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FOURTH ANNUAL ART IN ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE AND CONTEST JUNE 7 - 8, 2019

Featuring guest speakers: Dr. Oliver McRae, Art Historian and Doug Kubicek, Historian/Author

(HALLETTSVILLE, TX) – The Hallet Oak Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting education for cultural arts is hosting a statewide art contest during their Fourth Annual Art in Architecture Conference at Hallet Oak Gallery. The conference will be held on Friday and Saturday on June 7th and 8th in the beautiful Kahn & Stanzel Building (1890) designed by famed architect J. Riely Gordon. The conference begins with Friday courthouse tours by James A. Jakubek from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and live Old Time Mountain music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music performers will be Carolyn Arrington (fiddle), Marianne Drabak (bass), Jim Doyle (guitar) and Joyce Doyle (banjo). Saturday, Dr. Oliver McRae, art historian from Lubbock TX, will speak on *Architecture and Art: Past, Present, and Future, A Changing Relationship*. Doug Kubicek, author and historian, will speak on *1850 Lavaca County*. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served to the public during the book signings and courthouse tours that will start at 9 a.m. Lunch registration sign-in is at 11:30 a.m. and attendees must RSVP by leaving voice message at 361-217-7030 to receive a free lunch or bring own lunch. The two-day conference is \$35 per person or \$25 for students, teachers, or senior citizens. Application forms for the conference and the art contest are available at <http://halletoakgallery.com> or by calling 361-217-7030.

Art contest entry drop off dates are June 6th and 7th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and late entries may be received no later than Saturday, June 8th by 10 a.m. The art contest may be in any medium (painting, sculpture, photography, or other) but must illustrate some aspect of art in architecture. They will be judged according to age group: adults (age 20 and up), teens (age 12-19), and children (age 6-11). Entry fee is \$20 per artwork submitted (\$10 for children). Winners will receive certificates. There is a \$200 prize for "Best of Show". Dr. Oliver McRae will wrap up the conference on Saturday with comments and awards for winners of the art contest. The public is welcome to attend the award ceremony at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with free entry.

About Dr. Oliver McRae: Dr. McRae, Lubbock, TX, is an unusual hybrid of Scholar and Artist. For two decades he was a university Art Historian with scholarship published in four languages. For four decades he's been a professional commission artist, with sculptures and paintings in various public and private institutions and collections. His prime area of ongoing scholarship is the collaborative, intermingling integration of Architecture, Art and Society - as the pinnacle of Civilization. Considered a "Futurist", Dr. McRae has been consulting with industry leaders for two decades. His presentations and workshops build on the strengths of the Past and the Present in charting the trends, and locating the hotspot potential just ahead in both the near and long term Future.

About Doug Kubicek, Author of *Grand, Complete, and Perfect: The Lavaca County Courthouse*

Doug Kubicek, Hallettsville, TX, has had a life-long love of Texas history, especially of Lavaca County. As a child he explored fields, bridges, and graveyards, bringing home arrowheads, broken glass and other artifacts. Teaching for over 27 years, he received the Linden Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award in 2011.

Lavaca County Judge Tramer Woytek has approved special tours on Friday evening and Saturday morning for those who would like to see the recently renovated Lavaca County Courthouse. Courthouse tours will be on Friday, June 7th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 8th from 9 am. to 10 am. The Lavaca County Courthouse is said to be the most beautiful courthouse by the late Richard Payne who is known as the dean of architectural photographers. The building was built by Eugene T. Heiner in 1897. Also supporting the event are Dr. Betty Edwards, owner of the Kahn & Stanzel Building, Texas A & M Agrilife Extension and Friends of Hallettsville Downtown Revitalization.

About Eugene T. Heiner (1852-1901) Architect: Heiner designed numerous courthouses, county jails and other public buildings in Texas. He was born in New York City, apprenticed in Chicago, and studied in Germany. A number of his works are listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, including the Lavaca County Courthouse in Hallettsville, TX.

About J. Riely Gordon (1863-1937) Architect: J. Riely Gordon was an architect who designed beautiful, enduring buildings, and he was a strong advocate for the value of architecture. He supported the Office of the Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury, the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and the City Beautiful Movement. Gordon designed the Kahn & Stanzel Building in Hallettsville, TX, now listed in historic places.

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PROGRAM

Friday, June 7

- 4 PM – 5 PM: Lavaca County Courthouse tours by James A. Jakubek.
- 7 PM – 9 PM: Live Music: Old Time Mountain Music with Carolyn Arrington (fiddle), Marianne Drabak (bass), Jim Doyle (guitar) and Joyce Doyle (banjo).

Saturday, June 8

- 8 AM – Noon: Donuts and coffee. Book-signings.
- 9 AM – 10 AM: Lavaca County Courthouse tours by James A. Jakubek.
- 12 – 12: 45 PM: Architecture and Art – Past, Present & Future, A Changing Relationship by Dr. Oliver McRae.
- 1 PM – 1:45 PM: 1850 Lavaca County by Doug Kubicek.
- 2 PM – 2:45 PM: Coffee break with Q & A.
- 3 PM – 4 PM: Winners of art contest announced. Free public reception.

If you cannot attend all of the presentations, please plan to arrive during breaks in the program.
RSVP by June 6th to receive a boxed lunch on Saturday: 361-217-7030

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(s): _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____ May we add you to our email list? Circle yes or no.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES LUNCH

Make checks to Hallet Oak Gallery. \$35 per person. \$25 for Student, Teacher, or Senior Citizen. Walk-ins are welcome but will not receive lunch. Fee includes live music on Friday before conference.

PRE-REGISTRATON FEE(S) ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **NUMBER OF PERSONS:** _____
MAIL TO:

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RULES FOR "ART IN ARCHITECTURE CONTEST"

- Awards: Adults, ages 20 and up, First and Second Place for Excellence
Teens, ages 12-19, First and Second Place for Excellence
Children, ages 6-11, First and Second Place for Excellence
Best of Show "Judges Choice" \$200 cash prize
- Entry Fee: \$20 per entry (\$15 for students), two entry fees includes 1 pass to conference
- Entry Drop Off June 6th and 7^h, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Late entries may be received June 8th, 9 AM to 10 AM.

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HALLET OAK GALLERY CONTEST ENTRY FORM:

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Voting on contest entries begin when the doors open at 10:00 AM Saturday, June 8, 2019. Winners will be announced at 3:00 PM. It will be a good time!

Please fill out entry form below:

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State and Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Title of Entry: _____ Medium: _____

Description and Location of Inspiration: _____

Entry Fee Paid: _____