



City of Slidell

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Arts Evening Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary



The City of Slidell's fifteenth annual *Arts Evening* will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4 to 10 p.m. in Olde Towne Slidell. This free event is one of the biggest cultural festivals on the north shore. Over 100 artists will display their works at 33 different locations throughout Olde Towne Slidell.

Besides the vast array of artwork that will be on display, there will also be antique and boutique shopping, casual and fine dining and a variety of delectable fare from participating *Arts Evening* restaurants: the Beignet Station, Dish on First, Sunrise on Second, Taste Bones, Times Grill and the Victorian Tea Room. Selected restaurants will be serving food and drinks from the *Arts Evening On the Go* menus.

If art browsing, shopping and eating aren't enough to whet your appetite, how about some of the best live entertainment around? *Arts Evening* features 19 different bands who will be performing throughout Olde Towne. There are rock 'n' roll bands, jazz bands, Cajun bands, a symphony trio, acoustic guitarists, a country singer, a choir, folk music, bluegrass and an electric violinist.

The evening concludes with a grand dinner dance in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium from 8 to 10 p.m. featuring live entertainment by Soul Vaxxination. On-site catering will be available for a nominal charge.

In order to catch all the sights and sounds offered at *Arts Evening*, the city recommends parking in the Municipal Trailer Complex parking lot (on Bayou Lane, between West Hall and Pennsylvania Ave.) and catching a ride on the city's complimentary *Arts Evening* shuttle provided by Pearl River Eco-Tours. The shuttle provides easy access to all of the participating businesses and events. The shuttle will run continually from 4 to 9:15 p.m., with designated stops along the *Arts Evening* transportation route.

Artists will be displaying their work from 4 to 9 p.m. at these participating Olde Towne locations:

- Abigail's of Slidell, featuring artist Rhonda Reilly and live entertainment by Johnny Johnston Band from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Annette's House of Decor, Inc, featuring the *Arts Evening 2008* Cover Artist and Best of Show winner Adam Sambola, whose award winning works *Redbean on First* and *Cajun Mardi Gras* will be on display.
- All American Insurance, featuring artist Rodney Lewis and entertainment by D.J. Bryan Fassbender.
- Barbara's Victorian Closet, featuring the works of artist Jean Frondorf.
- Bargains Plus! / Postal Plus, featuring artists Lana Gramlich, Blake Kenworthey and Taylor Krulisky with live entertainment by Sara, Jim & Jeff from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Beignet Station, featuring artists Iris Campbell and Ruth Carr and live entertainment by the Northshore Ramblers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Carolynn's Wonderland, featuring artist Jean Lajaunie.
- The Continental, featuring artist Jean Louise Chauffe, who will also provide live entertainment with Chuck Chaplin from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Community Christian Concern, featuring live entertainment by the Northlake Performing Arts Society from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Couture du Jour Boutique, featuring artist Cathy Wood.
- Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery, featuring artists William Hemmerling, Phillip Sage, Manfred Schexnayder and Karen Shields with live entertainment by Sharon Schech Bertucci from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Dish on First featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu.
- Edward Jones Investments, featuring artists Don Picou and Ron Picou with live entertainment by Peggy Sumlin from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Esoteric, featuring artist Phil Galatas, who will begin painting the city's inaugural outdoor a mural from 4 to 7 p.m.
- GOSH Museum, featuring their *Slidell High Schools* exhibit, a yearlong exhibition showcasing the history of high schools from the Slidell area. Salmen and Pope John Paul II high schools will be on display.
- Gran's Haus Antiques & Art, featuring *Arts Evening* Best of Show Honorable Mention winner Milo Stephens-Asche and artist Mickey Asche.
- Hair-Port, featuring artists Leslie Crockett Abney, Wendi Abney and Phil Galatas with live entertainment by Audio Beach from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Kutting Quarters Hair Salon, featuring artist Richard Fuentes, Emile Henriquez and Cybil Sather with live entertainment by Bayou Liberty Jazz Band from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien, featuring artists Charlotte Collins and Caron Sharpe.
- Magnolia House Antiques & Collectibles, featuring artist Terri Olson.
- Mi Salon & Spa, featuring artist Michael Reed with live entertainment by Ann Clark Taylor from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Olde Towne Arts Center, featuring artists Linda Bickel and Darlene Powell, with live entertainment by TiJonne Reyes Jazz Duo with Buddy Dubourg from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Mike Dohm from 6 to 7 p.m. Also hosting the Slidell Cultural Center's *Out of Our Element* exhibit.
- Parish National Bank, featuring artists Vicki Carlson and Joyce Haun.

- Passionate Platter, featuring artist Amelia Mims with live entertainment by John Perkins from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Slidell Art League Gallery, featuring the *Black, White and a Splash of Red* art exhibition.
- Slidell Cultural Center, hosted by the Olde Towne Arts Center, featuring the *Out of Our Element* juried art exhibit.
- Slidell Municipal Auditorium, featuring *Arts Evening* Best of Show second place winner William Byron Gray, honorable mention winner Laurie Manley and third place winner Linda Marr. Also featured are artists Margaret Garland & Rembrandt Studios, Jenny Koelbel, Kelly Landrum-Hammell, Mike Remy, Mary Christopher & Slidell Art League Teens and STARC artists. Art demonstrations by Cherie Bills and Desiree Hebert. Live entertainment by Redline with special guest Jenny Brooks from 5 to 7 p.m. and the *Arts Evening* finale with Soul Vaxxination from 8 to 10 p.m.
- Slidell Museum, featuring artists from the St. Bernard Art Guild and live entertainment by T Hot Sauce Cajun Band from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Sunrise on Second, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artist Andree Maduell.
- Taste Bones, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu.
- Times Grill, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artist Kim Bergeron with live entertainment on the patio with Letty Lizana from 5 to 6 p.m. and Verge of Truth from 8 to 9 p.m.
- The Who Dat Shoppe, featuring artist Richard Harrison.
- Victorian Tea Room, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artists from the St. Tammany Porcelain Arts Club with live entertainment by the Slidell Symphony Trio from 6 to 8 p.m.

And be sure not to miss world-renowned artist Phil Galatas who will begin painting the first of what will ultimately be a series of murals in Olde Towne Slidell from 4 to 7 p.m. on the corner of First St. and Cousin. The creation process will continue during *Olde Towne Alive* on Nov. 14, from 2 to 7 p.m., with entertainment by Charmaine Neville from 6 to 9 p.m. This mural project is funded in part by the City of Slidell, and its 2008-2009 Cultural Season sponsors and is supported by and administered in part by funds from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs/Department of Cultural and Governmental Affairs, St. Tammany Parish.

The St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs is also pleased to present a Purchase Award at *Arts Evening*. The selected artwork will be installed in a government building as part of the St. Tammany Parish Public Art Collection.

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DuBuisson; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Ed & Chris Massett; and Times Grill.

For more information, please call the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the city's website at www.slidell.la.us/artsevening. *Arts Evening* brochures are available on the website or at any of the participating locations. The event rain date is set for Sunday, Nov. 2.

