



## Rosewood Arts Guild Meeting Report June 21, 2006



**Next RAG meeting:** July 19, 6:30 PM (business @ 7PM). Currently at The Art Shack, but we hope to organize this at another location (nearby) - this will be announced later along with planned agenda.



### **June 21 Meeting.**

**Present:** Mary Benson Brown, Paula Bowers, Melissa Crook, Richard Glover, Richard Vogt, Gay Vogt, Martin Gardner, Kathryn Ramsby, Laura Brown

Laura Brown of The Artists Basement (located in 5 Points) joined us and contributed to a lively and intertwined discussion covering a variety of activities of concern/interest to RAG. The untangled versions are...

### **Monthly Gallery Crawls.**

Laura Brown identified dates in July and August for a gallery crawl involving galleries featuring local artists, including The Art Shack, The Artists' Basement, Southern Pottery, Bus Stop Gallery, Portfolio and others. These dates will be emailed out and posted on the RAG web site as soon as they are formalized, along with invitations for the artists to be involved.

### **2007 Rosewood Crawfish Festival Arts and Craft Fair.**

Paula Bowers indicated efforts were being made to involve RAG to a greater extent in the planning and organization of next year's Crawfish Festival Arts and Craft Fair.

### **Fall RAG Arts and Craft Fair Charity Benefit**

Plans were initiated to organize this to take place in November. We are identifying a suitable location (possibly one of the parks in the Rosewood/Rosehill/Shandon community). Selection/determination of a suitable cause, performing arts entertainment, and financial arrangements to follow. Table charges and/or percentage of sales would be donated to the selected cause. More information to follow.

**Gallery Tours** in association with "The Columbia Festival of the Arts: Now *This* is Columbia," is being organized for some time during the April 27 through May 6, 2007 period. Laura Brown and Paula Bowers are actively working to ensure participation by galleries specializing in local arts.

**Artist Studio Tours**, also in association with "The Columbia Festival of the Arts: Now *This* is Columbia," is being planned for the first weekend of May, 2007, by the event organizers. A fee would be charged artists interested in participating, presumably to cover the expense of advertising the studio venues. More information can be found on the RAG web site.

**RAG Artists Group Portfolio** - Businesses, banks, post offices, libraries, etc often have exhibit space. RAG might contact those incharge to seek opportunities for RAG artists to display in these venues. In support of this, a Portfolio could be assembled. Artists would submit 5+ images of their art, a self photograph and a brief paragraph about self and work/art. This would be assembled in a print and digital version. Actual venues need to be identified and a procedure for contacting venue managers. This might be organized such that members could have small public shows, with shows rotating between members on a monthly basis. Both the individual artists and RAG would be promoted.

**Future Meeting Agendas.** We need input from the membership re. agendas for upcoming meetings. Plans voiced are to engage participation of additional gallery owners (e.g. Peter Lenzo of Souther Pottery and Jan Swanson of Bus Stop Gallery, as well as members of organizations such as the South Carolina Arts Commission. Interest was also voiced re. shows and sales and professional development.

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