

## **RADical News: October 18, 2009 - RealArt DeRidder Arts Cooperative Newsletter**

Our grand opening was a huge success! We had about 200 visitors and it felt like everyone was having a good time ...which IS the point after all. We were also able to honor those who helped us make RAD a reality, including DeRidder's Mayor Ron Roberts, Louisiana State Senator John Smith, Matt Young and DeRidder's City Council members. A huge thank you also goes out to all of RAD's artists and volunteers who worked so hard to make it a fun and meaningful event for our community.

Since the opening, we've been busy. In addition to our initial exhibition of RAD member artists (on display through October 30th) we've been working in a variety of directions to help bring the arts into the mainstream of DeRidder/Beauregard.

Joelle Ford came by RAD this weekend with 12 of her sculptural pieces for a group show in the Dec/Jan 'Coming Home' exhibit ...so instead of storing them immediately, we're going to make good use of them and create a short-term exhibit of her work at RAD from October 20-31. Joelle is a DeRidder native, now based in Lawrence, Kansas and has exhibited nationally. She recently received an award for a sculptural piece on display as part of the Rauschenburg Tribute Exhibition in Port Arthur's Museum of the Gulf Coast (Robert Rauschenburg, like Janis Joplin, was from Port Arthur) The work she has in Port Arthur is now being shipped to RAD instead of back to Kansas ...and will become part of RAD's group show later this year.

Museum of the Gulf Coast

<http://www.museumofthegulfcoast.org>

Joelle Ford Preview at RAD

October 20-31, 2009

In November, RAD will be highlighting the work of local DeRidder artist, Margo Roll, in our solo exhibition space. Margo has been a large part of the local visual arts scene for decades ...as both a painting teacher and an exhibiting artist in her own shop in DeRidder and in art galleries from east Texas to Lake Charles. Margo's solo exhibition at RAD will run through the month of November.

Margo Roll Solo Exhibition

November 3-28, 2009

Public reception: Saturday, Nov 7, 6pm

RAD is also sponsoring a weekly series of free films on art. In addition to providing a public forum for visual artists to show their work, we're equally interested in exploring the 'why' behind the arts, and the history of art. Our first film explored the artistic fascination with the human body, in "More Human than Human." This week's film (October 23rd) will look at the work, lives (and rivalry) between Matisse and Picasso.

RAD Friday Night Films on Art - Friday nights, 6-7 pm

December and January will bring a four person group show to RAD, featuring the work of Joelle Ford, Bill Iles, Donna Pickens and David Clanton in an exhibit called "Coming Home" ...more information coming soon.

"Coming Home"

December 15, 2009 - January 9, 2010

Public reception: Tuesday, December 29, 6pm

RAD has offered to facilitate an arts project for young people during the upcoming 'La Cuisine de Beauregard' festival in downtown DeRidder on Nov 14th. We're also planning gallery events for writers and poets to share their work and will be instituting a community drum circle ...to explore the places that rhythm can take us.

All of this and more can be found on a website calendar we've created. It functions as a one-stop shop for art and cultural events in our little corner of the world. The calendar site lists events from a variety of local and regional arts groups, including RAD.

West Louisiana Arts Calendar - <http://westlouisianaarts.org>

RAD's gallery hours are:

11-5 Tuesday - Saturday

and Friday Lagniappe, 5-7pm

Come by and say hi ☺

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