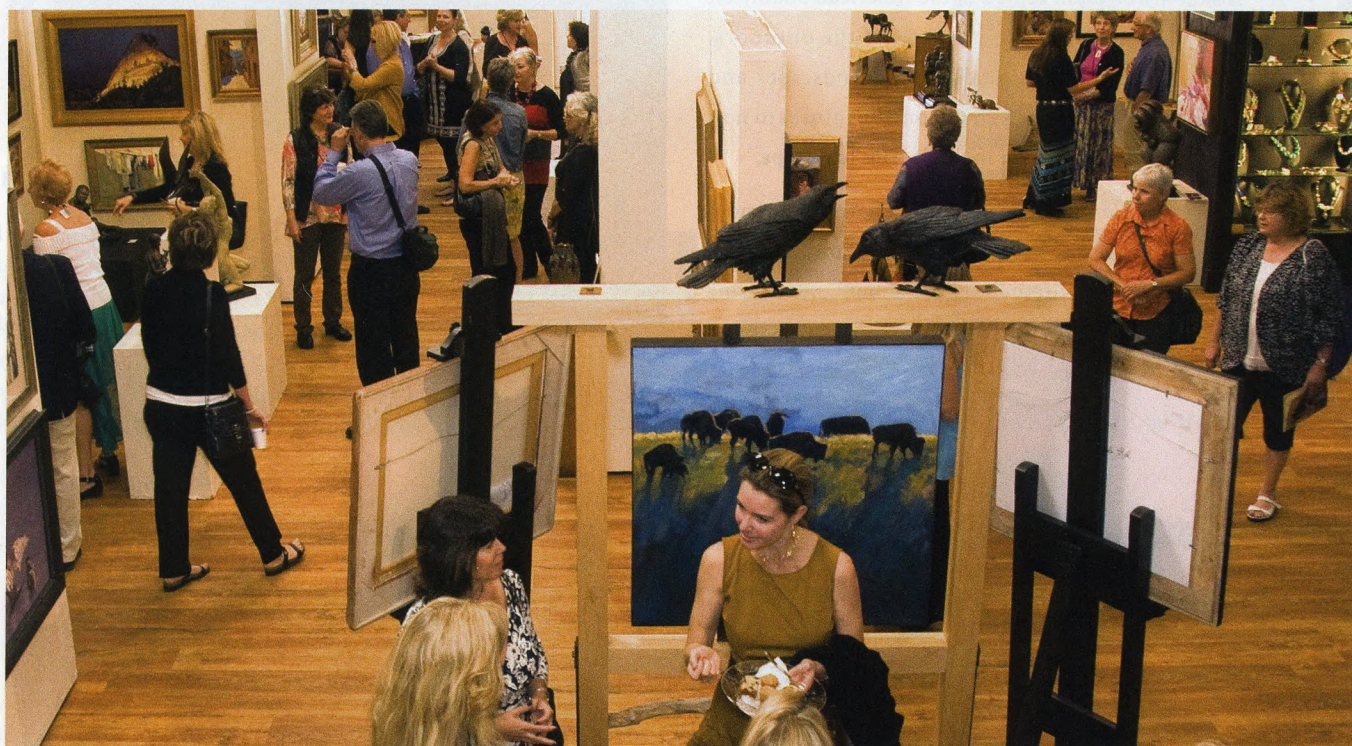


NOVEMBER ART SHOW PREVIEW

Women in the Arts

The American Women Artists' 16th annual National Juried Competition features approximately 60 fresh works by members.



Patrons interact with artists during the 2012 American Women Artists' annual *National Juried Competition*.

November 1 to 24, RS Hanna Gallery in Fredericksburg, Texas, will host the 16th annual *National Juried Competition* of the American Women Artists (AWA). The exhibit, which will feature original works by Signature and Master Signature members of the group, will have approximately 60 paintings and sculptures on display. The works were chosen from more than 850 entries from across the United States and Canada.

"A show like this is a great opportunity to see so many talented women showing together in one place—it really showcases the level of skill that many women artists have achieved," says plein air painter and former

AWA president Carol Swinney.

A nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the inspiration, celebration and encouragement of women in the visual fine arts, AWA members create stunning works of art in a variety of genres. There is one common thread through all of the works: they are representational in style, using contemporary or traditional approaches.

According to current AWA president Ann Larsen, "Collectors are responding to the value of women's art more than ever. Now would be an ideal time to invest in the high level of art produced by the American

Tanya Harsch, *June Bug Portrait*, oil on linen, 11 x 11"

