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Rad Press Release:

The Kingdom of God: Sharon Harris

“The Kingdom of God: Solo Exhibition by Sharon Harris”

August 3-31, 2010 Opening reception: Saturday August 7, 6-8pm

“Sheri Bennett: Musical Performance”

August 7, 2010 6-8pm

August 8, 2010 3-5pm

The Kingdom of God: Sharon Hollingsworth Harris

August 3-31, 2010 Opening reception: Saturday, August 7, 6-8pm, featuring the music of Sheri Bennett



Artist Bio: Sharon Harris grew up at Singer, Louisiana. She attended school at McNeese, Northwestern, and Oklahoma State University. She married John M. Harris and has two sons. She worked as an art educator at the Career Development Center in Avoyelles Parish and volunteered as art director for little theater. The Harrises moved to Rapides Parish where Sharon taught in public schools and as an adjunct professor of art at LSU-A. She then taught art at the Beaugard Parish Alternative School and as instructor at the Beaugard Adult Education Center. She retired in 2005 and joined the RealArt DeRidder Arts Cooperative in 2009.

Sharon says of her show:

“Though it sounds grandiose, the name of my solo exhibit is ‘The Kingdom of God’. When you get to retirement age, you begin to reflect upon your life. You ask yourself, ‘Have I made a difference?’ I can honestly say that, as an educator and a believer, I have touched many lives; but others have touched mine as well. Early in my life, people began to speak into me the things that are important. My dad taught me the love of a father, and my mother taught me worship and prayer. Then, Sunday School teachers and pastors added their influence. In Singer, those same people were my teachers at school---fine, honest, simple servants who loved God and showed me the way.

As I thought about what to paint for my exhibit, I decided to honor those people who have shown me glimpses of my Heavenly Father. The Kingdom of God is more than the five-fold ministry and an audience of church goers; the work of the Kingdom is about more than attending service. This truth is the concept of my show.

In all things, I try to glorify God. I hope that people will come to the show and leave with a deeper understanding of what it is to be a Christian. I hope they are challenged to speak into the lives of others the love and hope that only a life lived in relationship with Christ can give.”

“I hope friends and former students will come to the gallery to see the paintings. Some of them will find themselves lovingly celebrated as living examples of Jesus Christ---family members of the Kingdom of God.”

Sheri Bennett: Musical Performance

Sunday, August 8, 3-5pm

Sheri Bennett of LeCompte, Louisiana will play some of her music. Her selections will be inspired by the paintings in Sharon Harris’s exhibit at RAD. Sheri is a wonderful visual artist herself, having painted murals and designed websites as a career; but she is also a gifted musician.

...high res pics of the work (with self-descriptive filenames) are attached to this message

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Sheri Bennett: Musical Performance

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