



# NEWS

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## Gallery Exhibitions:

Premiere Gallery  
Presents  
Cindy Billingsley



"Mom - Alzheimers", by Cindy Billingsley  
Size 24" x 30", Oil on Canvas

**September 3 - October 29**  
Opening Reception  
September 3, 6 - 9 p.m.

Ethel Smith Gallery  
&  
Members Gallery  
Presents  
Monthly Members'  
Exhibit

September 3 - 24  
Opening Reception  
September 3, 6 - 9 p.m.

Poston3 Gallery  
Presents  
Room In The Inn  
Art Program  
Artwork by Homeless Artists  
September 3 - 24  
Opening Reception  
September 3. 6-9 p.m.



"Untitled" by John Doe  
11" x 14", Acrylic on Canvas

# ART CAMP

*Looking for fun, affordable art instruction for your children? Then the Tennessee Art League is the place to be. This year we will be offering instruction in drawing, or painting taught by accomplished artists in their respective fields during the 5 Saturdays in October for \$125 for all 5 Saturdays.*

### Address:

Tennessee Art League  
808 Broadway  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Phone: 615.736.5000  
Fax: 615.844.3434

### Website:

[www.TennesseeArtLeague.org](http://www.TennesseeArtLeague.org)

### Email:

[talgalleries@bellsouth.net](mailto:talgalleries@bellsouth.net)

### TAL New Hours:

**Tues-Friday 11:00-3:00**  
**Saturday 10:00-4:00**  
**Closed: Sun & Mon**

## TAL Deadlines

### **TAL Store:**

The next date for items to be juried into the TAL Store will be Thursday, Sep 22, 2011. Items need to be at TAL by 1:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Glenna Cook at

[glennacookart@comcast.net](mailto:glennacookart@comcast.net).

### **Members' Drop-off:**

The next drop-off date for the month of October will be Saturday September 24, 2011 by 4:00 pm..

### **Newsletter Deadline:**

Saturday  
September 24, 2011

### **Gallery Crawl:**

Saturday  
September 3, 2011  
6:00-9:00pm.

# Membership:

“Dear TAL Members and former Docent Volunteers:

The TAL is re-instating the Docent Program. The new Docent Committee Chairperson is Stephanie Helme y. As you may know, the TAL has cut back our paid staff hours in an effort to conserve funds, so our volunteer efforts are needed more now than ever before.

We would like to schedule 2 persons at a time, Tuesday through Friday (some Saturdays). You may choose to work in 2 to 4 hour shifts or an entire day of 11 AM to 3 PM. This is an exciting opportunity to meet and greet visitors to the TAL Galleries. As many of you who have done docent duty in the past know, the docents are the face of the organization to our guests. In addition to greeting the public, docents may also assist staff with projects, handle sales, may open and close the facility if needed and help keep the facility neat while on duty.

We hope that you will consider supporting TAL in this effort. You can bring a friend. Bring an art project that you can work on while on duty.

We will provide training sessions that are convenient for you. To find some convenient training opportunities, we need your response of interest and availability. Please let us know if you would like to participate and need training. Give us your preference of a weekday or Saturday that would work best for you for training. Please email: [stephaniehelme y@att.net](mailto:stephaniehelme y@att.net) – subject Training.

If you have kept up with your docent skills and can begin to help out without refresher training, please let us know what days you could docent beginning Sept 5, and on through the next several months. Please email: [stephaniehelme y@att.net](mailto:stephaniehelme y@att.net) – subject Scheduling.”

Thanks so much, Stephanie

## Second Floor Gallery

Studio A Group's  
September Art Show and Sale  
features Arlene Bates, Christine  
Parachek Marshall, Jerry Grubbs,

## Volunteer Opportunities at TAL

### On-Going Volunteer Needs:

#### 1st Saturday Gallery Crawl:

July 2, 6-9pm

Kitchen assistance / Front desk coverage

Gift shop attendant

Gallery Floaters to interact with visitors (1st floor only)

Setup & takedown help

#### Maintenance & Cleaning:

Clean all three floors bathrooms, vacuum all floors and foyer and any kitchen, trash pick up and parking lot weeding and pick up.

#### Contact Info:

Sarah Sanders 615.736.5000

[talgalleries@bellsouth.net](mailto:talgalleries@bellsouth.net)

Dear TAL members,

We need a nice spread of goodies for the refreshment table this coming Saturday night. If you are coming, could you remember to bring something for the refreshment table? Probably savory ones predominantly since we have wine. But people do also enjoy the sweets. We had a great crawl last month with a nice amount of contributions. It was estimated that about 300 were there. We need to keep them coming. If you offer food, they will come. Of course the art is the main draw, but eats are a great incentive to stay and look (and buy).

# Membership Theme Show



## **Autumn Song Member's Theme Show & Fundraiser**

**Media & Framing:** Same guidelines as monthly members' shows

**Sales:** All work must be for sale. **TAL** receives 35% of sales proceeds, to be handled through the gift shop.

**Entry:** \$10.00 per entry, maximum 2 entries per artist. This is fundraiser for **TAL**, with 100% of entry fees going to support **TAL**. There is a 40 entry overall limit because of space availability in Poston3.

**Judging** will be by Gayle Levee, a nationally known professional artist. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 3 entries. The grand prize will be a \$50.00 restaurant gift certificate.

**Deadline:** Sept. 14. Please deliver work to **TAL**.

**Opening:** Oct. 1 in the Poston3 Gallery.

# TENNESSEE ART LEAGUE

## “STATE OF THE UNION”

August 10, 2011

Dear Tennessee Art League Member,

We were filled with excitement and had many dreams of how our new building would benefit our membership and the community when it was purchased in 2005! It would provide us with space for workshops, studios for artists, gallery space where every member could hang his or her artwork, and the ability to have exhibitions and receptions held in our very own space. We were able to raise enough money to purchase our new home through the sale of our Poston Avenue facility and the amazing effort of the membership to meet the challenge grant of the James Stephen Turner Family Foundation (through TAL Member and TAL Board Member Laura Anne Turner) with a gift of \$500,000 in \$100,000 increments over five years. However, despite the frugality of our Board and staff and fundraising efforts, over the last few years our operating expenses have exceeded our operating revenues, further eroding our cash supply.

The final installment of \$100,000 from the James Stephen Turner Family Foundation was paid in December, 2010. Our mortgage as of today is \$696,553, and we continue to show operating losses every month. In these dire economic times, public and private community support has diminished dramatically. In the face of staggering social needs, grants, donations and sponsorships are harder to obtain for the arts and culture – especially for small arts organizations like ours. We are facing a need to raise our revenues by well over \$120,000 in the next year, and each year after that, if we are going to stay in this building past 2011. **We are at a crisis point!**

What can you do as a member? Revive the excitement and commitment that we all felt in 2005! Take ownership in the continued survival of TAL! We all need to get involved in finding sources of money and creating profitable ways to use our space. If you have an idea of a project or source of funds that could benefit TAL, please share these with George and the Board, and commit personally to see it through. Attend the fundraisers! They are vitally important to our survival, and very few paying members attended last year.

The Board is taking our financial situation very seriously and is committed to raising funds for TAL through a series of projects. We are asking now that you begin our fundraising needs by making a monetary donation by October 1<sup>st</sup>. A form has been included for your convenience. Please help!

As a TAL Member, you receive gallery space to exhibit your artwork without a monthly “wall fee,” a commission rate of 25% instead of the normal gallery rate of 50%, monthly receptions, workshop opportunities, meeting space for painting groups, and quarterly membership meetings. TAL belongs to all of us. If it is going to continue, it will take the effort and support of every member.

Sincerely,

The Tennessee Art League Board of Directors

# TENNESSEE ART LEAGUE STATE OF THE UNION CAMPAIGN

## Update

The Tennessee Art League Board of Directors is pleased and encouraged with the response of our Members for their generous contributions to date, which total \$1,290, and wishes to acknowledge and thank them in order of receipt:

- Sally Murphy
  - Charles L. Nelson
  - Mary Lu Smith
  - Mildred Jarrett
  - Noriko M. Register
  - Dick Murphy
  - Vinci Kolodziejski
  - Barbara Stokes
  - David M. Ikeda
  - Grady Ezell
  - Roberta Steinmetz
  - Phyllis Cherubini
  - Bonnie Yorkman
  - Carol L. Wiel
  - Erin Johnson
  - Bettye Walther
  - Terry Cheek
- Marilyn S. Brisbois

It is not too late for our Members to participate in this important campaign! Please use the attached form. Thank you!

**Tennessee Art League  
Membership Donation**

**I am enclosing a Membership donation to the TAL in the amount of:**

\$25     \$50     \$75     \$100     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type

\_\_\_ Check    \_\_\_ MC    \_\_\_ Visa    \_\_\_ Amex

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Sin # (back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by October 1, 2011 to:  
Tennessee Art League, 808 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203**



# Art Camp

## Details of the Classes

- Classes will be held each Saturday in October
- Class sizes are limited to 15 (Ages 8-14)
- Register early to make sure you get a spot



## Details

### Drop off and Pick up

Students may be dropped off at 9:45 each Saturday morning. Classes will start at 10am. We will end the day by 2pm, and students should be picked up no later than 2:15. If you are running late, please call ahead to let us know.

### Lunch

Students will need to bring a sack lunch with them. We will break for lunch around 11:45 for about 30 minutes. If your child has a food allergy let us know in advance. Students like to share food and we will be able to watch for this.



**Drawing-** These sessions will cover topics in Pen & Ink, Graphite, and Charcoal drawing. Students will learn basic techniques and advance as their abilities allow. The final project for this class will be a detailed still life. (ages 8-14) **October 1,8,15,22 and 29th**

**Painting-** Topics covered will include Watercolor, Acrylics and oil paintings. (ages 8-14) **October 1,8,15,22 and 29th**

September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special Reception for young artists and their parents to meet the teachers and learn more about the Tennessee Art League. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom (6-9 PM)

For further information contact Education Chair Ed Bodnar at [edwardbodnar@me.com](mailto:edwardbodnar@me.com)

*Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else has ever thought*

ART CAMP