, 17 Arts League members and guests enjoyed the wonderful exhibit at the Kimbell Art Museum "*From the Private Collections of Texas*." It was truly an exhilarating experience to be in the presence of such incredible works of art and to learn who, why and when they were purchased and where they reside today. We later enjoyed a delightful lunch at the new Fort Worth Tillman's Roadhouse. What a great way to spend a rainy day!

Philadelphia Trip Reservations Still Available . . .

by Programs Co-Vice-President Sandra Durbin

The Philadelphia Arts League trip May 20 thru May 23 is still available. The cost of \$900 per Arts League member covers everything except one luncheon, your transportation to Philadelphia and your transportation to the hotel from the airport. It's not too late to send your \$300 non-refundable deposit to secure your reservation. Call Sandra Durbin at 817.690.5709 for more information. We would love to have you join us!



Philadelphia skyline at night.

ARTSNET's Promotes New Grant for Individual Artists Residing in the Mid-Cities

by ARTSNET Program/Marketing Director Elizabeth Chambless

ARTSNET's first round of grants to individual artists has come to a close, with a second round of grants to be offered later this year. As part of a new initiative, ARTSNET hopes to reach out to local artists desiring to serve their community to apply for this grant. The grant is open to artists of all genres that reside in any of the following cities: Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Haltom City, Hurst, Richland Hills, Southlake and Westlake. As always, ARTSNET's mission is to encourage, support and facilitate artistic cultural opportunities within the communities of North Tarrant County.

Gearing Up for Shining Stars!

by Sue Howery, 2010 Shining Stars Chair

The 14th Annual Shining Stars Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Oct. 22, 2010 at the Dallas Marriot Las Colinas. As the 2010 chair, I invite you to be a part of this fun and dynamic committee as The Arts League hosts this event to recognize extraordinary women volunteers in Tarrant County. If you can help, please contact me at 817.454.6125 or by email: s.howery@verizon.net.



Congratulations to Arts League member Georgia Kidwell! John Peter Smith will name its school-based health center the JPS/HEB Kidwell Health Center in honor of Georgia's volunteer work in the Northeast Tarrant County area. The dedication ceremony will take place at the clinic on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 3115 W. Pipeline, Bldg D, Euless, TX, from 4-5 p.m. If weather does not permit outside festivities, the ceremony will take place in the adjacent F.E.W. Century Room.

The Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce honored Sue Howery with its Leadership Award at the February 5, 2010 Annual Chamber Banquet. Sue wears many hats in addition to serving on The Arts League board, and is the current Chairman for Summer Santa. Well deserved, Sue!



Photo by Premiere Photography



Fort Worth Texas Magazine recently hosted a luncheon honoring nominees chosen for its 2009 Volunteer of the Year awards. Nominees represented several regions of Fort Worth; voting took place at its FW Magazine website. Four Arts League members were among the five Northeast Tarrant area finalists, with top honors awarded to Ginny Tigie. Shown (L to R): Cecilia Monacelli, Honoree Ginny Tigie and Renova Williams. Not pictured: Karen Parsinen.

Original works of art by Artist and Arts League Patron Jean Lewis, co-owner of J&G Jewelers in Bedford, will be featured at Buon Giorno! coffee house, 2350 Hall Johnson Road in Grapevine on Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. A reception offering a wonderful selection of gourmet coffee in an idyllic European-style coffeehouse setting will surround Jean's original pieces, complimented by a Trunk Show of unique jewelry by Stella & Dot. The event is free and open to the public.



CALENDAR

February

- 23** Tuesday
Wine, Women & The Arts
3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Social
6-7:30 P.M.; PROGRAM AT 6:45 P.M.
Robb & Stucky Interiors
310 State Street, Southlake

March

- 1** Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.
ARTSNET, Bedford Boys Ranch
- 11** Thursday
National Cowgirl Museum &
Hall of Fame Excursion
Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit
9:30 A.M. Carpool to
ARTSNET, Bedford Boys Ranch
- 26** Friday
Colleyville Woman's Club
25th Luncheon & Fashion Benefit
Doors open at 9:30 A.M.
DFW Hyatt Regency
Info: www.c-w-c.org
- 27** Saturday
Keller Women's Club
Garden of Roses Fashion Show
Doors open 10 A.M.
The Speedway Club at
Texas Motor Speedway
Info: June Aurelio 817.741.2578

April

- 5** Monday
Arts League Board Meeting
9:30 A.M.
ARTSNET, Bedford Boys Ranch
- Shining Stars Meeting
10:30 A.M.
ARTSNET, Bedford Boys Ranch
- TBA** Ft. Worth Modern Museum
Andy Warhol Exhibit