

THE WYNNE HOME ARTS CENTER

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Adelina Moya Art Exhibit

The final art gallery reception of 2009 at the Wynne Home Arts Center was also the best attended, with almost one-hundred fifty visitors flocking to see the work of Adelina Moya. The exhibit, which opened on November 7th, featured an exceptionally diverse array of art, ranging from traditional religious pieces, to abstract works, to still life paintings, to landscapes. The crowd was equally diverse, with numerous visitors hailing from outside the country and unusually high numbers of youth, high-school and college students.



Artist Adelina Moya speaks to more than 100 visitors who attended her opening.

The Wynne Home Arts Center also served as a gallery for a different type of art—the art of cuisine. Guests were treated to a multi-cultural sampling that included sushi, teriyaki mushrooms, dolmas, hummus, Mediterranean olives, ceviche, guacamole, and Italian meats and cheeses, and enjoyed refreshing wines from Italy, Argentina, Spain, and California.

The exhibit continues through late January.



Janette Uribe & Moya stand near Uribe's favorite Moya piece.

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- *December 1-19: Artist in Residence: Weaving Demonstrations*
- *December 4, 11, 18: Warm Winter Drinks and Homemade Treats at the Wynne Home*
- *December 7: Tomorrow's Promise Montessori Field Trip*
- *December 12: Christmas Cookie Baking and Crafts Class*
- *December 12: Winter in the Park (at Eastham-Thomason Park)*
- *December 14th: Willis Cannon Elementary Field Trip*
- *January 8-10: Weekend Weaving Workshop with Tamara Chasteen*
- *January 25: First Grade Field Trip*
- *January 26: Antique Toy Exhibit opens in Wynne Home*

WYNNE HOME PRESENTED WITH PRESERVATION AWARD

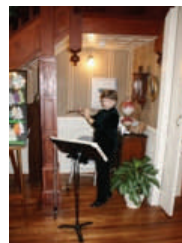
The Walker County Historical Commission presented the City of Huntsville with its rarely-bestowed Preservation Award for "its magnificent restoration and adaptive re-use of the 1883 Queen Anne/Classical Revival style Gibbs-Wynne House to the Wynne Home Arts Center." The award is given to organizations that preserve structures that are at least fifty years old. Dana Nicolay, Donna Coffen, James Patton, Mayor J Turner, and Reverend Scott Dornbush spoke during the program.



Dana Nicolay Opens the Wynne Home's Preservation Award ceremony.

HOLIDAY HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The Wynne Home was one of four homes to open its doors for the third annual Holiday Historic Home Tour. Visitors enjoyed an afternoon of tours, snacks, refreshments, holiday refreshments, and the beautiful music of flautist Linda Wiley. Later that evening, the Wynne Home Arts Center welcomed visitors to enjoy apple cider on its porch to watch the Lion's Club Christmas Parade.



Linda Wiley plays the flute in the Wynne Home

Wynne Home Kodak Moment



Junior Fellows Christmas Card, Wynne Home

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Cultural District Designation Reception

The City of Huntsville and Sam Houston State University celebrated the Texas Arts Commission's designation of the new Huntsville Cultural District on November 12th, 2009. The Wynne Home Arts Center is a prominent landmark within the Cultural District along with Austin Hall, The Whistler, Sam Houston's grave, the downtown square, and the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, among others. The State of Texas Cultural District Designation is an initiative from the Texas Commission on the Arts designed to highlight historical attractions, cultural amenities, and the arts to promote economic and community development. The Texas Commission on the Arts selected seven cities that make significant contributions "to the culture and fine arts in the state." Winnsboro, Austin, Denison, McAllen, Lubbock and San Angelo were also selected. "I think it is an honor for the community," said city councilmember and cultural district steering committee member Mac Woodward. "To be one of the first seven cities chosen for this district demonstrates that the state recognizes the many great things about our community."



A large crowd fills the Walker Education Center in celebration of the official designation of the Huntsville Cultural District.

**WYNNE HOME HOSTS SCHOOL GROUPS
OF ALL AGES!**



Una Grace Nash regales youngsters at the Wynne Home

The Wynne Home remains a popular destination among students of all ages. During November and December, the Wynne Home Arts Center hosted school children from Willis Meador Elementary and Willis Cannon Elementary school districts for fun-filled days of learning. Students learned 19th century cooking, history storytelling, art, spinning and weaving.

College students find the Wynne Home just as suitable for educational pursuits. In the last four months of 2009, various student organizations hosted a film festival, held classes, scheduled meetings, hosted banquets, and even arranged for Texas Tech Law school to lead a law-school seminar.



Texas Tech's JD Gragg discusses law school with SHSU students.

**WYNNE HOME HOSTS
BELLE CHANSON CHOIR**

The Belle Chanson Choir, directed by Cindy Rohe, performed two concerts to benefit the Wynne Home on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2009. The choir performed at 6:00 pm and at 7:30 pm, featuring classic Christmas carols. Between the two concerts visitors enjoyed refreshments and light snacks, courtesy of the Friends of the Wynne.

The group, which takes its name from the French words "Beautiful Song," performs fundraising concerts throughout the community. The funds are donated to local non-profit and charitable organizations. Not only has the choir performed previously at the Wynne Home, they have also benefitted groups such as the HEARTS Veterans Museum and the S A A F E H o u s e .

The group is all female, consisting of numerous SHSU alumni, many of whom are local choir directors.



The Belle Chanson Choir —Photo by Greg Gathright