



December 2011

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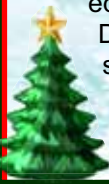
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Holiday Gift Sale

**November
&
December**



All active members who have been **juried-in** may bring items for this holiday sale! Items must be of high quality, affordably priced and contain 1 or more artistic features created by the member. They may be in any medium regardless of the medium you are juried-in for. Provide a display box or basket to show off those precious smaller items. Large quantities of smaller items and a few additional large items will be perfect for this special sale! Examples include: boxed card sets, wrapped original & print bin works, framed originals & prints, finished edge unframed originals, boxed Jewelry, small 3-D's or sets, decorated seasonal items. Display quantities indicated in our "Policies and Guidelines" have been relaxed for this special Holiday Sale! Sale items will be **in addition** to the monthly changeover gallery display. Invite your friends and family to take advantage of this opportunity to acquire quality fine art for gift giving (or themselves) during the holiday season!
Contact the Lincoln Gallery for more information.



December Members Meeting

This Months Members Meeting will be **Monday at 6pm, December 19th**, at Carolyn Pearce's' home, in Loveland! You don't want to miss this one!! Not only will we be counting the **ballots** from the board elections, we will also have our **Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange!** Bring a dish to share for the potluck, drinks and dinnerware will be provided. If you would like to join the gift exchange, bring 1 wrapped gift, of \$15 and up value. No gag gifts, please. And, we don't just pass them out! Oh, no! We have a fun and creative way to exchange them!
It's a blast! Oh, I almost forgot, there will be a **brief** Members Meeting after the feast. Directions to Carolyn's home will come via e-mail!



Ballots are Coming Soon...

...via e-mail and "snail-mail", for those without an e-mail address. Elections this year will be for Vice President, Secretary and one Member-at-Large. Ballots will be due at the Gallery on December 19th. Or you can bring them to the Holiday Party that night! **Let your voice be heard and VOTE!**

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 10th & 11th, 9-7pm

Enter a drawing for a free NOOK to benefit TVAL!!

On **December 10th and 11th** your art league is having a **critical fund raising event** at Barnes and Noble. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to raise necessary operating funds for TVAL and Lincoln Gallery so **plan to participate** – it is essential that we make this event a success! We will have several activities for you to choose help with– greeting customers, face painting, cookie painting, gift wrapping or working as a demonstrating artist. There is a sign-up sheet in the gallery or you may contact Jeff via email or by phone. The more artists we have participating, the more vouchers we can get into buyer's hands! **Thank you** for all of your help and let us all **take some time** on our **B&N weekend to make this a success!** - *Janifer Cline and Ann Delzell*



December Featured Artists



Our Potters!

Get those gorgeous 3-D pieces ready for your big month! And be our hosts for our December Night on the Town on December 9th so our customers can "Meet the Artists"!!

See page 2 to learn more about our Potters!

Membership Renewal Deadline

for 2012 is **February 15th**. Dues must be paid by February 4th to enter the Sweet-Art Show. Pay after January 1st to deduct dues for 2012.

TVAl Members Corner



Workshops/Classes

Dot Pecina

Ongoing Oil Classes
beginner/intermediate

Mondays, 9-11am and 7-9pm
\$49 for 4 sessions, Longmont, CO
(303)682-8957, www.dotpecinaoil.com

Ann Arensmeyer

Ongoing Beginning Oil Classes
Tuesdays, 6-9pm

Ongoing Watercolor or Oil Classes
Thursdays, 1-4pm, Loveland, CO
(970)669-3638, colane@q.com

Karen Ramsay

Ongoing Classes at Spring Creek
Fort Collins, CO, (970)416-2486
www.fcgov.com/horticulture

Linda Palmer

"Freehand Drawing to Watercolor"

twice a month, Call for class details
(970)223-3604

Kudos

Diana Wade

Named "Meritorious Entry" for
Captain's Meadow, pastel
Richardson 75 International Art
Competitions Small Works 2012.



Classified

2011 Gingerbread House Challenge

Friends of the Public Library
December 3-4, 2011

Entry deadline: November 31, 2011
Benefits the Loveland Public Library
(970)-372-8707 lkrebill@gmail.com

Art Studio for Rent

Old town Fort Collins
\$200/month
Sm.artist@hotmail.com
(970)690-5990

Aims Community College

Wanted: artwork to display monthly
in the Loveland Campus facility. 10%
commission to TVAl. (970)330-8008,
ext. 3300, lherrer8@aims.com

Pearls and Mustard Seed Gallery

Looking for artists to display artwork
@ \$35 per month, 30% commission.
Fort Collins, CO (970)308-0791

Studio Spill

Olivia Lowe will be opening an art
studio for the homeless through the
House of Neighborly Services. She is
seeking donated art supplies.

Contact her at: (970)366-9688 or
oliviaheller@rocketmail.com

Wrapped Canvas

Regina Connelly has a
30" x 40" artist wrapped
canvas for sale for \$20.
Contact her at: 667-3311



Our Potters: Carolyn Pearce

loves making pots! Sitting at
her wheel and working with a
hunk of clay and shaping it
into something that is
pleasing to her heart and
soul, gives Carolyn much
peace in her life. But when someone
else looks at her pottery and it gives
them a feeling of awe, Carolyn's
peaceful feeling becomes joy. She
has been potting for 15 years. **Don
Grego** is a Licensed Colorado Real
Estate Broker, but has found a more
rewarding career in Pottery. Self

taught in all aspects from functional pottery, to the more artistic Pit Fire Raku and crystal firing, he will try about
anything when it comes to pottery. Don says, "Life for my art begins in a sack of wet earth that I have the opportunity
to transform into a work of art that may be shared with those who seek the original idea of my pottery." **Danyelle**

Butler- I am very passionate about handmade, vintage, fibers, weaving, needlework, and of course Ceramics! I
combine inspiration and small details from these passions of mine along with form and function to make my wares one
of a kind. Because of my process and playful nature while creating in clay, my pieces inherit a whimsical
presence. My hope is that the user interacting with my ceramics will cherish my work for its' quaint and unique
qualities and also want to use it daily in their home. **Jared Butler**- As a ceramic artist I try to capture a simplistic
beauty in my work. I am very inspired by Japanese Wood Block Prints, most of all Utagawa Hiroshige
from the 1800s. I take inspiration from the natural beauty captured in the artwork and incorporate it into
my work. I am constantly thinking about the functionality of each piece as well as the artistic statement
made by the work. I want the owner of the work to admire it for its beauty as well as its utility. The
beauty of clay and ceramics is that it is everlasting; I hope to make work that stands the test of time.

How Was It... Our November speaker was Jennie Kiessling.

She framed her talk "**Juror, juror who's the fairest?**" around
three questions: 1) Why do I make art?, 2) Why do I show my art?,
3) Who is my audience? She discussed matching your art to the theme
of the show and the juror and if a digital image is required to be sure that it is good
quality. Your two dimensional art should not look like a photo. The juror wants
to be able to walk through the painting. The reasons that a juror will pass over
a painting is if it is 1)not fresh, 2) no energy, 3) not moving or 4) there is no
"sound". She completed her talk by walking around the gallery and discussing
why certain art attracted her and why she would pass over other art. It was an
excellent talk and we wish everyone could have been there. - *Jim Fuller*



Teaser: Stay tuned for more info on our January Members Meeting Program with Karen Ramsay!

Board & Member Meeting Summary

...the **Nominating Committee** has completed their search for nomi-
nees. We have a nominee for each office; Vice President, Secretary and Member@Large. Ballots will be coming
soon. ...Our **Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange** will be on December 19th, 6pm at Carolyn Pearce's home. She will
send out directions to all members. ...the **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** activities will include; cookie decorating, a
Nook drawing, painting with water, face painting, working artists, free bookmarks and gift wrapping. A sign-up sheet
was passed around. ...More new files are on our **secure websites**. ...Our **Holiday Sale** is looking good! ...the Gallery
has **2 new windows**, a **new window sign** and the **roof** has been repaired. ...Thanks went out to the **Regional Fine**

Art Show Procedures Committee. ...**TVAl finances** will be a big issue for 2012 as our vendor count
at Art in the Park continues to decline each year. ...**December Featured Artists** will be our Potters.
...Members suggested we **rent our Gallery space** for meetings and art classes to gain more income.



Donations

Thompson Valley Art League has been an inspiration to artists in Loveland for 46 years. Contributions at all levels are welcome from individuals and businesses who wish to take advantage of year-round publicity, including acknowledgment in our show brochures, newsletter, website and at the Gallery. We are a non-profit, 501 (C)3 organization, therefore Contributions are tax deductible .

Special Thanks

Diana Wade
Jean Batchelder
Audrie Mergelman
Armella Benton
Jarel McDonald

December Attendants

Keith Clements

Questions?

Contact a Board Member!

What's Out There

Annual State Wide Art Exhibition

Heritage Fine Arts Guild
January 11-February 23, 2012
Greenwood Village, CO
(303)741-5875 mkstudio@comcast.net

21st Annual State Watercolor Exhibit

Colorado Watercolor Society
March 2-24, 2012
Denver, CO coloradowatercolorociety.org

Americas 2012 Paperworks

Minot State University
January 9-February 22, 2012
Minot, North Dakota minotstateu.edu/nac
(800)777-0750, ex. 3264

15th Annual Lines Into Shapes Art Competition & Sale

October 28 - November 13, 2011
Estes Park, CO (970)586-5882
ArtCenterofEstes.com

AANC All Media Small artwork Show & Sale

November 16-January 3, 2012
Fort Collins, CO artistsassoc.org

Rocky Mountain National Watermedia

September 17—November 6, 2011
Golden, CO foothillsartcenter.org/dev

Websites:

Online art magazine: EmptyEasel.com
Artist & Art Group Directory: ArtChain.com
Build a website: artdealers.com
Visit Museums: googleartproject.com
Market Your Art: fineartworld.com



Call For Entries

8th Annual 2012 Art from the Heart Show and Sale

Greeley Art Association
February 1-29, 2012
Entry deadline: January 16, 2012
Greeley, CO

Rockies West National Watercolor Exhibition

Western Colorado Watercolor Society
March 1-April 6, 2012
Entry deadline: December 1, 2011
Grand Junction, CO
westerncoloradowsociety.org (970)874-7238

Websites:

artShow.com, theartist.com, artdeadline.com



Sweet Art Show 2012

Just a quick "heads-up" that the members-only February Sweet-Art Show is creeping up on us!! Gain some show experience while promoting your art at the Lincoln Gallery. Look for more details via e-mail and the next newsletter!

Wanted: Program Coordinator

...to arrange **5 programs** for 2012!

Our meeting programs are a great way for our members to learn a new skill, improve on the skills we have, learn more about the art industry and/or just have some good old fashion **FUN!** Any art related program would be a great benefit to our members. Please contact a Board Members.

Volunteer for TVAL!



It has been a great pleasure to represent TVAL as a member of the Board of Directors for the last 4 years! With regrets, I will be passing on my position as President to someone else to complete the term through 2012. Thank you for your support and in making these years such a rewarding experience! Sincerely, *Lori Disney*

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**Keep TVAL members informed:
Join the 2012 Newsletter Team!**

Can you type a little? Are you familiar with MS Word, Notepad, OpenOffice, MS Publisher, CorelDraw, Adobe Illustrator or any other **text or graphics editing program**? You can use your skills to help our members stay in touch with TVAL activities and opportunities! Produce a simple report, update previous newsletters or take it in whatever direction you wish! Contact the Gallery to sign up!

Gallery Notes

Sales Receipts: Please write the name of the artist and the items' title or description for every item sold. **Changeover:** Please bring/take your items for changeover on the 2 days specified on the calendar. Arrangements must be made in advance with the Gallery Director if you have scheduling problems. **Gallery Thermostat:** If you must change the temperature, please change it back before you leave. (Temp. = 68 Day, 64 Night, Fan = AUTO) **Thanks!**

December Calendar

- December 2-3: Changeover
- December 1: Paint Day 9:30-3 pm
- December 7: Paint Night 6-9 pm
- December 8: Paint Day 9:30-3 pm
- December 9: Night on the Town 6-9 pm & Potters Reception
- December 12: 5:30 pm Board Meeting
- December 14: Paint Night 6-9 pm
- December 15: Paint Day 9:30-3 pm
- December 19: Holiday Potluck, Gift Exchange & Members Meeting
- December 21: Paint Night 6-9 pm
- December 22: Paint Day 9:30-3 pm
- December 24: Gallery closed**
- December 28: Paint Night 6-9 pm
- December 29: Paint Day 9:30-3 pm
- December 31: Gallery closed**



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(970) 663-1233 quickprintshop.com

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(303) 444-7228

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(970) 622-0682

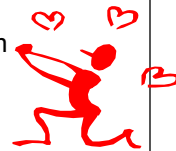
Mudworks-Pottery (970) 635-9764

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110 N. Main Street

Creede, CO 81130 (719) 658-2741

(800) 876-5760 quillergallery.com



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Carolyn Pearce	Diana Wade



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