VAS INSIDER

VISUAL ART SOCIETY BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

OCTOBER 2026



From Sea to Shining Sea closes **October 27th!** Please help us make these final weeks count by sharing the show and inviting friends to visit.

The People's Choice Award is still up for grabs, so every visitor—and every vote—matters! The more people we bring through the doors, the more support and recognition we create for all our artists.

The Art of Connection
October 2026

Fall is here, and VAS BCS has a busy month head—from our monthly meeting on October 12 with Charles Wallis, talking about "So you think you want to sell your art…. Are you really ready?" Then there is **Lunch Together**, **Brazos Valley Gives**, exhibitions, and new opportunities to connect with other artists.

Don't forget about the **Aggieland Art Trail** and our joint effort with Destination Bryan download the app and earn rewards a wonderful map to explore the art all arounds us.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 12 VAS Monthly Meeting • Program: Charles Wallis

Tuesday, Oct. 20 **Brazos Valley Gives**

Thursday, Oct. 22 **VAS Lunch Together** • 11:30 AM • **Daisy's Table**

First Saturday Art Market

The First Saturday Art Market continues, and there is now a rain plan: if weather does not cooperate, the market can move inside the gallery. This gives participating artists a more dependable way to show up and sell.





Art All Around Us-
Member Exhibitions Around Town

VAS continues working to place and rotate member artwork in community venues. Current or developing exhibition locations include:

- Brazos Center
- **Tavo Coffee Co.**
- Perrine Winery

Jamie Ladysh, Mark Sadoski and Renee Richards have work on display at the Unitarian Fellowship.

Calling All Pet Portrait Artists



We are preparing a list of member artists who do pet portraits - we need your name, email, phone, medium and example pictures.

Deadline to make the list is October 30, 2026.

You spoke. We listened.



Nearly half of the membership responded to the recent VAS survey. The strongest message was clear: members value VAS as a place to **meet other artists and build community**, followed closely by interest in workshops and live artist demonstrations. Members also asked for more exhibition and selling opportunities, more hands-on learning, and more advance notice of events.

That feedback is helping shape future programming, exhibitions and communication. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

The Year Ahead

2027 will be an exciting year three exhibition opportunities ahead:

- Spring Judged Show
- Summer Show at the **Arts Center of the Brazos Valley** - July/August
- Winter Show at **DeGallery** -November/December

Exact dates and additional details will be announced as they are confirmed. For DeGallery shows, artwork is expected to be offered for sale; work shown at the Arts Center will not be required to be for sale.

Aggieland Art Trail is always open





Get the App earn rewards.

Around VAS BCS

Brazos Valley Gives — October 20

Brazos Valley Gives is a community-wide day of giving for local nonprofits, with early giving already underway. Last year VAS won a **$2,500 Golden Ticket**, which helped support the new VAS website and an additional scholarship. Your support this year can help VAS continue creating opportunities for local artists and students.

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A New Arts Connection: Brazos Valley Fiber Arts

Brazos Valley Fiber Arts has invited VAS to collaborate during a First Friday at the Kimbell Cultural Event Center in Downtown Bryan. Their First Friday gathering is a relaxed "social stitch" where artists work, demonstrate and talk with visitors. This is a community-engagement opportunity rather than a sales event.

They have also invited VAS members to consider their Artist at Work programming and the Brazos Valley Fiber Festival. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

The member survey showed interest in helping with show installation and take-down, receptions, presentations, digital marketing and Art Trail outreach. Even an hour or two can make a difference—and it is a good way to get to know other artists.

Watch for volunteer requests, or speak with a Board member at the next VAS meeting.



Instagram

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Our Social Media Is Growing

VAS Instagram activity reached Approximately **7,000 views last month and added 27 new followers**. Thank you to Christian Araiza and Savannah Luhn for helping VAS reach more people and showcase our arts community.

Membership & Website Reminder

The new VAS website treats memberships as subscriptions. If you renew by credit card, your membership will renew automatically unless you cancel. A canceled membership remains active through its current end date.

A note from the newsletter editor

Have an exhibition, award, workshop, call for art, or other member news to share? Send it in for consideration in the next VAS Insider. Our goal is to make this newsletter a useful, easy-to-scan connection point for VAS members and the local arts community.