

## EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Youth in Crisis

Providing guidance for youth and families in preventing family violence and drug and alcohol addiction.

Spanish author and speaker, Carlos Casabán Sánchez, and bilingual musician, Tony Melander will be featured at the Youth In Crisis meeting on Saturday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m., at the Irving Bible Church, 2435 Kinwest Parkway, in Irving. These two world famous public figures are admired and followed by people in Latin American countries, and Hispanics in the United States. Through his dedication to helping others, and his special approach based on human values, Carlos Casabán Sánchez chal-

lenges others to see their lives in an exciting new way. Tony Melander was born without arms because his mother was prescribed thalidomide, a drug used to help calm morning sickness during her pregnancy. While singing and playing his guitar with his feet, this award-winning musician inspires others with his message of hope wherever he goes. This Spanish language program is simultaneously interpreted in English by audio device.



Tony Melander

Advance tickets are \$25 (adults and children ages 10 and up) and \$30 at the door. For more information call (972) 669-9031 (English), or (972) 669-5036 (Spanish). All proceeds benefit literacy programs presented by the organizer, DCET/Believe in Yourself, Inc.



Carlos Casabán Sánchez

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Scouting for Food Drive begins on Saturday, February 9, when Irving Scout troops and packs will place empty grocery bags on resident's doors in Irving. Citizens are asked to put non-perishable food items in the bags, and then set them out for pick up on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 16.



Scouting for Food supports various food pantries in Irving. Food pantries rely heavily on this food drive to supplement the inventories in their pantries. Irving Care currently serves an average of 344 families per month. Since each food order usually provides five days of food, this is an equivalent of 1,720 days of food distributed each month (30 days) to clients by Irving Care.

Please consider donating some of the items that are not frequently donated:



peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise or salad dressing and cooking oil (in plastic jars if possible). Because these are seldom donated, many food pantries have to purchase these items at retail cost. We also appreciate your donation of any other non-perishable food products. For more information about Irving Cares and a suggested "shopping list", please visit our website at [www.irvingcares.org](http://www.irvingcares.org).

If your troop or pack plans to donate to Irving Cares on Saturday, Feb. 16, please call Leigh Ertson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at (972) 711-9381 X 309 or email [leigh@irvingcares.org](mailto:leigh@irvingcares.org) so the appropriate arrangements can be made. The Scouting for Food Drive is one of the larger food drives that food pantries benefit from, and the support of the Irving Scouts and the Irving Community is greatly appreciated.

### The Pastel Society of the Southwest

The Pastel Society of the Southwest will display an exhibition of member artists in the West Gallery at the Joyce Center for the Arts now through Feb. 22.



### 2007 Southwestern Pastel Society Winners



In the East Gallery is a one-man show of the collective works of local artist Ron Stephens. After retiring from a 33 year career in advertising, Ron began painting in watercolor in May of 2006 after reading many books and taking a weekly watercolor course from Tom Wellman at the Irving Heritage Center.

He has won 1st place at the Irving Art Association

(IAA) Wildlife Show 2007 and a 1st and a "People's Choice" award at the Emerging Artist's Show 2007 at the Trinity Arts Guild.

Ron is a editor of the SWS SCENE newsletter and is Membership Show/ Publicity Chairman of IAA and Painting of the Month chairman for the ATA.

#### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 6-8 Assoc. of Creative Artists Contact Anita Johnson<sup>®</sup>
- Feb. 7/15/28 Basic Calligraphy 7 p.m. Contact: Angie Vangelis<sup>®</sup>
- Feb. 9 TAO Contact Patricia Southard<sup>®</sup>
- Feb. 16-17 Texas Lettering Arts Contact: Angie Vangelis<sup>®</sup>

The IAA is involved with weekly painting groups on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The IAA also sponsors free



Gini Basso



Linda Conley



Paula Lawson