

# The BRUSHSTROKE

## Terrebonne Fine Arts Guild



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# **General Membership Meeting**

Our next general membership meeting is March 23rd at 10am at the gallery. We have seats set up for proper social distancing. You must wear a mask or shield while attending the meeting. Out of respect for other members, if you cannot do this, please stay home and do not attend.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 risks, lunch will NOT be served. We will review future luncheons at each meeting but plans are to not to resume until it is safe to do so.

The gallery will continue the open schedule of Tuesday and Friday only until further notice.

#### 2021-22 Officers Elected

The nominating committee, chaired by Michelle Eroche with members, Amanda Gautreaux, Margaret Chouest, Karen Bordok and Kathy Rhodes, met and created a slate of officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers was announced and elected by acclamation with no nominations from the floor. New officers will be installed at the May, 2021 meeting. Two Members-at-Large will be elected at the next meeting.

Elected officers for 2021-22 are: President – Margaret Chouest 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Dawn Koetting 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Kathy Rhodes Gallery Director – Emily Neil

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Secretary – Amanda Gautreaux Treasurer – Karen Kelly Historian – Azalea Rivet

The incoming president will appoint the Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian at a future date.

Congratulations to all the officers. Let's all get behind each of them and make this year better than ever.

## **Intra-Gallery Member Competition**

The theme of the next competition is "Ocean, Beach, Sun". The due date has been moved up to March 15<sup>th</sup> by the end of day due to modified event scheduling. Please take down your "Old Masters" no later than Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Condolences**

The members of the gallery extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mickey Guillory, whose husband "C.J." passed away on Feb. 18, 2021. Everyone knew and loved CJ from being at the gallery over the years. We send peace and prayers to Mickey and all CJ's family and friends.

## **Happy Birthday**



to Active Members for March are: Jenny (18)



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#### **Artist of the Month**

Michelle Eroche is our Artist of the Month for March. Michelle received her formal training in oil and acrylic painting at LSU and Nicholls State with additional photography instruction from Nicholls. Creating art was more of a hobby for the last couple of decades as she worked in marketing and real estate. Now actively pursuing her art, she paints what she loves and characterizes her usual style as modern surrealism, using impasto



techniques and sculpture painting to raise the paint off the canvas.



Michelle enjoys taking workshops, showing at various venues and has been accepted into several regional and national

juried exhibits, including but not limited to the New Orleans Art Association's National Show, the Maine Pastel Society's National Show and The Brush with Burden National Show. Michelle has received numerous awards for her work in acrylic, soft pastels, oil pastels, photography and mixed media.

As a member of Terrebonne Fine Arts Guild, she has served as President, Parliamentarian, Spring Art Show Chair,



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Photography Show
Chair and serves on
the Technology
Committee. She is
also a board member
of the Bayou Regional
Arts Council, board
member of New
Orleans Art
Association, past
member of the





Louisiana
Photographic Society,
member of Les Artistes
du Bayou and a
charter member of the
Bayou Photographic
Society.

In addition to pursuing a career as a professional artist, she is a consultant with Premier Advisors and

Consultants, where she is licensed in LA Commercial Real Estate. Eroche invites her family, friends, fellow artists and art lovers to



visit Downtown Art Gallery 630 to view her exciting artwork.





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