



Cello and Welcome to the premier issue of THE ART CONNECTION newsletter.... about our talented Plaza Art Guild members/artists, events scheduled at THE PLAZA ART GALLERY, and the hard working volunteers who help. Summer is a time for planting seeds and growth, and things are growing fast at the Plaza Art Guild.

We've grown new members, partnered with the Chamber of Commerce, and are sowing new seeds by sponsoring "CELEBRATE ART", an open call to artists to exhibit their work at the PLAZA ART GALLERY in September. We've watched the continued growth of our artists like LYNDA DUNHAM-WATKINS rise to national attention with her artwork. Come by and visit THE PLAZA GALLERY to see what else is "springing up" and growing under the summer sun. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and will share it with your friends and family.

Thank You for your support and hope to see you soon at the gallery.....

## Plaza Art Guild

### Artist in the spotlight: Lynda DUNHAM-Watkins...

Shining in the summertime spotlight is our member/artist Lynda Watkins... Lynda just never grew up and she is STILL playing with dolls... Oh, but what dolls they are... more than a plaything... they are fine art sculptures with hours of creative work in each and every one. These pieces are an unbelievable challenge... tiny fingernails and details that give them a ultra lifelike appearance. Not only does she sculpt the dolls out of clay... she searches long hours for vintage materials and then sews or weaves their clothing by hand... Look at the award winning sculpture entitled "SUMMER" and you will see what we mean by details... she even sculpted the shoes... HOW DOES SHE DO THAT? What believability the figure has. You just keep waiting for the doll to get up and speak to you. And then you understand what a highly specialized and committed work of art it is... and what a hard working and gifted artist LYNDA Watkins is. To see more of Lynda's art go to our website...

[www.theplazagallery.com](http://www.theplazagallery.com)

[www.lyndawatkinsartdolls.com](http://www.lyndawatkinsartdolls.com)



DOTTY AWARD WINNER "SUMMER"

**Fine Art At The Gallery...**



GINNA WALKER... Stained Glass  
Plaza Art Gallery Open 10-5p.m.  
8 WEST PLAZA Mon.-Sat  
Downtown In Paris, Texas

CONNELLE PEACE Hand Thrown  
Food-Safe Glazed Pottery

### Bulletin Board...

**CELEBRATE ART... AN OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS!**

The Plaza Art Guild Of Paris invites all artists in the N.E. TX and S.E. Okla. Area to Exhibit their work at THE PLAZA ART GALLERY in downtown Paris.....

This is not a competition but an opportunity to meet other artists and art patrons at a reception to be held on Sat. Sept. 19th at the gallery from 5-8p.m... and to hang your artwork from Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 9th. Our goal is to encourage an appreciation of art and the artists who create it... and to promote the growth of camaraderie among area artists and art organizations. If you are interested in learning more about CELEBRATE ART go to [www.theplazagallery.com](http://www.theplazagallery.com) for complete details.