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## DREAM BIG....THINK OUTSIDE OF THE LINES

**B**ack in October 2009, the Mesquite Arts Council board of directors authorized staff to begin the process to adopt a five-year plan. The charge was to determine the scope and find consultants. On February 23rd the first of several meetings were held.

Arts representatives from the Writer's Garret, Mesquite Symphonic Band, Creative Arts Club, Symphony Orchestra, the MJRE and Community Theatre attended the strategic planning meeting. Also attending were the Arts Center's arts ambassadors, staff and Kass Prince, one of two consultants the Arts Board has hired for the project.

After a couple of hours and a good deal of discussion, the twenty representatives came up with five priorities. But it was the scope and breadth of their deliberations through passionate debate that thrilled the Arts Center staff. Undeterred by boundaries, the group came up with new and fresh ideas that, through the evening, were further clarified. A greater and more expansive notion of the arts in Mesquite was, for the first time, revealed by these disparate arts organizations. They described working together on marketing plans, hosting mixers bringing together different arts disciplines and audiences, as well as other physical needs including the Arts Center building expansion.

Dreams are the stuff of reality as the Mesquite Arts Center is evidence of that. Who would have thought back in 1984 that this place and the people who make the arts would ever get beyond the dream stage. A co-worker of mine at the City of Mesquite said back in 1992, "that place will never be built." Gordon not only celebrated with us during the two-week grand opening in 1995 but congratulated all who made it happen. And with continued arts leadership and community guidance, the future looks as bright as ever.

The Arts Council board retreat is set for March 5, 2010. Kass Prince and Betty Switzer will once again wrangle the lions and calm the sheep — mmmm, let's see, I mean the members of the Mesquite local arts grants review committee, public art committee and Arts Council board. Dream big — let's do it again!

# As I See It

Mesquite Arts Center – February 26 through March 30

City of Mesquite Employee Artists and Collectors

**T**im Abbott, Sandy Stovall and Bonnie Burkert will exhibit artwork at the Mesquite Arts Center during the month of March. The City of Mesquite artists will provide contemporary western, sculpture and photography in the Main Gallery. The works shown to the right and many others by collectors Zak Lajoie, Charlene Orr, Judy Skowron and Michael Templeton will also be exhibited.



by J. Boyd

[collector Charlene Orr]



by Reed Hoover

[collector Judy Skowron]



by T Stone

[collector Michael Templeton]

An eclectic collection, the range of expression varies from Native American to metal sculpture and two-dimensional on canvas to religious iconography.

Stop in for a visit, check out the artwork and light refreshments on March 20th from 4:30 to 6p. The Arts Center is open each Monday through Friday from 8a until 5p and during performances.

## WHAT WAS, IN FEBRUARY...AND WHAT WILL BE, COME APRIL!



**S**AVANNAH HOLLIES at the Arts Center looked especially bright after the snowfall of February 2010. Mother Nature's snowy white coat covered most everything in the area and provided a view that many had never seen before.



Each year since 2001, volunteers and Arts Center staff gather in April to replant the Jeann & Ralph Wisenbaker Courtyard with tropicals from the Arts Center greenhouse and annuals from area nurseries. The day-long effort rewards all who visit with a beautiful garden setting through October of each year.

The Himalayan Ginger reappears every May with multiple blooms exactly as you see them in the picture. The gift from Jane Brown, Manager of Branch Library Services in Mesquite, stopped in one day to say "the courtyard is the perfect home for this rare find." We've enjoyed it each year.

The annual courtyard planting this year will be April 28th — expect another colorful extravaganza throughout the summer.



# A TEXAS ROMANCE



BY ELLSWORTH SCHAVE



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et in Wilson County, Texas during the Spring of 1928 with two sisters and one potential beau, this surprisingly tender story is the inaugural performance of Matinees @the Arts Center. As part of the Arts Council's performance series, along with jazz and chamber music, children's theatre and visual art camps, as well as literary programming and art exhibits, there will be a series of theatrical productions each year — usually in May and December.

Attracting conventioners, local arts and live theatre enthusiasts, these Black Box Theatre productions will begin at 1P EACH THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 AND

15, 2010.

Directed by **Byron Holder** with a stellar cast of professional actors, word is already out, stop in at the Mesquite Arts Center for a mid-day break and a show. Tickets are \$10 for the show [all performances], and \$20 if you join us for lunch each Friday at 12 noon. Reservations are required for the lunch and available by calling 972-216-6444.

Garland Steinholden is a young man about 21 years of age with a great temperament. He is energetic, polite, sensitive and slow to anger. He works at his father's lumber yard, but has a plan for something better.

Daisy Wilson is a 28 year old widow, attractive, well-kept, and speaks her mind. She has spent twelve years as the embarrassed wife of a philandering husband. In the presence of Garland Steinholden she is at once angry, curious, and seductive.

Doris Perdue is Daisy's older sister around 40 years of age. She cares passionately for her sister, husband and her ancestral home, but not necessarily in that order. Though childless at this time in life, she is not short on maternal instincts.

A large yellow letter 'M' is the central element of the logo.

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*in the*  
**BLACK BOX THEATRE**  
*at the*  
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A small logo for the Mesquite Arts Center, featuring a stylized building and the text 'MESQUITE ARTS CENTER'.

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## Courtyard COLORS

### MARCH

- 13 "What An Evening" is presented by the Mesquite Symphonic Band. Call 972-216-8125 for tickets & information.
- 20 "As I See It" continues in the Main Gallery with a reception from 4:30 to 6p. FREE!
- 27 "Movie Music Spectacular" featuring the music from King Kong, Harry Potter Order of the Phoenix and others will be presented by the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. Call 972-216-8127 for tickets.

### APRIL

- 1-30 "On A Paper Screen," the artwork of Dean Corbitt is exhibited in the Main Gallery.
- 9-24 "A Streetcar Named Desire" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre in the Black Box Theatre. Call 972-216-8126 for tickets.
- 12 The **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10a. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes.
- 13 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7p and features an artist demonstration. Call 972-463-6004 for information.
- 19-21 "A Grand Night for Singing" is auditioned by Mesquite Community Theatre. Call 972-216-8126 for information.

