



From the President's Pen

I would like to thank the board for all of its hard work and support of our fundraising efforts. In May, we presented the encore performance by Leslie Castay. I cannot thank Leslie enough for volunteering her time and talents in support of RRAHC. I also must recognize and express gratitude for the untiring efforts of Jane DesRoches. Not only did she use her enormous clout to get Leslie for us; but without her tenacious and unwavering promotion of the event, I don't think we could have filled the St. John Theater to such extent. I must also thank the entire staff of the St. John Theater for providing the perfect venue, and particularly Denise Borell, for helping us with the staging and set-up. This event was surely well received and a great success!

We are now accepting grant applications for 2012. If you are interested or know anyone who should apply, please visit our website www.RRAHC.org to obtain the 2012 Grant Application Form. The cut-off date is October 8, 2011, for all applications. Our grant committee will make recommendations which will be voted on in November and the grants will be funded at our General Membership meeting in January, 2012. Please look at our calendar on the website for dates and times.

As always, thanks to all of our patrons, members, and guests, who year after year continue to support RRAHC. Without them, we would be unable to provide the grants that are so desperately needed by the organizations that benefit from them.

Judy L. Mackles, President 2011



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Audrey Giardina, Vice-President of LAA poses with Judy Mackles, President of RRAHC

**2010 Angelus Award Recipient:
Louisiana Artist Association**

RRAHC presented its 13th annual Angelus Award to the **Louisiana Artist Association (L.A.A.)** on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. This prestigious award is presented yearly to honor a person or organization in the River Region that shares the same goals as RRAHC: to

support and champion the preservation of local arts, humanities, or culture. The **Louisiana Art Association** specifically states that it was founded on the premise that arts and humanities of every kind are integral parts of everyday life. L.A.A. serves as an umbrella organization to enrich the quality of life in Louisiana through the promotion of the works of Louisiana artists and through the preservation and enhancement of state culture. It also assists its members by exhibiting and publicizing their works in a dignified manner and by sponsoring lectures, demonstrations, and product tours.

2011 Grant Recipients

RRAHC presented \$30,000 to organizations in tri parishes (St. Charles, St. John, and St. James) to host educational and cultural events in 2011. Grant recipients received their awards during a reception on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., located at 301 W. Airline Hwy., Suite 201, La Place, LA.

RECIPIENTS:

St. Charles Parish

Destrehan High School
 River Region Ballet, Inc.
 River Region Drama Guild, Inc.
 St. Charles Borromeo School
 Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School Drama Club
 River Road Historical Society
 Hahnville High School
 Louisiana Artist Association
 St. Charles Art Guild
 Harry Hurst Middle School
 St. Charles Parish Public Schools
 St. Charles Parish 4-H Performing Arts Club
 Community Chorus of River Parishes, LLC

St. James Parish

Crazy 'Bout History, Inc.
 Oak Alley Foundation
 St. James Gifted Center
 St. James Career & Technology Center
 Sixth Ward Elementary
 St. James Library
 St. James High School
 St. James Parish School Board Talented-In-Music
 Paulina Elementary School
 Gramercy Elementary

St. John Parish

Riverside Academy
 West St. John Elementary
 St. John Theatre
 Ascension of Our Lord School
 Emily C. Watkins Elementary School
 St. John Parish Schools – Gifted Teacher-Margaret Meynard
 St. John Library

"Leslie Castay...unscripted' at St. John Theatre



RRAHC presented local artist and native Leslie Castay in an evening of songs, traveling the winding road to Broadway and back again. Selections ranged from standards to classic Broadway (Berlin and Arlen to Loesser, Rodgers, and Sondheim) and from Jazz and Pop (Sting and Carly Simon).

Castay, a Broadway actress and star of the NOLA premiere of *Grey Gardens*, repeated her critically acclaimed performance at the St. John Theatre in Reserve on Friday, May 20, 2011.

One attendee, Roberta August stated, "Leslie was professional; she knew her craft, and she was a delight to the crowd. The event was wonderful!" Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success, and special thanks to Leslie for sharing her extraordinary talent here in the River Parishes.

RRAHC 2012 Grants

RRAHC has grants available for qualified individuals or groups in St. Charles, St. James, and St. John Parishes to promote the development of arts and humanities. Grants will not exceed **\$1,000** per application. Applications must be postmarked by **Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011**, and must be typed or printed on the official form. Recipients will be notified via mail or email. Grants will be announced in November and will be awarded during the General Membership Meeting January, 2012.

About River Region Arts & Humanities Council (RRAHC)

The River Region Arts & Humanities Council is a grant organization designed to promote the arts and humanities, preserve and enhance local culture, and support art education in the River Region. RRAHC receives support from the United Way of St. Charles. The River Region Arts and Humanities Council was founded on the premise that the arts and humanities are an integral part of everyday life. The purpose of the council is to serve as an umbrella organization to enrich the quality of life within the region through the promotion of the arts and humanities, the preservation and enhancement of local culture, and the support of art education through fund-raising and program development. Since 2000,

Membership Levels

Student	\$5
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$10
Individual	\$20
Family, Club, or Organization	\$35
Small Business	\$100
Saint	\$200
Corporate	\$350
Patron	\$500
Angel	\$1000

Please cut and return this application with your check made payable to RRAHC and send to: Judy Mackles, 17 Country Club Dr., La Place, LA 70068

Name _____
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 Phone: Day _____ Evening _____
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