



City of Slidell

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Mixed Media 2009 Call For Artists

The City of Slidell is inviting artists from ten southeastern states to submit their works for the Slidell Cultural Center's upcoming *Mixed Media* juried exhibition.

This annual competition, now in its seventeenth year, always proves to be a unique exhibit. To qualify as mixed media, artists must use two or more media to create their art. Last year's exhibit included works created with paints, pastels, clay, charcoal, paper, stainless steel, clock pieces, wood, bamboo, metals, fabrics and a wide assortment of other atypical media such as horse hair and tree bark.

Nancy Rhodes, a long time member of the Slidell Commission on the Arts, will serve as the juror for this year's exhibit. During her years as a resident of St. Tammany Parish, Rhodes was a painting instructor in the School Board's Continuing Education Program and taught art for the Northshore branch of the New Orleans YWCA. She served as the art critic for both the Covington *News Banner* and for the East St. Tammany edition of the *Times Picayune*. A graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and the Parsons School of Design, Rhodes held editorial and graphic design positions with several New York publishing companies and had residencies at the MacDowell Colony for Artists, the Provincetown, Mass. Workshop and the Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris. Rhodes currently lives in Tucson, Arizona.

All artists 18 years or older and residing in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Texas are eligible for entry. Up to three works may be submitted by each artist, with a flat rate entry fee of \$25.00. Entries must be submitted no later than Dec. 5, 2008.

Artists will be notified of acceptance status by Dec. 19. A total of \$1,000 in awards will be given to artists selected by the juror for first, second and third place. Complete entry details are available in the prospectus, which can be obtained at the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs (located at 1330 Bayou Lane, #118) or by calling (985) 646-4375. The prospectus can also be downloaded from the city's website at www.slidell.la.us.

Because the Slidell Cultural Center lost its gallery in Hurricane Katrina, *Mixed Media* will be displayed at the Olde Towne Arts Center, located at 300 Robert Street. The exhibit opens on Jan. 9, with an opening reception and awards presentation from 7 to 9 p.m. Viewing hours are available by

appointment only, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. To arrange a viewing, please call (985) 646-4375. The gallery will also be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and no appointment is necessary.

Mixed Media is presented by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the 2008 - 2009 Cultural Season sponsors, including Northshore Regional Medical Center; Whitney Bank; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Living Magazine; AT&T; CLECO Power, LLC; Mary & Dr. Dale MacCurdy; Sophisticated Woman Magazine; Baker Sales, Inc.; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn of Slidell; The Purple Armadillo; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Silver Slipper Casino; Sizeler Architects; Textron Marine & Land Systems; Walden Media Productions, LLC; Bargains Plus! / Postal Plus; Baskin-Robbins / Coy & Donna Fauchoux; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney-at-Law; Cross Gates Athletic Club; Eric & Mary DuBuisson; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Ed & Chris Massett; and Times Grill.

For more information about *Mixed Media*, please call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the website at www.slidell.la.us.

