



THE SKETCHPAD

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NEL DORN BYRD

WATERCOLOR ARTIST

Nel Dorn Byrd began drawing as a child. She first painted with oils and since 1970 has painted in the medium of watercolor. She studied art at Midland Institute of Fine Art.

After she and her husband moved to the Dallas area she continued her studies at Richland College and the University of Texas at Dallas. She has studied at home and abroad with many watercolor instructors, traveling and painting in twelve different countries and throughout the United States.

Nel co-operated in a successful art gallery and frame shop, "Gallery Eight", for twenty one years.

Her paintings have been accepted in over two hundred juried regional and national exhibitions and she has received numerous awards and honors. Nel is a signature member of several watercolor societies and her work has been included in many publications and books. Her paintings are displayed in corporate and private collections throughout the United States.

Nel paints in a loose, impressionistic style and her works often depict strong light and dark patterns with the play of light giving excitement and interest to any subject. She feels that working in a series is often conducive to creativity.



Recent Exhibitions in 2008

New England Watercolor Society 11th Biennial North American Open

- Cohen Award for Excellence in Light and Shadow

National Watermedia Oklahoma 34th Exhibition -

Award Aqueous Open, Pittsburg, PA Watercolor Society 62nd International

27th Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Old Forge, NY

Louisiana Watercolor Society 38th International Exhibition

Western Colorado Watercolor Society

Arizona Watercolor Association National

Texas Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition

33rd Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition

PAINTING OF THE MONTH

Month of March 2009

Thanks to everyone for your participation

Below are the winners of the fabulous March Asel Painting of the Month! With eighteen entries, the winners are

From left to right:

First **Cynthia Barretto** "Hibiscus" Oil

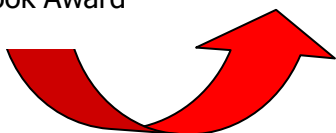
Second **Donna Sabolovic** "The Apple of My Eye" Watercolor

Third ***Lucille Carter** "Come Hither Look" Pastel

*Rosemary Cheney Book Award"



Photos Lin Huang



Upcoming Events

April 4– May 16, 2009 50+ Show
Library Gallery

April 21, 2009 Meeting Library Basement
Nel Dorn Byrd demo Watercolor

April 25, 2009 Nel Dorn Byrd 1 day Workshop
Watercolor

May 19, 2009 Meeting Library Basement
Jimmy Dyer demo Oil

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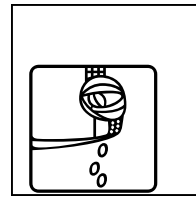
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Bob Rohm Workshop in March was a great experience for the participating artists. Bob carried out demonstrations showing how to move from a few brushed lines to detailed intricately colored paintings from photographs. One of these is shown at left.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WE did it!! The WE is larger for a very good reason! This definitely was a fantastic group effort by RCAS members. The Prospectus mailing 'hen' party was fun. Robynne Hardison and John Cheney managed the take in data with great expertise. Thank you for all your hours and hours. Carol and Dick Powel made planning a reception for 150 people look easy. (it helps to have 2 weddings under your belt!) Judy Stubbs started early soliciting sponsors for Merchant awards, she was persistent which made another whole group of winners happy. And speaking of winners, kudos to Millie Giles, our juror! Your selections have encouraged, inspired and challenged us all for greater things. Our 43rd Regional Juried Art Exhibition closed with rave reviews. Lets all give a hand for the Band, the staff of the Eisemann, our caterer Weddings & Celebrations, our printers M&SGraphics and Gunter's Flowers! I have listed below everyone that I know about who volunteered. Please come forward if your name needs to be on this list. We couldn't have done it without you! You all made coordinating the show work smoothly. THANK YOU!

Barbara McNutt

Judy Stubbs, Robynne Hardison, Dick Powell, John Cheney, Barbara Mussett, Dick Mussett, Brenda Guyton, Lori Bongiviani, Dorothy McAllister, Joan Hogge, Pat Feteke, Virginia Harris, Mary Truelove, Carol Thryhall, Suzanne M. Berry, Jacki Johnston, Lucille Carter, Claudia Caudill, Susan & Bill Martin, Diane & Reed McNabb, Jerry Kagay, Bob Voges, Carol McLeod, and Elias Vasquez. Give a pat on the back to your Board Members as well. Remember: this event was sponsored in part by the City of Richardson through the Richardson Arts Commission.

RICHARDSON CIVIC ART SOCIETY 43RD ANNUAL REGIONAL SHOW

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A portion of the crowd at the Regional Show Reception and Awards presentation. Great food, Grand music and Lots of prizes filled an evening not to be forgotten.



Best of Show Award and Purchase Prize went to Barbara Elam for her Graphics Painting "Waiting for the Parade" which will be permanently on exhibit in the Richardson Library.

2009 ROSEMARY CHENEY MEMORIAL SHOW

The Rosemary Cheney Memorial Art Show is in its fourth year sponsored in part by Richardson Civic Art Society and Richardson Independent School District. Kay Savay is The RISD Visual Arts Coordinator and John Cheney is the loving husband of Rosemary and the person most responsible in RCAS for launching this fabulous show. Over the past four years participation by the **RISD Elementary School' Art Departments** has increased dramatically. **This year there were 33 schools and 361 students participating.**

RCAS' coverage of the RISD Art programs extends from Elementary through High School with the Rosemary Cheney Memorial Show in February and the Young People's Scholarship Show in March.
John Cheney—See page 5

Every organization needs one or two go-to people and RCAS has such a person in John Cheney. John is the "go to" person for the many events that RCAS holds during the year. John put together his own software that so capably moves the show results around and keeps the mailing and membership lists up to date. The entry forms, the mailing lists, the organization of entries by division, the results of the shows, the impressive membership directory that comes out once a year, all these are done by John Cheney on his computers. He has sponsorship of the Rosemary Memorial Art Show in the memory of his wife, a teacher in RISD for many years that reaches throughout the grade schools. We have been fortunate to have his willing services over the years and a long overdue thank you is offered here. Thank you John for all your work in making this organization a success! John has taught us the meaning of real service to RCAS.



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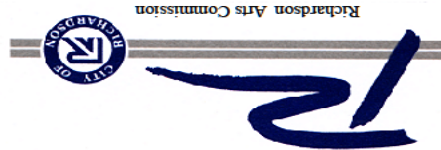
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