



# City of Slidell

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## Salad Days exhibit showcases St. Tammany student artists

Student artists from throughout St. Tammany Parish will gather at the Slidell Cultural Center for the opening of the City of Slidell's nineteenth annual *Salad Days* juried exhibition of student art on Friday, April 23. This popular exhibit – the only one of its kind in the area – offers St. Tammany Parish students, ages 5 through 19, an opportunity to have their art featured in a formal gallery setting.

The *Salad Days* exhibit opens on Friday, April 23, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Slidell Cultural Center, 2055 Second Street, on the first floor of City Hall. The award ceremony will begin at 6:45 p.m. The show will remain on display through Friday, June 18. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



"I encourage everyone to come see this exhibit. It's one of my favorite shows each year," said Slidell Mayor Ben Morris. "The quality of the student's work always amazes me and it has been exciting to see our talented student artists progress over the years. Many of them have gone on to become professional artists and I'm very proud of them."

136 entries from 66 different artists from throughout St. Tammany Parish were received for this year's competition. Of those entries, 35 pieces from 28 different artists were selected by this year's juror, Susan Brunner.

Brunner and her husband Rick own and operate Brunner Gallery in Covington. She graduated Suma Cum Laude from Southeastern University in Hammond, receiving a BA in Psychology and also attended Tulane University and the University of Florence, Italy, concentrating on arts, design and culture. She has taken an active role in the community toward the promotion and education of art as it relates to quality of life issues.

Brunner has served as a member of the Louisiana State Arts Council for the Division of the Arts and the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce, where she chaired the Cultural Economy Committee. She currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Louisiana Partnership of the Arts and the Louisiana State Museum Board. She has received many awards for her service to the arts including The St. Tammany Parish Art Patron of the Year Award in 2007, the West St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce Member of the year award in 2007, as well as the Arts All Star Award in 2009 from the East St. Tammany Cultural Economy Coalition.

This Louisiana Cultural District and Main Street event is brought to you by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the city's 2009 - 2010 cultural season sponsors, including *Living Magazine*; *Louisiana Life Magazine*; Northshore Broadcasting Lake 94.7; Ochsner Medical Center – North Shore; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Whitney National Bank; AT&T; CLECO; *Northshore Conifer*; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Comfort Inn & Suites; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn; *Inside Northside Magazine*; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Northshore Harbor Center; The Purple Armadillo; Silver Slipper Casino; *The Slidell Independent*; Bargains Plus!/Postal Plus; Baskin Robbins; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney at Law; DuBuisson Gallery; HMS Architects, APC; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Krewe of Bilge; Ed & Chris Massett; Paint Your Own Studio; Textron Marine and Land Systems; Slidell Symphony Society; Times Grill; Travel Leaders of Slidell; Dr. Russell & Nancy Westfall; WGSO 990 AM.

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