



Merry Christmas



Chisholm Trail Art Association

December 2022 Newsletter

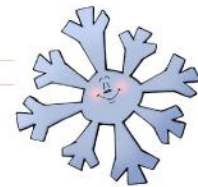


CTAA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 8, 2022



December 8: Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Fellowship Hall of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bowie (701 Hwy 81, next to the car wash). Potluck Dinner served starting at 6pm, followed by the gift exchange (max \$25 for a wrapped gift to be exchanged).

CTAA 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE



January 13: "Show and Tell" - members bring something they've been working on to share with the group, or talk about some new tip they've discovered to create, present, and sell art! Learning from each other!

**** If you would like to present a program at one of our CTAA meetings in 2023, please contact us! ****

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CTAA Minutes - November 2022

Gale Cochran-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02pm, November 10, 2022

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Coulson reported \$1,580.22 in the bank as of the October 20th statement. All invoices have been paid and all incoming monies received.

Hospitality Chair: Again.....thank you Dian Roades for the refreshments! Much appreciated!

Art of the Song Art Show Recap: Although Gwen did not have exact figures, the net result of the Art of the Song Art Show was a loss in the \$300 range. In order to break even or show a profit, we would need more entries. To achieve that, we need more prize money. To solve that "chicken and egg" conundrum, we would probably need another sponsor in addition to Nocona Nights, which donated the \$500 Best of Show award. Discussion was also made that we had not anticipated having to pay 1/3 of the event insurance (our portion was \$91). We should start thinking about approaching another group to help sponsor the show next year.

Gale indicated that she considered the art show a resounding success, even with a loss - given that we had more entries than last time, and more sales than last time. The Opening Reception was well attended, and the food was a beautiful table presentation in addition to being delicious. Thank you Dian Roades!

Discussion was made that if we have any more entries next year, we will need more art panels. We can purchase similar panels to the ones donated that we used this time at a cost of around \$150 per panel, or we can have someone make heavy cloth slipcovers to pull over the wire panels that Larry has in storage. That decision will have to be made prior to next fall's show. Jesse pointed out how professional the show looked with the cloth panels as opposed to the wire racks used in previous shows. We will reconsider the topic after Soon Warren's workshop next spring, to see how much money is available.

Other Meeting Topics: We got a thank you letter from The Kemp Center for our donation for the kid's art events earlier this year, as well as information regarding the Cowboy True event. Gale will post that information on our group website.

Discussion was made regarding our next month's Christmas Party. Gwen/Jesse/Gale will ask Danny/Judi Laws if we can use the Fellowship Hall at the 7th Day Adventist Church again the evening of December 8th. Plan B is to hold it in our meeting room at the bank. Further discussion was made regarding catered food versus potluck, and the group all agreed that potluck was a better option. The art group will pay for the turkey, and the members will individually provide the rest of the feed. White Elephant Gift Exchange will be the same as last year - \$25 max cost of a wrapped gift. Diane and Liz will take care of the decorations. Emails will be circulated for further details.

Our next regular scheduled meeting will be on January 12th - it will be our annual "Show and Tell" meeting. Bring what you've been working on, or talk about a tip or new discovery related to art. Members should start thinking about presenters for 2023.

Officer slate for re-election during that meeting will hopefully be the current officers. Thank you Gale, Larry, Gwen, Dian, and Jennifer! (Angela and Vonnie were not in attendance, so haven't yet indicated whether or not they will agree to continue for another year).

The majority of the memberships are due for renewal in January.

There were no "Artist of the Month" entries for November.

Presentation by Photographer Ron Ice:

Ron grew up near Saint Jo, where he graduated from high school. He earned a BS and MA degree in US History and Political Science from Texas A&M Commerce before joining the US Army for four years of service. He taught classes in high school and college before changing careers to work as a supplier for an aluminum fabrication company. After he retired in 2014, he took a photography class and became hooked. He and his wife now live at Robson Ranch near Denton, spending weekends on the family farm near Saint Jo. He is involved in a very active photography club at his community, and the hobby has now become his passion. He considers himself a "hobbyist" and says he is constantly learning new things about photography.

Ron presented a PowerPoint program on the many "Rules" of photography - the first rule being, don't always follow the rules! He said that many great photographs don't adhere in any way to the various rules about composition, lighting, framing, etc. He suggested researching a photographer whose work you like, and figure out what makes those photographs great - and copying those techniques! He also said study photographs you don't like, and figure out why you don't like them - then don't repeat those mistakes. He believes the most meaningful thing he's learned is to "first to look, and then to see." That opens up a new way of looking at things. He is always looking for new creative ways to make photographs. He said one of the mistakes is thinking you have to go somewhere new to find things to photograph. Instead, just study what is around you, and you can nearly always come up with something you never really noticed before.

All of the photographs in his presentation were his own, and some were really unusual and thought-provoking. He got us all thinking of new ways of looking at things, and said the beauty of digital photography, is that you can always delete what you don't like. Learn from your mistakes, and just keep taking photographs....NOT snapshots!

Respectfully submitted by Gale Smith

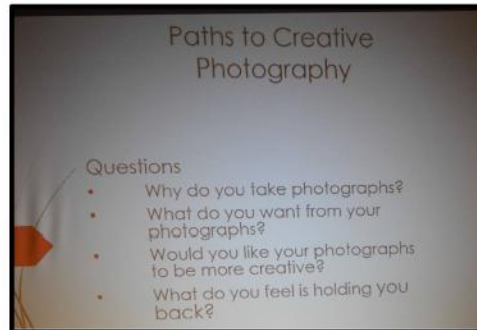


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CTAA November Meeting



Would like to thank Ron Ice for his great program on photography! He brought up a lot of interesting advice on how to find creativity in photography which applies to all forms of artwork. Everyone enjoyed the presentation. You shouldn't have missed this program!





Area Art Opportunities

COWBOY TRUE EXHIBITION at the Bridwell Ag Center, in Wichita Falls - April 1, 2023:

Deadlines for entry to be juried is DECEMBER 15th for the first round, and DECEMBER 16 thru JANUARY 31, for the second round. No applications will be accepted after the January 31 deadline. Artists will be notified within 2 weeks of jurying and accepted artists will then receive a packet in the mail. For questions about the exhibition, contact Program Coordinator Kristine Thueson at the Forum (940-767-2787) or email at programming@artscouncilwf.org. A copy of the guidelines and entry form can be found by clicking [[here](#)].

22nd Annual Juried Exhibition at Red River Valley Museum in Vernon. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS January 18, 2023. Show runs from June 4 through July 14, 2023. \$5000 in awards!! Contact the museum for more information: www.RRVMuseum.org or 940-553-1848.

Soon Warren Watercolor Workshop, January 5th & 6th, 2023 in Fort Worth. For more information, go to www.womenoftheartsftworth.com.....or sign up for her 3-day workshop in Nocona sponsored by the CTAA after January 1st. (go to our Soon Warren Workshop 2023 page).

Drawing Workshop with Donna Howell-Sickels in Saint Jo; March 3rd thru 5th. Cost is \$325. Call the Davis & Blevins Art Gallery in Saint Jo for more information and to register: 940-995-2786.

Pastel Workshop by Jan Thompson at the 404 Ranch, March 26th to April 1st, 2023. Includes all meals and lodging on site. To download the flyer information, click [here](#).

CTAA's Soon Warren Watercolor Workshop, June 7, 8, & 9th in Nocona. Registrations will be accepted starting January 1, 2023! Go to our page for more information!

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Workshops

Davis & Blevins, The Main Street Gallery



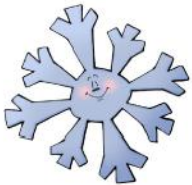
A Christmas gift experience for the artist in your life ... Donna Howell-Sickles Drawing Workshop, March 3-5, \$325.

Donna's drawing workshops are always jam-packed with nuggets of advice, different ways of capturing a moment, lots of laughs and LOTS OF CHARCOAL! Come, hang out with Donna in her Saint Jo church studio and learn how one line can

bring your art to life!

Beginners, intermediates and advanced are all welcome!

Call the gallery to reserve your space.



JAN THOMPSON, PSA ANNUAL PASTEL WORKSHOP at the 404 Ranch March 26th - April 1st, 2023



Experience Jan's creative & artistic abilities along with the southern hospitality on a working ranch.

Lodging provided in the Ranch Bunkhouse

Starts: Sunday, March 26th, arrival between 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Classes begin Monday morning 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Classes end on Friday at 4:00 pm After critiques, there will be a dinner Celebration

Fee: \$950 Includes 5 days of workshop plus Food & Lodging for 6 to 7 nights

Class limited to 15 and is expected to sell out quickly. Don't delay in reserving your place.

\$400 deposit - ASAP or no later than February 15, 2023 to Jackie Ralleback (Ranch

Owner/Host), 2520 Norwood Dr., Hurst, TX 76054 Email: jrallschas@att.net Phone:

817-657-8691

Deposits are Non-refundable after March 1, 2023



Soon Warren watercolor workshop

JUNE 7, 8, & 9, 2023 (3 days)

in Nocona, Texas

Registration will open ON 01/01/23

The cost of the workshop will be \$250 per person. Workshop is limited to 20 people. Reservations will open on January 1st, 2023 and will require a \$50 deposit (check made payable to CTA& sent to the attention of Gale Cochran-Smith, PO Box 354, Montague TX 76251). Checks for the deposit MUST BE received not later than 15 days after registration, or the spot may be made available to another person. Contact Gale Cochran-Smith AFTER JANUARY 1st to register for the workshop at 817-832-6991 (cell) or via email at galecsmith@gmail.com. No reservations will be accepted until AFTER JANUARY 1st! Reservations will be accepted in the order that they are received.

A supply list and step-by-step instructions for the painting above will be sent to each registered artist no later than May 15th. The entire remaining cost of the workshop (\$200) must be received no later than the first day of the workshop, June 7th, and can be paid on site. For additional information, please contact Gale.

Overnight lodging in Nocona can be found at Red River Station Inn (www.redriverstationinn.com) or at the Veranda Inn (www.verandanococonatexas.com) - both are very nice, locally-owned, comfortable hotels.



Art Shows and Contests



Drawing • Jewelry • Painting • Photography •
Sculpture • Silversmithing • Trappings • Woodworking

Coming March 31st and April 1st, 2023 to the
JS Bridwell Ag Center @ MPEC!

The mission of Cowboy True is to educate the
region about the honor, art and beauty of a
cowboy's daily life.

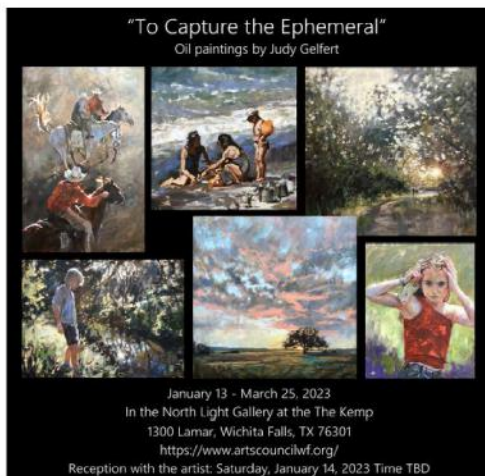
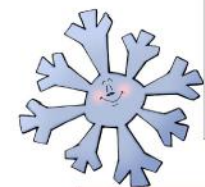
The Cowboy True Art & Culture Fair features
artists and craftsmen from across the country. Artists are juried into the event based on
their artistic skill and strong representation of the Cowboy way of life.



When is Cowboy True and what happens?

Cowboy True will be held March 31st and April 1st, 2023 at the JS Bridwell Ag Center @
MPEC. We have dozens of Cowboy Artists of all types and a variety of music, entertainment,
poetry, food, and other art activities.

How do I apply to the exhibit?



I'm so excited to share that The Kemp Center for the Arts in
Wichita Falls, TX will be featuring 40+ of my oil paintings
from January 13-March 25, 2023, in their beautiful North
Light Gallery. There will be an artist's reception on January
14, and I'd love to see you there! More details to come!

Judy Cantwell Gelfert



Area Art Sites to Visit



Who we are...



<http://www.artscouncilwf>



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Chisholm Trail Heritage Center
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