

Harlingen Art Forum Newsletter - November 2006

HAF Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday November 27th at 6pm at D'Arte Centre, 115 E Jackson, Downtown Harlingen. You should probably know that from the close of that meeting there will be only 2,347,200 seconds, or 39,120 minutes, or 652 hours remaining of shopping time until Christmas. You may want to plan on purchasing that perfect work of art to give to family and friends during the meeting that night. It is well known that you give your own art to those same family and friends, so think about it, they might enjoy a little change of pace! Oh, and if you can't find something to hang on the wall, think about your closet! There are a few 2006 Beachcombers Polo shirts which will be offered on super close out prices that evening. YES only \$8.50 will get you a great shirt – there are 5 medium, 1 small and 1 large available to choose from. Hey, give a turtle a home for Christmas.....

Membership Dues

Dues are due, so to speak! With all the activities of the fall season it is easy to lose track of some of the details. If you haven't yet sent in your Harlingen Art Forum dues, now is an excellent opportunity. Mail your check to the Gallery attention Membership. Hanging fees are on separate schedules, so if you are unsure about your dates for that check with Linda Shreeve at the upcoming meeting. With the paid up dues of all the current 120 members the Forum is a vibrant and forceful influence for art in the Rio Grande Valley

Making Slides of your work for entry at shows and exhibitions

While the world may be going digital some shows and exhibits require 35 mm slides of works of art. Getting slides is not the daunting task that it may seem. Once you have good digital photos of your work the easiest and least costly way of getting slides is using a service like **IPRINTFROMHOME**. Signing on to <http://www.iprintfromhome.com/> you simply upload the photograph of your work and by the next day they send you a professionally created 35mm slide. First copy is \$2.49 with additional copies of the same photo costing \$1.25. This service is one of several and makes everything as easy as possible on the artist. IPRINTFROMHOME also does giclee archival prints in many sizes.

Art Walk Harlingen Three highly successful Art Walks were held in Harlingen this fall. Gallery Director Celeste De Luna organized, coordinated and generally went over the top to make this Harlingen first a whopping success. Many HAF artists participated and the reaction from the public was very enthusiastic. Plans call for Art Walks to resume in 2007, so think about attending, or better yet, setting up to be a featured artist at one of the many venues.

Member news: Dorothy Webster had a painting chosen to be an annual Garden Club poster and another work chosen for inclusion in a set of Woman's Club note cards.

Duane Beard, Mary Kay Crawford, Lynda Haman, Peg Kendall, Ben Moran, Ed & Stephanie Sokosloski, and Curtis Whatley donated art works to the FoodbankRGV Empty Bowls program. **Nancy Algrim** donated a decorated ostrich egg to the Easter Seals Society in McAllen, **Duane Beard** donated a stained glass panel and **Myrilla Sparhawk** and **Bernice Coleman** donated decorated ostrich eggs to the Easter Seals Society in Harlingen. If you have news about yourself or another artist please email the information to forumcontact@harlingenartforum.com

Upcoming Events:

The Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts is accepting entries for their 36th International Art Show. December 1st is the deadline for slides to be sent in. The entry cost is \$45 for up to 3 slides. ***See separate article for information on easily making slides of your work.***

Dias Festivos Marketplace – McAllen Nov 30 – Dec 3 several HAF members will be exhibiting

Laguna Madre Art League Christmas Show and Sale – Port Isabel Dec 1 – Dec 3 more HAF members will be exhibiting

25th Spring Classic Fine Art Show and Sale Feb 3 – 4, 2007 Registration Deadline for booth consideration is December 15th 2006 – contact Patty Withington at (956) 630-2528 or (956) 330-8745 or email Pattywithart@rgv.rr.com for more information.

McAllen Art Walk Dec 1st 6 – 10 pm Excellent venue of multiple sites with many varied artists. HAF members have exhibited on previous Art Walks.

Arroyo Holiday Lighting McKelvey Park, Harlingen 6:30 pm Nov 30th Christmas event full of family entertainment, food and community celebration. Parking off Commerce St, follow the access road in front of Valley Morning Star and continue under the Arroyo Bridge.

D'Arte Centre January One Man Show – HAF member artist Ben Varela will be featured in a one man show during January 2007

World Wide Web Places to check out

ARTSRGV.COM Calendar of upcoming arts events throughout the Rio Grande Valley

GLASSTIRE.COM an online journal of visual art in Texas

<http://users.design.ucla.edu/%7Eakoblin/work/faa/index.html> amazing video of charted FFA data on 16,626 flights to or from US destinations on March 19, 2005, proving that art can be found in numbers.

WWW.FPBENNETT.COM Very professionally done website of an artist displaying bird and wildlife art at the Birding Festival

WWW.WICKEDARTIST.COM Young ceramic and sculptural artist who was featured in the UTPA display during the November Art Walk in Harlingen

<http://www.spadre.com/megasurfcam.htm> What the surf looks like right now at South Padre Island's Jetties Park (7am to 5pm daily, updated every minute, gee I wish I could get a shipping schedule, ships in the channel are way cool)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/10/arts/design/10vela.html> Art Review Velázquez, Without Bells or Whistles a New York Times review