

The new Dataw Island Community Center was opened May 26, 2003.

LAURA BRICKER'S OEUVRE

In 2003 Laura Bricker began querying Dataw Island residents regarding the possibility of forming a group interested in the visual arts. A working committee formed: Laura Bricker, chair; Carol McArthur, Anne Williams, Rose Harrison, Dale Martin, Nan Bopp, Lynn Brown, Trish Gardner, Anne Saravo, Laura Cody, Dick Golobic

The **Visual Arts Working Committee** developed a "need to know" list of questions. Information was gathered by Laura based on the following 4 questions:

1. What sort of visual artistic interests we have on Dataw ?
2. Who would be interested in attending "open studio" time
3. Who would be interested in displaying some of their work occasionally to enhance the beauty of the Community Center?
4. What sort of workshops would be of interest?

July 22, 2003 : Survey completed Laura Bricker and Dale Martin, representing the now **Visual Arts Planning Committee**, met with the Dataw Island Club Recreation Committee (now the Sports and Recreation Committee). They presented committee ideas in an effort to gain consensus and support from the Recreation Committee. Harriet Buchanan chaired the Recreation Committee and became our mentor. Following spirited discussion the Recreation Committee charged the Visual Arts Planning Committee with the following:

1. Form a **Visual Arts Committee** involving representatives of various arts, e.g. painting, carving, sculpting, photography, etc.
2. Clearly define the Committee's purpose and goals and outline the steps proposed to accomplish those goals.
3. Work with Kevin Ennis, Community Center Manager, in scheduling and planning workshops, classes and activities.

THUS BEGAN THE HEYDAY OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE "COWBOYS"

(an affectionate term, we thought, given the Committee by the
Recreation Committee and Kevin Ennis)

Once the Visual Arts Working Committee morphed into the Visual Arts Committee in October 2003 chair and sub committees were formed. Laura Bricker remained at the helm until early 2004.

In the spring of 2004 Dale Martin and Nan Bopp assumed co-chairmanship; Carol McArthur, Treasurer; Anne Williams, Secretary; Dale Martin liaison to Sports and Recreation Committee; Babs Schwab, Rose Harrison, Laura Bricker, Lynn Brown, Anne Saravo, Trisha Gardner and Dick Golobic formed the remainder of the committee. Harriette Buchanan was the Sports & Recreation Committee Advisor to the group. September 13, 2004 the VAC board unanimously adopted DIC club status, voted to transfer present officers of committee to club and approved by-laws. Laura Bricker set up a Dataw listserve for communications.

Now the oeuvre had to be turned into reality. The Visual Arts Committee board and subcommittees set forth ideas incorporating exhibits, guidelines, mission statement and presented to DIC Sports & Recreation Committee October 28, 2004 with Jim Marks as chair. The Recreation Committee approved DIC club status for the Visual Arts. A general election was to be held in January 2005 to elect the 2005 board as presented by the VAC nominating committee. The cowboys were in action now, not to be stopped.

2003 VISUAL ARTS WORKING COMMITTEE

Laura Bricker - Chair
Lynn Brown
Laura Cody
Tricia Gardner
Dick Golobic - photography
Rose Harrison - Secretary
Dale Martin –
Alice Massey
Carol McArthur - hanging
Ann Saravo
Babs Schwab
Anne Williams (resigned 11/03)

2003 VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Laura Bricker - Chair
Lynn Brown
Laura Cody
Tricia Gardner
Dick Golobic - photography
Rose Harrison - Secretary
Dale Martin – Representative to Recreation Committee, Reception
Carol McArthur - hanging
Ann Saravo - scheduling
Babs Schwab

Harriette Buchannan – Recreation Committee Advisor

2003 VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE ACTIVITES

May 26 2003 celebrated the opening of the Dataw Island Club Community Center. The "Arts and Crafts Room" was just begging for activity. The Visual Arts Committee was formalized from the working committee in October 2003.

The Committee designed a mission statement; "Our main thrust is threefold: to provide Dataw members opportunities to create art, give them a place to show their art and allow others to share in the creations.

On July 18, 2003 Laura Bricker, VAC chair and Dale Martin met with the Dataw Island Recreation Committee and presented the possibilities of a visual arts group who would

use the Arts and Crafts Room for varied activities. Laura Bricker, Anne Saravo, Dale Martin, Lynn Brown, Rose Harrison, Carla Marsh, Trisha Gardner signed a petition requesting same. Harriette Buchanan became the advisor to the group to assist completing the challenge of the Recreation Committee to formalize a plan representing the arts (painting, sculpture, photography, etc).

By 11/01 exhibit protocol was developed and an artist release statement perfected; reworked mission statement; a hanging system to be installed on the Arts and Crafts Room walls was priced, approved and purchased with an anonymous donation of \$100.

VAC Board meetings will be held 2nd Monday of month at 4 pm in Community Center.

Bricker set up email listserve for VAC members: vacc@isic.net

A mini trial show was hung and an artist reception was held November 11. Art was to hang for 6 weeks. The Visual Arts Committee's first exhibit was then set for January 6, 2004.