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Salad Days 2009 Call for St. Tammany Student Artists

The City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs has released the prospectus for the eighteenth annual *Salad Days* juried exhibition of student art. This popular exhibit offers St. Tammany Parish students an opportunity to have their art featured in a formal gallery setting.

Salad Days recognizes student artists in four different categories, ranging from ages 5 to 19. The winners of each category receive a \$50 first place check. Additionally, each artist accepted into the show will receive a certificate and a medallion, plus a t-shirt provided by the Commission on the Arts. All students who enter the competition receive a Certificate of Participation.

St. Tammany Parish students interested in participating should pick up a copy of the *Salad Days* prospectus, available at the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs office (located at 1330 Bayou Lane, #118) or online at www.slidell.la.us.

Students need to bring their completed entry form, art work, and \$5 entry fee to the Slidell Cultural Center (in the Olde Towne Arts Center at 300 Robert Street) on Tuesday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Wednesday, April 15, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The *Salad Days* exhibit will open on Friday, April 24, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The award ceremony will begin at 6:45 p.m. The show will remain on display through Friday, June 5. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's juror is Martin Needom, a retired social studies and art teacher who holds a BA in Art from Southeastern Louisiana University. Needom is a member and managing partner of The Art Partnership at Fort Isabel Gallery in Covington, Louisiana. He served his community as a former chairman of the Commission on the Arts for the City of Slidell and is a member of the Artist Advisory Committee of the St. Tammany Art Association. He has displayed his work in many exhibitions and has been the recipient of numerous awards in juried competitions.

Primarily a three-dimensional artist, Needom also works with two-dimensional mixed media, oil and acrylic media as well as monotype print making and photography. His abstract and conceptual three-dimensional works consist of a variety of materials such as paper, wood, stone, steel and bronze. Some of his two-dimensional works reflect an interest in the landscapes of coastal Louisiana.

Salad Days 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; Louisiana Life Magazine; 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 Faucheux; 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.

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