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PLAQUEMINE BANK TO HOST 36th ANNUAL ART ALERT ART SHOW AND ANNOUNCES
SHOW JUDGES

Plaquemine Bank will host the 36th Annual Art Alert Art Show on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 and has issued its “Calling for Artists”. The Art Alert Art Show is open to all natives and residents of Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes. The art show is open to children under 10 years of age; children 10 - 13 years of age; young adults 14 - 18 years of age; and adults 18+ (including both professional and non-professional artists.) Each artist may enter a maximum of two pieces, which have not been previously entered in this contest, in any two-dimensional format.

First, second and third place prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$30 respectively, will be awarded in each category. Those receiving honorable mentions will be awarded \$15. A “Bankers Choice” category will also earn \$15 prizes.

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Stephen Panepinto, Chairman and CEO, of Plaquemine Bank's Board of Directors said, "Every year we look forward to hosting the ART ALERT Art Show and are eager to see the talent of our community." President Jason Freyou added, "We are blessed to have so many talented artists in our area. This art event represents community banking. Not only do we appreciate all the art, but also we welcome everyone in our community to join us in this celebration." He continued, "Our entire staff is involved. We are pleased to announce that our show judges will be Stacey Casso and Chryl Corizzo."

Chryl Corizzo, a native of Louisiana, started art lessons at the Baton Rouge Fine Arts Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of twelve. She later assisted at the Academy with children's lessons as a teenager and by the time of high school graduation, was selling the majority of her original work in the Baton Rouge area. Chryl continued her art during and after her college years, refining her skills and completing many pieces of original work, both commissions and commercial art. Now living in Mandeville, she worked as an assistant art instructor at the Mandeville Baton Rouge Fine Arts Academy. Several of her paintings were composed and painted while boating along the scenic Tchefuncte River, in Lake Pontchartrain, the Rigolets, and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in addition to her travels in the United States and abroad. She uses a variety of techniques, including pencil, pastels, watercolor, acrylics, oils, and egg tempera. Her work has been accepted and exhibited in shows sponsored by the Louisiana Watercolor Society, the National Acrylic Painter's Association, the New Orleans Art Association, and the St. Tammany Art Association, as well as the Mississippi Watercolor Society and the Louisiana Artist Guild's River Road Show. Ms. Corizzo was selected as the 2005 Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival poster artist. She is a signature member and Board of Directors member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society and currently teaches beginner and advanced classes at Abbey Art Works in Covington, Louisiana.

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Stacey Casso is an accomplished local artist based in Louisiana. With a passion for art that began at the age of seventeen, she has dedicated over four decades to honing her skills and bringing her creative visions to life.

In the late 70s to the early 80s, Stacey had the privilege of taking lessons from the renowned artist Larry Casso at the Baton Rouge Fine Arts Academy. Under his guidance, she learned various artistic techniques, starting with pencil, charcoal, and pastel, and then progressing to watercolor. This comprehensive training allowed her to develop a versatile skill set and a deep understanding of different mediums.

In 1981 she embarked on a new chapter in her artistic journey when she and her mother, Lucille Uffman, co-founded an art gallery and frame shop. This venture not only provided a platform for Stacey to display her own artwork but also allowed her to support and promote other talented artists in her community. Along the way and for the past 42 years she has operated a successful framing business while continuing her passion of painting.

Stacey Casso's inspirations have come by way of the charming rural landscapes, vibrant birds, and delicate florals found in Louisiana. Her artwork captures the essence of her surroundings, whether that be the essence of New Orleans, the excitement of our sports teams, or a walk along the shore. Casso's art has gained recognition and admiration worldwide, with her pieces selling to collectors across the globe. In addition to canvas paintings, she is currently exploring new artistic endeavors creating hand-painted boots, purses, wallets, and also re-visiting painting on cypress, slate, and other materials. This expansion into different mediums highlights her versatility and willingness to constantly push the boundaries of her creativity.

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Art entries may be delivered to Plaquemine Bank from October 14 - 25, 2024.

Plaquemine Bank will host a reception in the lobby to recognize all participating artists. This reception will be open to the public and the celebration will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

Plaquemine Bank and Trust Company is a full-service community bank established in 1968. For additional information, please visit www.plaqbank.com.

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Cutlines: (Please see the attached photos.)

Stacey Casso

Chryl Corizzo