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## Winter 2010 Newsletter

### Port Aransas Centennial Celebration Art Show

[Art Inspired by Port Aransas & Mustang Island](#)

March 5-31, 2010

Opening Reception March 5th 5-7 p.m.

We are having a show to celebrate Port Aransas and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the naming of this fabulous town. New works portraying the rich cultural and natural history of the most wonderful place on the Texas Coast will be featured.

Join us at the opening reception Friday evening, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7. Enjoy some refreshments, meet the artists, and take home a bit of paradise. You will also have a chance to preview art donated by our artists to the **Port Aransas Museum Dinner & Auction** being held the following night, Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and more information on this event are available by clicking [here](#). The combination of the two festivities should make one fun weekend!

### New Artists



*Catch of the Day, Acrylic, 36" x 48"*

Port Aransas [Charlie Fisher](#) gets inspiration from historical photographs of early Port Aransas anglers and their catches to create large eye-popping paintings. (His own photographs aren't exactly shy either.)



*Late Summer, Watercolor, 4" x 11"*

[Sarah Searight's](#) Plein air paintings are fresh and bright. Whether a sidewalk café or the roiling surf, Sarah captures the beauty of her surroundings. She works in several mediums including oil, acrylic and watercolor.

### Artist Highlights

Congratulations [LaNell Arndt](#); she has been accepted as a Signature Member of American Women Artists. Texas artists are the focus of the April issue of *Southwest Art Magazine* and features both [David Mooreland Bates](#) and [Kyle Polzin](#). [Edith Collins'](#) painting, "Madame Butterfly", will be in the Texas Watercolor Society's *61st Annual Exhibition of Watercolor* at Rockport Center for the Arts (Apr 1- May 8). The excitement for her was not just that the painting is in the show but that it's of her great-granddaughter. [Mary Downing](#) and "Celeste, the urban chick" will be participating in the *Bayou City Art Festival* in Houston (Mar 26-28). She's created a gaggle of new paintings for the "We all have a few strange birds in our family" series. [Michael Earney](#) is participating in the *Imagining Mexico* show at Austin's [Mexic-Arte Museum](#) through Apr 18. [Sue Nosler Gray](#) won an award for her banner and [1st place](#) in the *Georgetown Fall 2009 Art Hop*. [Darnell Jones](#) will be participating in the *Nomadas del Arte* show in April at Sunset Art Center in Amarillo. [Marilyn Leuszler](#) has been chosen as a Teaching Visual Artist in Colorado's Think 360 Arts program. [James Offeman](#) participated in the 49th Society of Animal Artists show and was presented The Leonard J. Meiselman Memorial Award for a Realistic Painting for his pastel, "Yellowthroat". "The Swimming Lesson", a life-size piece featuring a mother alligator and three of her hatchlings, will be on tour with the 49th Society of Animal Artists show while it's creator, [Eva Stanley](#), tours the eastern U.S., stopping in Port Aransas with a complete body of bronze work in tow. We'll have an impromptu show for her when she hits town...stay tuned for details. The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville invited [Debbie Stevens](#) to participate in their show, *Mistresses of the West: A Woman's Perspective* (Jan 14 - Apr 3). "Shadow Design" by [E. Gordon West](#) won the Utrecht Watercolor Award of Excellence combined with the Canson Fine Paper Award in the 2009 National Watercolor Exhibition. Tour schedule for the show takes it to Kerrville at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center (Sep 2-26). Gordon's painting, "River Splendor", was also accepted into the Texas Watercolor Society's *61st Annual Exhibition of Watercolor*, along with Edie Collins work.

**Support the Artists!** [Linda Morgan](#), [Richard Millan](#), [Rick & Cameron Pratt](#)

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