

## Owning gallery a dream come true

By Ron Page

Theresa Boudreaux admits she is finally realizing a dream, one that has been with her since childhood in China and Taiwan. That dream is the ownership of The Art Connection, one of the area's newest galleries.

Until two years ago, the dream of entering the world of art was just that - a dream. Her life was centered on the demanding world of computers, a lifestyle she had successfully followed for 22 years. A downsizing by her company forced her to change her career. She decided to focus her life into the world of art.

"I always had a passion with art, from sketches and drawings to the painted form," she said while seated at her desk in the shop she has opened in the Cornerstone Village Shopping Center on High House Road at Davis Drive.

Born in China, she attended grade school and college, first in China and later in Taiwan, studying and majoring in computer sciences. It was there she met Louisiana native Daniel Boudreaux. They married and came to the United States where she planned to attend graduate school.

The couple settled in Fayetteville, and she got a job with the Digital Equipment Corporation in Research Triangle Park. "The Chinese were always good at science and math. They are always trying to find solutions," she said. "So I became a programmer for the next 22 years, trouble shooting problems, putting in computer systems from the ground up, doing what would be considered a lot of creative work. It was and still is interesting work, but the thought of working with art was always in the back of my mind."

"The hours were long in solving computer problems, since one works until the problem is solved," she explained. "No days off, no weekends of leisure should you have a problem that must be solved for a company to move ahead. You work at it until the problem is solved," she said.

Ms. Boudreaux said her dream was with her always, of working with artists and combining that work with her love for cooking which she had since childhood. "The ultimate goal for a life work would be to establish a restaurant on the first floor, have an art gallery on the second where dinner guests could browse, and provide space on the third level for the artists to work at their leisure creating new projects which could be offered on the floor below," she said. "I would have an Italian Day, a French Day, a Mexican Day and so on, with foods significant to those areas. I would bring in different musicians, writers, artists to share their talents with the guests. That is my ultimate dream, and this art studio is a step in that direction."

She took the first step just after she and her husband bought a house in Wessex two years ago. "I went in one day, and learned of the planned downsizing, and was told it would be effective the next day. That's how fast things occur," she said.

So with two partners, Mina Hsing and Sonia Hu, she formed a company to service her computer clients,

a consulting firm called the Frazier Group, and did that while also visiting art galleries, art shows, classes in drawing and oil painting toward that long-time goal of developing her own art gallery.

The Art Connection opened last December with an aim to promote local artists. During May and June, the gallery featured local mixed media artist Mina Hsing with more than 200 pieces of original artwork with the theme of flowers. In June and July, the works of Hu Ke Li were shown. Hu Ke Li is widely known in Asia and America for his technical ability and use of colors in producing strikingly realistic scenes of rural Chinese life and portraits. Also featured were the works of Jun-Qing Cao, who specializes in people, animal and nature portraits.

During July and August, the gallery featured works of members of the Triangle Woodturners of North

Carolina, including Ted DeBrocky, an expert in carving and painting fish, birds, ducks and shorebirds. In August and September, mixed media artist Nancy Dolce was featured, along with watercolor portraits by artist Pam Shank.

"Our mission is to provide works of art and give our clients a range of services from mid-to-upper-end selections of mixed media with a strong emphasis on local artists' original pieces and limited editions," Ms. Boudreaux explained.

The firm provides free art consultation in artwork selection and color coordination. Custom framing also is offered.

Ms. Boudreaux holds special art shows about every six weeks and the shop is open daily, with a considerable amount of business dealing with specialty framing. "It pays the rent," she said. "I'm particularly interested in providing creative framing and coloring."



A LOVE FOR ART—Theresa Boudreaux, owner of the Art Collection, converses with Cary artist Laura Clement, who specializes in fine art photography during a recent show.

The current show features artists from the Triangle Artist Group and will run through Nov. 14.

### Prestonwood Notebook

#### Tasty Thanksgiving buffet set at Prestonwood

A buffet dinner, complete with an audience-participation murder mystery, is on tap Nov. 15. Members of the audience will be asked to help solve a murder that takes place at a state political convention. Christmas events include Santa's arrival on Dec. 7 and a carol-filled adult social on Dec. 17. Music at the New Year's Eve celebration will be provided by the "Sensations."

Sound good? We can keep going and going. Prestonwood chicken salad. Low Country peeled shrimp. Buttermut Waldorf salad. Potato salad and green bean salad.

This is only a sampling of the fare at Prestonwood's Thanksgiving Day Buffet being offered in seatings at noon and 2 p.m.

There is, of course, the traditional turkey. And there's also fillet of grouper. And baby lima beans, crooked neck squash, those infamous Preston mashed potatoes, plus good old macaroni and cheese and a wide selection of desserts.

To guarantee a table, call the front desk at 467-2566. Until then, we hope our preview will satisfy your appetites.

In addition to the buffet, several other sure-to-be-memorable events are on the November and December calendars.

Peg Brady and Chuck Tickle are the 1996 club golf champions. Flight winners in women's competition included Lynny Clark, Carol Hannon, Marilyn Popp, Sheila Morris, Janie Moser and Faye Kalial. Flight winners in men's competition included Dave Brady, Chris Scope, Tony Sconzo, Stacey Anfinsen, Jack Wallace, Chuck Reuben, Rick Braswell, Jay Kyne and Dale Harber.

Prestonwood Country Club is a private club and attendance at all functions and activities are for members and guests only.

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**Open Letter to Rep. David Miner**

Dear Rep. Miner,

As concerned citizens, we have a few questions that we would like answered.

The main question is, how would you have voted on the same-sex marriage legislation had you been present at any of the three votes?

On October 7th, in a forum sponsored by the Jaycees, you stated that the reason you did not vote on the bill was: "I was having a bad day that day. I wasn't there. I missed the day. I apologize. I'll get a note from my mother. That was one particular day that I was out." The voting record on other legislation shows you voting on many other bills that same day, actually 31. Apparently, you were not out of the Legislative Building but merely out of this particular vote. For the public record, how would you vote?

Can you also explain your very low (below 50%) attendance and voting record in general?

One last question, at the above mentioned forum, one of the reporters asked you your view on the N.C. law regarding sodomy. Your vague answer was: "It is a law that is selectively enforced. That is not fair. I have a lot of libertarian blood in me, what private people do in private houses is no one's business." [Could the same thing be said for spousal and child abuse?] "It is probably some law that came out of the 1800's...we need to take a serious look at it...we do not need Big Brother getting into the bedroom of private homes." What does this answer mean? We know time is short, but could you respond in a letter to the editor or on the local radio talk shows?

Sincerely,  
Don Watson, Treasurer

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## Entries for Christmas parade sought

Morrisville's first Christmas parade is shaping up to have all the trimmings.

Commissioner Phyllis Newnam, who is chairman of the event, said that more than 35 entries have already been received to take part in the Dec. 7 event. The parade will start at the Perimeter Park Drive intersection with N.C. 54 and proceed east along N.C. 54 to Aviation Parkway. It will disband at the intersection of Aviation Parkway and Cotton Drive.

Police Chief Bruce Newnam reiterated that applications are available at police headquarters for anyone wishing to participate in the parade. Administrative Assistant Lisa Day-Cobb is taking applications and can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at headquarters by calling 469-9709.

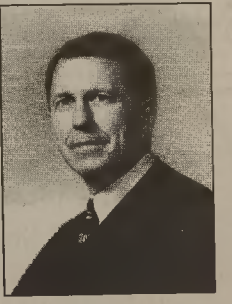
"If you have a business or live in Morrisville and would like to take part in the parade, simply fill out an application form," Newnam said. The town has set aside \$7,000 to finance the parade.

## Re-Elect JUDGE LAWTON

November 5, 1996

William C. Wake District Court

<p><b>EXPERIENCED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five years service as Wake County District Court Judge.</li> <li>• Seventeen years practicing law in Wake County District Court.</li> <li>• Law clerk for two years to the late Honorable Franklin T. Dupree, Jr., U.S. District Court Judge</li> <li>• Certified Juvenile Court Judge</li> <li>• Arbitrator</li> <li>• Business law instructor at N.C. State University.</li> <li>• Hearing Officer for N.C. Office of State Personnel.</li> </ul>	<p><b>FAIR</b></p> <p>"Judge Lawton represents the kind of dedication we need in North Carolina's judiciary. During his five years on the bench and throughout his career, he has demonstrated strong leadership, a commitment to fairness, compassion, and a thorough understanding of the law." —Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.</p> <p>"Judge Bill Lawton presides often over difficult cases in Court with dignity, honor, impartiality, and respect for the citizens of Wake County. He deserves to be re-elected." —Sheriff John Baker</p> <p>"Judge Bill Lawton is the most qualified candidate. He is an excellent jurist and is fair to everyone. He should be re-elected." —Tom McNamara, Registered Republican, Trial Attorney, &amp; Former US Attorney</p> <p>"It's great to see a judge like Bill Lawton who makes such a quality commitment to his church and community." —The Reverend Janet Watrous, Good Shepherd Episcopal</p> <p>"Judge Lawton treats all people in a fair and just manner. It makes no difference to him whether a person is rich or poor, young or old, black or white. He gives every person who stands before him his complete attention. I have great confidence in Judge Lawton." —Wade Smith, Trial Attorney and Former Chairman, NC Democratic Party</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY SERVANT</b></p> <p>Raleigh Rescue Mission Board of Directors</p> <p>Church of the Good Shepherd Vestry member and youth advisor</p> <p>Recipient of President's Award of Excellence — Wake County Bar Association</p> <p>Wake County Bar Association Board of Directors</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Faculty Advisor for Delta Upsilon Fraternity — N.C. State University</p> <p>Rotary Club</p> <p>Lions Club</p>
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