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#### Intro

Happy New Year!!!!:) I hope that 2009 is the most excellent year yet for you! I am thankful and grateful that a new year is here, and I plan to make it the best year yet! I haven't created a newsletter in awhile, and a lot has happened since the last one, so please, read on!!

### What's Up In My Art World?

During the last half of the year, I participated in quite a few art shows, both in and out of Texas. See the synopses below.

Kristy (my sister) and are getting ready to head to Miami, FL for fun, and so that I can participate in an art show held at the Lowe Art Museum on the University of Miami Campus. I am extremely excited about that! Woohoo!!!!!!!!!!

In addition, I will be concentrating in the next few months on contacting Interior Designers and Architects, and hopefully some of them might be able to use my work in theirs. I will be contacting some galleries for possible exhibitions as well. If you by chance know of any, please feel free to pass my name along. I would greatly appreciate it!!!

I might be taking my work in a slightly new direction, yet still combining my favorite media: photography, digital, and welding, so be on the lookout in the next few months!!!

And finally, look for a fresh new look on the web site in the upcoming weeks.

# What's Up In My Art World? (cont.)

#### North Shore Art Festival (Chicago Area)

This was a fun show, and I truly liked the producer of the show, Amy Amdur, and am looking forward to working with her in 2009. She really knows how to advertise, and it is evident that she works for, and with, the artists. She wants us to succeed, and every show should have this kind of producer!!!

#### SoNo Arts Celebration (Norwalk, CT)

On Saturday, after setting up, a HUGE storm rolled into Norwalk causing the show to be closed for a few hours. While we waited for the storm to pass, Kristy and I ate went to the Ginger Man (yes, originally the Ginger Man in Austin was owned by the owners of Norwalk). Once the storm rolled through, the weather was BEAUTIFUL, as was the show and all the patrons, and we had a wonderful time.

#### Mystic Outdoor Arts Festival (Mystic, CT)

I love this show because it is near my sister's apartment, which is quite convenient! This was an interesting show because a person that I had met at the art show in Lockhart, TX approached my booth in Mystic, which was very fun! The show was great for people watching as well!!!

#### Pecan St Fall Festival (Austin, TX)

This was an awesome show!!! I have loved doing the Pecan St Festivals these last two times, and am planning on participating again in the spring!!

#### Buda Fine Arts Festival (Buda, TX)

This is the 3rd year for this show, and each year I am impressed by the quality of the show, and with the manner in which the chamber treats the artists. I have never encountered a show that treats the artists the way that Buda does during this show, and I am thankful for that!

#### Maker Faire (Austin, TX)

This was my first time participating in this event, and I am super glad that I did. It was definitely a unique event with lots of cool stuff to see and do!!

#### Wheatsville Art Festival (Austin, TX)

We could not have asked for more beautiful weather this weekend!! I had a great time visiting with all the

## What's Up In My Art World? (cont.)

Wheatsville Art Festival (Austin, TX) (cont.) holiday shoppers as well as with the artists who were located next to me!!

#### Armadillo Bazaar (Austin, TX)

This was my second year working with Joe and Kay, and again it was a successful year!!! The producer of this show really knows how to advertise and draw the people in. I definitely saw this when I visited the Armadillo Bazaar a few times and saw the number of people that were attending the event.

#### ArtOfTexas.com art group (Austin, TX)

Throughout the last half of the year, I have shown often with my local art group, in places such as Genuine Joes Coffeehouse, Cool River, Downtown Round Rock, and Palmer Auditorium. This is a great group of artists whom I truly like showing with. We may be looking for another location downtown, so if you know of any, let me know, so I can pass the word along to our director.

## Upcoming Exhibitions & Shows

Beaux Arts Festival of Art (Jan 10 - 11) 10am – 5pm

Lowe Art Museum on the University of Miami Campus, Coral Gables, FL

Map & Info

ABIA Exhibition (Oct 24 2008 – January 12 2009) 10am – 6pm (Aug 9), 10am – 6pm (Aug 3) Austin Bergstrom International Airport, Austin, TX

If you miss an update, you can always catch up at **HeatherHarrisArt.com - Newsletters** 

And if you're on MySpace, be sure to add me as a friend. You can find me at <a href="http://myspace.com/HeatherHarrisArt">http://myspace.com/HeatherHarrisArt</a>

### **Artist Plugs**

#### **Michiel Rushing**



Michiel Rushing is a self-taught jeweler. At the age of thirteen he began cutting stones and then started creating jewelry at fifteen. His first show in an art gallery was at age sixteen. Michiel traveled across the country following the rodeo circuits and selling his art. Then he

spent six years in Nashville, Tennessee, selling his jewelry out of The Mine Shaft. In Nashville, he developed a large clientele, including the singer Melody, John Travolta and the Ronnie Milsap family. John Travolta wore one of Michiel's bolos in the movie, Pulp Fiction. Michiel now calls Austin, Texas home and currently shows his work at the The Artists Market with the ArtOfTexas.com art group. Michiel uses a lot of rare and unusual stones in his designs and does custom work of many types.

Website: http://masterpiecesbymichiel.com/

#### **Jessica Frey**

Jessica was born and raised in Austin, TX but traveled a lot during childhood. Her father's passion for visiting National Parks transformed her love of landscape photography early on. Four years ago, Jessica received her first 'nice' camera and started clicking away on trips and location



changes due to the military (her husband is a marine). Living on both the east coast and west coast has provided Jessica with many natural, beautiful backdrops!

In 2006, Jessica moved to Washington DC for 7 months, bought a digital SLR and used that picturesque city to fuel my passion. Also, that summer, she joined the international community for photographers at Better Photo.com. Entering contests, winning Editorial picks, and being able to communicate and learn from professional photographers was and is still a great inspiration to her.

In 2008, upon moving to Bakersfield, CA, Jessica decided to dive into business ownership and start Jessica Frey Photography. Presently, Jessica shoots landscapes weddings, other events, and portraits. Being able to have a job centered on her love and passion for photography, Jessica has gained more confidence and fuels her even more to continually update her skills and share her views with others.

Website: http://www.jessicafreyphotography.com/

## **New Works**



Sunset Over Lake Austin



Sunset Watcher



On The Way To Monterery



Dream House



Shake Your Tail Feathers

 $\uparrow\downarrow$  Abstracts below are created from the Landscape or Nature above it  $\uparrow\downarrow$ 



Don't Cry Because It's Over... Smile Because It Happened



Man in the Middle



Three's A Crowd....Sometimes



Come Here My Little Pretties



Precious Gems

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