

BRAZOS VALLEY ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER
April 2020

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Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 7:38 AM

Here it is, Nancy.

Wendy:)

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