

Artistic Beginnings

Newsletter of FOR THE LOVE OF ART

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Calendar - Upcoming Events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 13	December 14	December 15 - FTLOA Meeting, Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting is to be accompanied by a potluck Christmas dinner. FTLOA members are encouraged to come accompanied by their spouses, or other significant ADULT companions.	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19
December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24 - Christmas Eve	December 25 - Christmas Eve	December 26
December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31 - New Year's Eve, a time for Drunkenness and Revelry.		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					January 1 - New Year's Day - A Time for Recovery from Drunkenness and Revelry.	January 2
January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 8 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 9 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library
January 10 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 11 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 12 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 13 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 14 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 15 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 16 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library
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January 31						

News!

The November 29 and November 30, 2009 FTLOA show, Santa's Art Shop, was a very nice event. Congratulations to all those involved in putting it on. Most exhibitors were able to sell at least one piece, and Vicki Carstens had the honor of having one stolen. But, sales were rather slow, on account of not many potential customers showed up. So we've got work to do. We need to make FTLOA famous!

Penny Willis did her part to make each of us famous, providing us with FTLOA buttons with our names on them! She did it fast, too, so we had them in time to wear them at the Santa's Art Shop show. And, she did it at a very good price ... FREE, to us! Thanks, Penny.

On December 10, Barbara Lancaster received an Everyday Hero Award from Kiwanis. Way to go, Barbara!



FTLOA member Judith Lee's latest group mosaic project was juried into the Mosaic Art International 2010 exhibition to be held in Chicago March 17-21. The exhibit will stand for 2 months and is expected to be seen by 80,000 folks. It's at Smith Museum of Stained Glass at Navy Pier – Chicago, IL, March 1 - April 30, 2010.

The next FTLOA show is scheduled for January 7 through January 27 at Longview Public Library.

FTLOA President's Message:

Members:

The Holidays are upon us, and I for one have so much to be thankful for. Our club has, and will, continue to amaze me. Over the past few months I have witnessed the growth and strength in each and every one of you that has crossed my path. I can see the confidence in yourself and your work gaining momentum with each task put before you. As we face the new year, we will push the envelope a little further. Our challenges will be a step greater with each passing day. Continue to push yourself and meet those challenges head on.

As I think back to the conception of our club, I think of what we have accomplished over the past few months. It started with four people having a need and desire to promote and support the arts, Totally Crazy Ceramic & Glass studio turned (magically) into a gallery, artists came together to support each other, the club befriended and worked together other organizations,

some members sold their first piece of art, the community has become aware of us, we've booked a show outside of TC, and created a family of friends. Each of you had a big part in making this happen, because without you we could never have accomplished this much, so be proud of yourself and your club.

There are a few people we need to thank for helping us along our journey; Linda Corder and Janice Taitano for giving us a home, Lisa Nathan (Doris's daughter), Sam Ceballos and Angela Ankenman for the photos of our first show, Randy Lancaster for his hard work on our website and you the members for making this happen.

Randy and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Barbara Lancaster
President

Birthdays!

Folks having birthdays coming up prior to our January 28 meeting are ...

- Dee Vachon Miller, December 16.
- Barbara Lancaster, December 18.
- Linda Corder, December 23.
- Christina Gray, December 23.
- Karen Kelsay, January 1.
- Kris Hansen, January 9.
- Jean Jakus, January 27.
- Catherine Walquist, January 27.

Happy Birthday!

Artist of the Month: Terrie Spindle

Be sure to stop by Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio and check out Terrie's exhibit, and her picture on the FTLOA web site. And thanks, Terrie, for your introduction to preventing theft from art exhibits at the most recent FTLOA meeting.

Committees:

Membership:

By my most recent count, FTLOA has 29 members. This is up 16% from last month!

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FTLOA Officers:

If you don't like what FTLOA is doing, these are the people to complain to.

- President – Barbara Lancaster.
- Vice President(s) – Jeanette Mahoney and Vicki Carstens.
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.