



APRIL 2018

## BRAZOS VALLEY ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

### APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Monday, April 2nd  
6:00-7:00pm

The Brazos Valley Art League invites you to attend our monthly member meeting.

DeGallery  
702 University Drive E, Ste 102D  
College Station, TX 77840  
[Click for directions.](#)

April Demo by:  
Dr. Carol Henrichs

"Get Creative Using Your Camera: How to Use Your Camera's Shooting Modes for Making Photographs You'll Be Proud to Share"



APRIL 11-13  
*Watercolor Workshop*



**In case you didn't know...**  
Brazos Valley Art League Members are welcome to use the studio at the Arts Center on Wednesdays. Several artists meet there at their own discretion and whenever they get the chance. There's no formality - simply show up and paint.

Exploring Realistic Textures in Watercolor: Painting Still Life with Glass with Monika Pate, AWS, NWS, TWSA

*9:00am to 4:00pm*

*\$350 Members  
\$400 Non-members  
(save \$5 by becoming a member)*

Art Center  
2275 Dartmouth  
College Station, TX



April 19, 2018  
6:00pm to 9:00pm

Every third Thursday of the month, Downtown Bryan businesses showcase local art and artists.

More  
Information/Register

Help the Brazos Valley Art League raise scholarship funds for deserving local high school seniors for art study in college! Visit the BVAL tent at the Downtown Bryan Street & Art Fair, April 14th to make a donation or donate directly at [www.bvartleague.org/donate](http://www.bvartleague.org/donate).

Member News...



**Congratulations to BVAL Artists  
Charles Wallis, Jay Schaan  
& Iva Banik!**

"The Tree of Life" metal sculpture is a project they collaborated on for CHI St. Joseph Hospital commemorating the Legacy Awards. You can see this artwork in the main lobby of the hospital.



**"Through my Lens"  
By BVAL Member: Laura Pasket**

**SEAD Gallery  
April 6th  
6:00-9:00pm**

Laura is a self-taught photographer who travels all around Texas and Illinois, photographing wildlife as a hobby. She captures wildlife, floral, macros, and landscape, with an emphasis on birds.

Her mission is to go beyond the knowledge of exposure, pixels, and technology and simply find the beauty in nature, wildlife, and ranch life. She always strives to find and photograph subjects in their own habitats, putting the wildlife first, without disturbing their natural behaviors and practice.

**Now showing...**

**Art Center Studio**

**Chris Rogers**

March 6 - May 7

**Downtown Uncorked**

**Deby Simpson**

March 6 - April 18

**Perrine Winery**

**Carol Henrichs & Stephen Guetersch**

January 25 - April 25

## Brazos Center Display

Gary Christopher, Dixie Kee, Chris Rogers, Iva Banik, David Sites,  
Carol Henrichs, Ken Manthei, Jane Manthei, Fredda Eastep,  
Charles Wallis, Dena Gaskin & Shiryn Gabbard

March 1 - May 1

*If you would like to exhibit your art or have a venue you would like local art featured, please click [here](#) to contact Karen Bigley, BVAL Exhibits Chair.*

### President's Palette

*When we see something we like, somehow we feel inspired. Don't miss the opportunity and take a photo. It is always better to use your own photos rather than someone else's for reference.*



*You should not rely on magazines images for reference, because they are copyrighted. Also, google image search gives a lot of copyrighted material.*

*So, nothing is better than taking your own photos. The fact that you have seen it in person and experienced it will add to the value of the image.*

*Throughout the year, clip and save any pictures that you like and that somehow inspire you. Store them in an organized way. Keep digital files organized in folders on a computer, and the hard copy ones in a binder, in sheet protectors.*

*A great resource for reference photos are free online photo databases, make sure the images are licensed to allow derivative work. You can bookmark them in a specific folder.*

*When you are lacking inspiration and ideas for new artwork, go through your photos and focus on what made you save them in the first place. Maybe you enjoyed the subject matter, maybe you loved the colors, or the composition/structure.*

*Join BVAL for a special presentation on Photography at the April member meeting.*

Nancy Schaan  
President, 2017-18

*"To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it."  
Kurt Vonnegut*

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