

## **RADical News: September 2, 2009**

Hi all, I thought it'd be good to share some recent news.

We've scheduled RealArt DeRidder's first artist board meeting: one hour before the grand opening - October 3rd, 5pm. If you're a RAD artist, please come an hour early for our grand opening reception, if you can. If you can't, no worries, just let me or another artist friend know and ask us to bring up any concerns/questions you may have. RAD's Artists Board will rule the place - it's one of the things that makes us different from most other art galleries.

Three new artists have joined us since our preview party last Friday. All are listed on our website, welcome to all! Cheryl also set up a beaucoup cool facebook page for us. If you do the online social networking thing, login to FB and search for 'RealArt'.

I finally broke down and designed that evil 'rules' page the Board of Directors wanted from their last meeting :) ...I played with language and managed to massage it into 'guidelines' instead, so I, at least feel better now. Reviewing those guidelines is one of the things I'd like to do at the artist board meeting. [http://realartderidder.org/rad\\_guidelines.html](http://realartderidder.org/rad_guidelines.html)

Tomorrow, I have a presentation on RAD scheduled at the library, 3pm, for DeRidder's Thursday Study Club. I'm bringing a couple of easels and some of the artwork from the preview show. I'm usually not big on these public speaking events but if I'm able to talk about art, you sometimes have a hard time shutting me up. I'll pass out propoganda about our cooperative while I'm there too. If you're free, come by and give me some moral support ...things like making faces at me from the back row is always welcome :)

I actually have 2 other similar things lined out in the future, for meetings of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and yet another Study Club meeting - a different study club I think. From what I understand, DeRidder has two different study clubs - who'd have thunk it? I don't think Leesville even has one. But if all goes well with those adventures, maybe we can contact other civic groups and offer to spread the word about RAD.

Don't forget that this Friday (Sept 4) at 1pm, we're having a full group interview with the Lake Charles American Press at the gallery. We'll try to answer Elona's questions intelligently but will also do our best to have some fun with it. If you're free, please come by and join in the fun! ...you'll probably get your picture in an upcoming Marquee too :)

THANK YOU to everyone who has been donating time, money and material for RAD. We honestly couldn't do it without you.

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