

HARLINGEN ART FORUM

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48th Beachcomber Fine Art Show

Applications are now being accepted for new exhibitors at the Beachcomber Fine Art Show. This event is the longest running fine art show in Texas and the major funder of the activities of the Harlingen Art Forum. If you didn't exhibit last year and are considering exhibiting this year go to www.harlingenartforum.com to complete an application, or stop by D'Arte Centre and pick up a hard copy of the application. There are a limited number of booths available and HAF would love to see them filled with the fine art of additional HAF members.

You also get your chance to volunteer with the myriad of activities required to make this show the perennial success that it is. Assistance will be needed with the hospitality room for artists, the front desk registration of the public, the operation of the HAF booth and a million other things. See the Beachcomber Treasure Trove box below for a taste of the fruits of reward for volunteering.

Marge Ford, Louise Alexander, **Vivian Martin** and **Duane Beard** are the lead committee and they thank you in advance for all your assistance.

Myrilla Sparhawk, **Peg Kendall** and **Celeste De Luna** have assisted with artist mailings

Beachcombers Treasure Trove

From now until August this corner of the newsletter will be reserved for the 48th Annual Beachcombers Fine Art Show. Keep watching this space for information. During the show HAF members who volunteer in the HAF Exhibit Booth, at the front desk admissions table or anywhere they are needed will have the opportunity to win! Keep track of the clues and submit the most accurate Treasure Trove Manifest and that winning volunteer could be you!

Fifty Two Exhibiting Artists are already signed up for the 48th Annual Beachcombers Fine Art Show.

In 2006 for the 47th Annual Beachcombers Virginia Eggert provided the line drawings of our mascot turtles, 20 of them made starring appearances on our Web Page. For the 48th Annual Beachcombers HAF member Lynda Haman has provided us with colorful pelicans. Ten of them currently appear on our web page. Neither turtles, nor pelicans appeared on the famous Dead Man's Chest in the pirate's song from Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, what did and how many were there?

RIOFEST – HARLINGEN FAIR PARK April 20 - 22

Riofest is back and celebrating its 25th year anniversary! Come and join the international celebration of arts and culture featuring artists from across the United States and Mexico. With original artwork, lots of music and entertainment, there is fun for everyone. Don't forget there are plenty of activities for the kids, too!

Last year, Riofest won 11 Marketing Awards at the 2006 Texas Festival & Events Association Conference, including the Zenith Award for outstanding accomplishments in festivals and event promotion. A special congratulations to HAF Member and Executive Director, **Kathy Preddy** for receiving the Hall of Honor, Life Time Achievement award.

The HAF Booth at Riofest is ready to go, contact HAF President Lewis Levine to volunteer assistance in setting up and manning the booth.

HARLINGEN ART FORUM MEETING IS MONDAY March 26th 6 PM AT D'ARTE CENTRE

HAF Member Freddy Benn will be presenting an interactive workshop on Artist Trading Cards. If you aren't familiar with ATCs then this should be an exciting meeting as you will not only get information, but will have the opportunity to create and trade right on the spot! Please bring a small surface to work on, like a clipboard, and colored pencil or other media which can be easily used. Don't forget to bring a few dollars for the raffle!

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

There are 118 members of the Harlingen Art Forum as of March 2007

ARTIST Profile

**Are you an artist in the Rio Grande Valley?
Want some free exposure?**

Answer the questions below and send us photos of your art. We'll set up a free Artist Profile page for you at the **Valley Morning Star's** upcoming entertainment Web site **www.theV247.com.**

What's your name?

What's your e-mail address?

What's your Web site address? (if you have one)

What kind of art do you make and what informs it?

Please write a short bio.

How long have you been creating art?

Do you have an artistic statement?

What's are the best places to exhibit in the RGV? Why?

Please e-mail your responses and photos of art and yourself to mmoody@valleystar.com

By submitting content you grant permission to the Valley Morning Star to publish the information and/or photos you provide submitted through the Internet.
Log on to www.theV247.com, coming in March.



rary Art Juried Online International Art Exhibition", May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008. Open to all artists worldwide. Original works in all media representative of contemporary directions in art, including installation, post-modern and outsider art. Cash Awards of Excellence and Special Recognitions will be given at juror's discretion. Upstream Gallery team of professional artists and an on staff critic will act as jurors. \$25 for up to 5 slides or jpegs/tiffs; \$5 each add'l. The prospectus is available online at <http://www.upstreampeoplegallery.com/schedule/20070501.asp> or artists can send a SASE to: Upstream People Gallery, 5607 Howard St., Omaha, NE 68106-1257, USA. Deadline: April 14, 2007. Questions? Please contact Larry Bradshaw

shows@upstreampeoplegallery.com or 1-402-991-4741.

Soft Pastels Exhibition

"National Open Pastel Exhibition" call for entries -- The MidAmerica Pastel Society announces a call to artists for its "National Open Pastel Exhibition", held June 15 - September 9, 2007 at the Albrecht-Kemper Art Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri. Work must be 80% Soft Pastels. Original work within the last 2 years. Work done under instructor is ineligible. Over \$8,000 in awards. Juror: Albert Handell. Non-members - \$35 for 1 slide, \$40 for 2, \$45 for 3. Deadline: April 1, 2007. For more information, visit <http://midamericapastel.org> or send a SASE to: P.O. Box 40369, 8010 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66204. Questions? Please contact Beverly Amundson at bev@agi-net.com or call 913-593-7489.

Do your pictures want to be in pictures?

Hollywood Here We Come

Call For Artists -- [Phyllis Stein](#), a Fine Art Gallery specializing in Production Rentals, seeks to expand its Artist Base. Mediums sought include: Painting, Photography, Digital Art, Graphic Design, Illustration and all manner of Print. Artists of varied ilk and stripe are encouraged to submit. Deadline for entries: April 1, 2007. Please send images of your work, along with any pertinent information to: galleries@phyllissteinart.com.

How about a Virtual Gallery?

"9th Annual Contemporary Art Juried Online International Art Exhibition" -- [Upstream People Gallery](#) announces a call to artists for the "9th Annual Contempo-

Texas Just Too Hot?

"Light Night 2007" call for entries -- Gallery 1og8 (Reykjanesby, Iceland) announces a call to artists for "Light Night 2007". Artists working in all media from all of the world are invited to enter the 2007 art festival in Iceland "Light Night", beginning August 31, 2007. \$20 for 3 images. Artists may submit 35mm slides, photos, or digital files in the JPEG or TIFF format (with a .jpg or .tif extension). Entry deadline: May 1, 2007. Application: http://www.malverk.com/application_form.html. Questions? Contact Gudmundur R Ludviksson at malverk@malverk.com or +3546151800.

Making Music on the Seven Seas

An Orchestra Boat is coming to Port Isabel on April 24, 2007 and the organizers of this event would like local artists to submit their 4' x 6' (4 foot by 6 foot) art piece - painting, sculpture, etc. for consideration by a panel of jurors to be included (on consignment) as part of this Orchestra Boat's art collection. All art must be submitted by April 20. Call Glenda Stafford at (956) 943-2858 or e-mail her at busterann@aol.com for more information.

This Orchestra Boat will be in Port Isabel from April 24 thru Saturday, April 28. The plan is for a free public concert at South Point in Port Isabel before it travels up the Texas coast to Corpus, Houston, Galveston and on up the East Coast of the United States.

INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT ON AND OFF THE WEB

<http://www.dangenart.com>

Dangenart Gallery in Nashville TN is a by-artist-for-artist organization dedicated to emerging artists. Dangenart Gallery, as an alternative to the mainstream fine art galleries, was founded in 2005 to provide emerging artists with exhibition opportunities. All shows are juried exhibitions

<http://brownsvillemfa.org/>

The Brownsville Museum of Fine Art has redone their web page. Several interesting exhibits soon.

Art is in the Eye

The younger set may whip by us on skateboards or BMX and scare

the living daylights out of us. Their frivolity and slam bam living in the moment can sometimes seem to be way too much, but there is often a seriousness to their perception of the world we both share that we would do well to learn from. One of the skateboard ramps in the McAllen Skatepark generated a lot of talk recently, here's the picture, see if you see Jesus or the Mona Lisa

<http://www.nikfix.com/images/JesusRamp.jpg>

Some great interviews with the artists from Seventh Level Gallery are at http://www.nikfix.com/feature_StoppingOutYard.html

The Seventh Level Gallery on Commerce in Harlingen is open most afternoons and can be open by special appointment. The Nik-Fix Web Site is updated periodically at <http://www.nikfix.com/news.html>

Blogs

Web logs – now universally called Blogs – have redefined the dissemination of information. Anyone can start one, they can focus on any topic, or no topic at all. Mike Moody of the soon to be launched V247 Arts Magazine (see page two) has a local arts blog connected with the Valley Morning Star. Check out his entry for March 12th at

<http://valleywire.freedomblogging.com/2007/03/12/art-galeria-409s-wild-style/>

Then be sure and visit Galeria 409 in Brownsville at 409 E. 13th St. and see the actual instead of virtual art.

Calendar of Events

Check for updates on the calendar at WWW.HARLINGENARTFORUM.COM

APRIL 6th 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
McAllen First Friday Art Walk
Nuevo Santander Gallery; 717 N Main St

Jac-Lin's Florist; 722 N Main St
Douglas Clark; 700 N Main St
Espana; 701 N Main St Visit with the ever popular artist, Robert Vina.

McAllen Public Library ; 601 N Main St

S. Klein Gallery; 521 N Main St

Niu Urban Living by Casa Antigua; 920 N. Main St

Art House; 1009 Laurel

The Loft; 501 W Business 83

Fiorella Restaurant; 1306 N 15th St

Santa Anita Gallery; 1500 Pecan
<http://www.mcallenartwalk.com>

Location: Downtown; McAllen, TX

Monday April 2, 2007 - Friday April 6, 2007 Save the Date for UTPA's Pan American Days, a weeklong event covering a wide range of academic and cultural activities, related to Americans of all ages from 24 different countries. Its goal is to promote and strengthen bonds of friendship and understanding among all nations.

Location: UTPA Campus; 1201 W University Drive; Edinburg, TX

Thursday March 22, 2007 - Sunday April 22, 2007 6:00 PM Clark Art for Habitat A fund-raising art exhibition will be hosted at The Loft, located at 501 W. Business 83, from March 22-April 22, 2007,

with an opening reception March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

“Clark Art for Habitat”, is a colorful exhibit with new, never before seen art work that Kirk Clark, and fellow artist and daughter, Anne Clark-Lawson have just produced. Both artists have used a wide range of subjects to create sculpture, monoprints and drawings. Over 65 contemporary works will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity. “The idea is to highlight Habitat for Humanity, and really showcase all that this organization does for the people of the Rio Grande Valley,” said Kirk.

Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity, 412 W. Ash Avenue, located across from the Loft, is a Christian non-profit organization that builds homes for people that need a hand up, not a hand out. Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to the ideal that people deserve a decent place to live and are dedicated to making family partners into responsible homeowners. Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity will have an open house and conduct volunteer-guided tours of the facility that evening.

“Clark Art for Habitat” is an idea born of local artist and philanthropist, Kirk Clark. Kirk is trying to mirror a fund-raising exhibit that he recently had in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Over \$25,000 dollars was raised opening night through the sale of Kirk’s art benefiting a charity organization called Centro de Rehabilitación y Educación Especial, or CREE, a center for rehabilitation and special education for underprivileged children.

For more information on this event, please contact DeAnna Garza, Coordinator, at

deanna@kdeanna@kirkclark.com, or Jack Tierney, Executive Director of Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity, at jtierney@rgv-habitat.org. <http://www.rgv-habitat.org/>

Location: The Loft; 501 W Business 83; McAllen, TX

April 20 – 22 RIOFEST see page one

April 23rd HAF Meeting - 6pm at D'Arte Centre

Member news

Peg Kendall took two second place ribbons at the International Art show at the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, one in pastels and one in oils.

Also **Kisti Beckwith** took third place and honorable mention in sculpture

Ruthelyce McKinney, Robin Cate, and Jan Addis (a student in **Bernice Coleman's** Tuesday class) and **Peg Kendall** are among those who displayed some of their art at the first Presbyterian Church in Harlingen from Feb. 28-March 5th.

On March 1st the HAF once again displayed art at the Casa de Amistad. The people attending "Urban Cowboy" came into the lobby before the show to see the work of **Armando Ortiz, Mary Kay Crawford, Sue Tarrant and Judee Koester Soendker**. One woman told us that she makes a point of arriving well before curtain time to see our display of art work. This was the last show of the season, but the staff said that they look forward to our displays again next year. We were able to distribute a

number of D'Arte Centre cards and brochures and stimulate interest in visiting the gallery.

HAF College Scholarship Program is announced at www.HarlingenArtForum.com

Graduating High School seniors have the opportunity to win one of several HAF scholarships, applications and information have been distributed to all area High Schools, but please encourage anyone you know who might qualify to go to our website and check out the requirements. The scholarships are offered to meet one of the founding principles of the Harlingen Art Forum and funded through the Beachcombers Fine Art Show.

If you haven't checked out our own web pages lately, please do.

Gayle Lybbert is the HAF Online Artist of the Month at www.harlingenartforum.com

If you'd like to be the Online Featured Artist please prepare 3 to 5 digital images of your work and contact forumcontact@harlingenartforum.com

We know you are all busy doing many things, please send an email to forumcontact@harlingenartforum.com and tell us so we can include your accomplishments here.