Visual Art Society
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

July 2023

Hello everyone! Thanks for tuning in to our July newsletter. I know this is a short turn around from the last one and the reason is so that the newsletters can start to come out at the beginning of each month. Although some of the information here is repeated from last month, please take a look for we do have a few updates and new events. Don't forget to check out our website and social medias for all the current happenings in the Visual Art Society!

Website: *visualartsociety.org* **Facebook:** *vizartsociety* **Instagram:** *@vizartsociety*

MEMBER MEETINGS

Member meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of each month at Degallery. Doors will open at 5:30pm to socialize and the meetings will be from 6pm-7pm. Snack are provided.

- August 14 - No meeting
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11 - Holiday party and gifts

SUMMER GATHERINGS

- **August 22nd 1pm-4pm**
  - **"Art Together" @ Degallery**

"Art Together" is an opportunity to hang out in an artsy environment with like minded artists. Let's gather to make art, talk art, share and/or get feedback on your art, etc.

Click here for more information.

ANNUAL MEMBER ART SHOW

"Aqua Vita"

All things water; physical form and symbolic

Deadline to enter is
August 20th

Opening Reception
September 1st
6pm-8pm

Click here for more information.

ART TOGETHER

We had a great time at our first Art Together Event. We had watercolor, weaving, drawing, needle work and more. There was good conversation and fun had by all.

Next Art Together

The next *Art Together* we will be offering a chance to have high resolution photos of your artwork taken by our VAS President, Wendy Keeny-Kennicutt. You will receive multiple different sizes for various uses.

Click here for more info!

Pricing (plus sales tax):
$10 for 1 pieces
$16 for 2 pieces
$21 for 3 pieces
$24 for 4 pieces
$5 ea. for 5+ pieces

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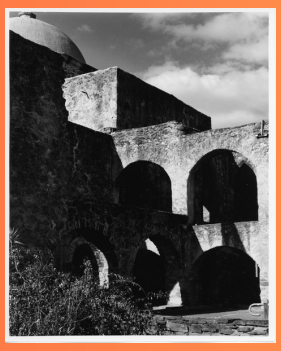
FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Joel Kitchens

Joel is a self-taught photographer who was born and raised in Alabama then moved to Texas in 1997. He was on the faculty at Texas A&M for 25 years so I think it's safe to say he is a Texan. His photographic process is traditional and purposely retro. His work reflects a wide range of interests, including historic sacred architecture, landscapes and nature, abstracts, and still life. Joel attracts his viewers' interest by revealing the "spirit of place" along with the interplay of light and shadow. ***Click here*** to read more about Joel and see more of his gorgeous photographs.



SHOWCASE YOUR ART

We would love to showcase you and your art! We have a new tab on the website to share your work and tell us about yourself. All members who are on this page will be randomly selected and featured on the newsletter and social media through out the year. This is another member perk to get exposure for you and your artwork. *Click this link to Our Artists* page for some examples.
If interested, fill out this *FORM*.
If you have questions, contact *webmaster@visualartsociety.org*

LOCAL ART DISPLAYS

We have existing and growing opportunities for members to display their artwork around the Brazos Valley community.

Current Displays:
Chris Rogers @ *Aloft College Station Hotel*
Jaimie Ladysh @ *The Brazos Center*
Lauren Foster @ *Perrine Winery*

If you are interested in displaying your artwork please reach out to the Exhibition Chair, Ruth Scego at *vp@visualartsociety.org*

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AGGIELAND ART TRAIL

Tour the public art of Bryan, College Station and the Texas A&M University Campus.
Visit our:
2 pottery studios
12 galleries & museums
14 cafes, wineries & businesses
100+ murals, statues and sculptures
Click here for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

VAS was pleased to present these certificates at the reception for our 50th Anniversary to our 2022-2023 scholarship winners,
Marcella Deer and Cedric Gonzalez,
both from College Station High School. You can learn more about our scholarship program HERE.

CONGRATULATIONS

PLEIN AIR

We are looking forward to once again sponsoring the plein air event as a part of the annual Downtown Bryan Street and Art Fair. When the weather cools off we will have some casual get togethers for Members who want to paint together outdoors. Also we are looking for businesses who will donate for a cash prize for this event. Contact Mindy Austin if you want to help out with this event: publicity@visualart society.org

April 13 2024

2024 JUDGED ART SHOW

Deadline for entry TBA

Dropoff: Wed April 10

Opening Reception
Friday, April 12

Show: April 12 - May 15

The theme and entry deadline are still to be determined so keep your eyes out for more information regarding the show so you can get yourself inspired!

Do you know someone who might want to become a member of the Visual Art Society? Share the QR code or have them visit the *VAS website* and sign up!