

Arts Council Offers Painting Class

The Arts Council of Pointe Coupee hosted a painting class facilitated by an artist who began painting in our parish. Amber Rhyanne Bayham grew up on Bayou Grosse Tete. Her grandparents' home sits right on the banks of the bayou, and Amber has many fond memories of time spent there. Today Amber lives in the Lafayette area and has established quite a name for herself in the world of art.

Rhyanne's Art was established as a vehicle for Amber to express her love and passion for people, nature and art, as well as for Louisiana. Recently Amber's art has been shown in New York as part of an exhibit at the Agora Gallery. The title of the exhibit was "Forms and Formalities" and featured work from close to twenty artists. Amber's artwork has also recently been exhibited internationally in galleries in Rome and London.



On her web-site Amber states, "I have drawn for as long as I can remember. With no formal art education, my talent is one of a natural inborn artistic gift. Each piece has an inspirational purpose with a whole lot of heart put forth into it." The Louisiana themed artwork from Rhyanne's Art in Lafayette, LA includes pen and ink drawings, acrylic paintings and textured art.

On Thursday, September 8 Amber led a group of twelve ladies through an evening of painting and fun. Among the group were experienced artists from our community, as well as first time painters. Regardless of the level of experience, everyone enjoyed the evening and all left with a sense of accomplishment and pride in their completed piece.



Amber's painting class was open to local and regional artists as part of the Arts Council's continuing artist initiative, "Calling All Artists". Plans have been set for other activities in the months ahead that include a session on stippling in October led by Alisha Jarreau, the art of bonsai in November led by Wayne Greenleaf and an abstract painting workshop in January led by Baton Rouge artist Betty Efferson. For additional information about these art activities, contact Suzanne Cotten at 225 718-3114 or Angela Major at 225 718-1330.



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