

# Exhibitor

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## Message from the President

### *KARR TALK*

Welcome to 2006. I managed to survive one year so here I am giving it another go. I hear that those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. I unfortunately missed the first meeting of the year due a nasty bit of calcium, better known as a kidney stone. Our new Vice-President, Theresa Lucero, filled in admirably. She kept the event on an even keel even with some unexpected problems with the room reservation. I also hear Cyd Madsen gave a lively and informative presentation. Thanks to you both.

I have now signed a new contract with the library for our meeting room that locks it in for 2006. Unfortunately, three of our meeting dates are on Tuesday instead of Monday. These are: February 14, April 11, and September 12. Please note these on your calendar. What I have learned is that each month we need to contact the library and reserve the meeting date in the following year. This will be part of my regular routine from now on.

We have managed, by the skin of our teeth, to put together a Board for the New Year. Besides myself the new Board is: Theresa Lucero - Vice President, Kim Tempest - Secretary, Marie-Antoinette Arient - Treasurer, Steve McLain - Membership. Also, Kim Tempest and Maggi Winslow return as Trustees and Karen Wheeler gets another go 'round as Past-President. Thanks to the outgoing Board and committee chairs for all their help and hard work getting us through the past year. Josephine Espinosa has thankfully volunteered to take over as hospitality chair. Be warned that she will be seeking volunteers to fill out her committee. Look for a sign-up sheet at each meeting. Libby Garry, Doug Sneed, and Kim Tempest have graciously volunteered to repeat as Editor, Show Chair, and Historian. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart. Since Marie-Antoinette has stepped up to be Treasurer we now have a vacancy for Publicity Chair. We are seeking a volunteer.

The Board presented the Don Russell Memorial Award to three deserving members who have done much over the years for the Guild. Awards of free membership for a year, along with a red rose and a certificate, went to Barbetta Abbott, Dolores Nast, and Dawn Jett. Congratulations.

Karen Wheeler is presenting this month's program. Her topic is **The Eyes Have It**. It will be a painting workshop, so be prepared to get messy.

### **Dale Karr, President**



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**—The Vegas Artists Guild is a non-profit organization whose motto is 'Artists helping Artists'. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Clark County Library, 1401 Flamingo Road from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dues are \$30.00 per year and are prorated when joining after January. For more information give us a call at (702) 474-5272. **Note: in 2006 the February, April and September meetings are on Tuesdays.**



## 2006 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>January 9</b>	Cyd Madsen - Photography Essentials for Artists
<b>*February 14</b>	Karen Wheeler - The Eyes Have It
<b>March 13</b>	Lisa Stamanis - Las Vegas Visual Arts Projects
<b>*April 11</b>	Ronald Silby - An Artists' Framer
<b>May 8</b>	Marty Walsh - The Artist's Process
<b>June 12</b>	Kim Tempest - Animation
<b>July 10</b>	Suzanne Bothwell - Printmaking at Home
<b>August 14</b>	Del Walkenshaw - Desert Art Supplies
<b>*September 12</b>	Keith Conley - Design Fundamentals
<b>October 9</b>	Dawn Jett - Structure and Viewing
<b>November 13</b>	Gabby Hirsch - Surprise Art Demo
<b>December 11</b>	Elections and Christmas Party

* Indicates a Tuesday meeting.
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### ❖ Exhibit Info – Look Who Is Showing

- **VAG February Show** – “A Vegas Valentine” Derfelt Senior Center, Lorenzi Park, See below for addition information.
- **Dale Karr, Doug Sneed & Steve McLain** has the Guild slot at Brewed Awakenings at Sahara & Eastern.
- **Dorothy Teleucky & Carolyn Sosnick** has the Guild slot at Jitters at Wigwam & Eastern.
- **Jeanne Camire** is showing at Brian Head, Utah.
- **Josephine Espinosa** is at the Community Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Downtown Vegas.
- **Sandra Feldman** is at LV Art Museum-Fall Round-Up (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Summerlin Library WaterSmart Show (2<sup>nd</sup> place).
- **Theresa Lucero** is showing at Land of Legend Gallery, Henderson.
- **Yoko Konopik** is showing at Old Town Gallery, Henderson.
- **Maria E. Pineda** had 1 painting & decorative bottles in the Easter Seal Silent Auction in December.
- **Etel Surany** is at Boulder City Art Guild, Sun City Anthon, and DIC 3 Boulder City.
- **Steamy Raimon** added to his website 'Horses Horses Horses' check it out <http://www.cafepress.com/surfshack.com>.
- **Cyd Madsen, Anneliese Kielhorn & Etel Surany** are exhibiting City Lights Gallery.
- **Anneliese Kielhorn, Etel Surany, Libby Garry & Yoko Kondo Konopik** are at the Henderson City Hall for 6 months.

**BREWED AWAKENINGS AND JITTERS HAVE OPENINGS FOR MOST OF 2006 TO SHOW AND SELL YOUR WORK. CONTACT DOUG SNEED FOR OPEN DATES (451-7935)**



### ARTIST VENUE OF THE MONTH: VAG BOARD MEMBERS

A lot goes on behind the scenes to make the meetings and hanging venues work as well as they do. The Vegas Artists Guild would not be what it is without the Board Members. Our Board members get together once a month in addition to the regular meeting. There are also lots of emails and phone calls during a month to coordinate all kinds of things. So here is the list of 2006 Board Members and best wishes for a successful and creative new year!

Dale Karr – President  
 Secretary – Kim Tempest  
 Steve McLain – Membership  
 Kim Tempest – Trustee  
 Doug Sneed – Show Chair  
 Publicity – Open

Theresa Lucero – Vice President  
 Marie-Antoinette Arient – Treasurer  
 Maggi Winslow – Trustee  
 Josephine Espinosa – Hospitality  
 Kim Tempest – Historian  
 Newsletter – Libby Garry

### ❖ VAG WEBSITE – FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE TO JOIN

- If you are a current member, featured on the web site and you need no changes - read no further.
- If you want any changes done (different artwork, web page added, or etc.), you must get the information to me by February 14 (our general meeting) with a \$5 fee.
- Any member on the web site who does not renew their dues will be removed.
- If you want to be on the website for the first time please bring or email me a photo of the artwork you feel best represents your style, the title, medium and size, and any link to your personal web page along with \$5, and you will be included. The email is— [karen@karenwheeler.com](mailto:karen@karenwheeler.com), and if you must use snail mail for your picture please send it to: Vegas Artists Guild, PO Box 50327, Henderson, NV 89016-0327. If you haven't checked our site out, take a look at: [www.VegasArtistsGuild.com](http://www.VegasArtistsGuild.com).



**A VEGAS VALENTINE – A Vegas Artists Guild Art Exhibit**  
**February 2-28, 2006 – Derfelt Senior Center, Lorenzi Park, 3343 W. Washington St., LV**

**Entries Accepted:** Thursday, Feb 2nd, 9am – 4pm  
**Hanging Artwork:** Friday, Feb 3rd, 12pm – 4pm  
**Opening Reception:** Saturday, Feb 4th, 1pm – 3pm  
**End of Show Pickup:** Tuesday, Feb 28th, 9am – 4pm

- **Eligibility** – Show is open to members only and limited to 3 pieces of artwork. No pieces can be withdrawn during the show.
- **Originality** – Original artwork completed in the last two years without the aid of an instructor.
- **Specifications** – No size limitation. 3-D artwork is acceptable.
- **Framing** – All artwork must be adequately framed and Plexiglas must be used in pieces over 16"x20". All paintings must have backing boards and be ready to hang. The wire must support the weight of the painting and be attached with screws or screw eyes. No clips or claw hangers will be accepted.
- **Labels and tags will be available at drop-off.**

❖ **Guest Presenter: Cyd Madsen**



Our own Cyd Madsen did a great presentation on photography in January. She shared all kinds of information regarding what she has learned as a professional of 12 years. To start she said you have to *make* a picture, don't just *take* a picture. Composition is really important. She stressed the Rule of 3<sup>rd</sup>s or the Golden Mean as a starter point. After a short discussion about composition she moved into the more technical aspects of digital photography. Here are some of the highlights. Digital photographs are in a jpg format. It is a very corruptible format and in order to save your pictures you should immediately save them onto a CD and store that CD in a safe place. Then the ones that are downloaded to your computer should be changed to a TIFF format. Work with the TIFF files and if you need to convert the files back to a jpg only do it as the last action. Her reminder was "Art is cool, life is better as a TIFF." Another important thing she mentioned is that the best paper to use is Ilford Paper which will last for 100 years. The 2<sup>nd</sup> best paper is Moab paper. These papers are not any more expensive than the standard photo paper and can be found at Casey's Camera and other better camera stores. She talked a lot about copyrighting too. Photoshop allows you to enter File Info, which becomes an imbedded copyright. The best websites for artwork are [absolutearts.com](http://absolutearts.com), [alexa.com](http://alexa.com), [dreamstime.com](http://dreamstime.com), [canstock.com](http://canstock.com) and [eyestorm.com](http://eyestorm.com). All these websites can be used to look for what is going on in the art scene and the last one, if it approves your work will pay you if your work gets downloaded and is another way to copyright your work. If you have any questions Cyd can be contacted at [cydmadsen@mac.com](mailto:cydmadsen@mac.com).



**2005 CHRISTMAS PARTY – And a good time was had by all. Thanks to Lois and Yoko for all their efforts in providing the food and beverages- not only at Christmas but throughout the year! There was a raffle for donated gifts. I think almost everyone walked out with a gift including Vegas Artists Guild pencils. Three members received free memberships as recipients of the Don Russell Memorial Award.**



Two of the three Don Russell Memorial Award Dawn Jett and Barbetta Abbott (Dolores Nast not shown).



Lots of treats and a beautiful spread, thanks to Lois and Yoko.



A raffle of donated items made for fun.