



BRAZOS VALLEY ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

January 2020



Membership Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020
12:00pm

DeGallery
702 University Drive East, #102D
College Station

Join BVAL for a business update, social time & light refreshments.



January Demo Artist Deborah Reed Propst

Deborah has forsaken strict representational watercolors for expressive and creative fantasy in her work...check it out at the January 6th meeting.

To learn more about Deborah, [click here](#).

Upcoming Meeting Demos



February 3, 2020
Lee James
Impressionistic Artist
McGregor, TX
See Lee's bio [here](#).

Artist Statement:

As an artist, my goal is to create works that convey my feelings about the subject and scene and draw the viewer into the painting. I am fascinated with both light and color and draw my inspiration from early morning, evening, and nocturnal scenes. I am not a "high noon painter." I enjoy painting landscapes, seascapes, water, reflections, figures, transportation, and have a long standing interest in and experience with architecture and historic properties. My style has evolved from realism to impressionism that "evokes an illusion of reality." Primary tools of choice are palette knives, using brushes only where I deem necessary. I have an intense interest in creating texture and expressive, vibrant color, preferring to apply multiple colors simultaneously from the palette knife live rather than mixing colors on the palette. My primary medium is acrylic, with background in both oil and watercolor.

March 2, 2020
Judi Simon
Illustrator, Graphic Designer, & Medical Artist
See Judi's bio [here](#).

Artist's Statement:



I have been an artist all my life. When I was young, I painted or drew because it was fun. As a working adult, I painted and drew to make a living. Now, I paint and draw because I feel compelled to.

I have always been a technical, representational artist and now have chosen to create images that are "moments from my life" when I saw something or traveled somewhere or met someone who made a lasting impression on me at that time. I try to capture these special "moments", not like a photograph would, but with a unique emphasis on color, shape and lighting that made that moment



April 6, 2020
Meagan Kirschner
Abstract Mixed Media Artist
Royce City, TX
See Meagan's bio [here](#).

Artist's Statement:

I am an artist that uses industrial and recyclable materials to create art work that is considered mixed media. Paints, papers, and metal become expressive parts of the overall project. All of my work is of the abstract genre and becomes fluid as it is conceived. The work focuses on canvas being the base, but I branch out to sculpture pieces as well. I have multiple sclerosis (MS) which can create a challenge physically creating the work. The process of thinking out a project to physically creating allows an outlet for physical, mental, and cognitive therapy in living with MS.



May 4, 2020
Cynthia Hanks
Pastel Artist

Artist's Statement:

I am constantly amazed with nature and our connection to this planet earth. The perpetual give and take within the circle of life is forever on my mind as I view nature, realizing that a moment is instantaneous, making that moment gone in an instant. Capturing nature and its creatures has always been my focus when creating.

I am attracted to color, shape and light. The balance and guidance of these elements specifically leads the eye around a painting like a dance. I find the challenge in creating what nature shows me and am always looking for a great dance!

Your membership enables BVAL to provide art education and to share exciting, innovative exhibits and events with our local community.



Benefits include:

- **Monthly newsletter**
- **Invitation to general meetings, art demonstrations & events**
- **Individual, Family & Student memberships include discounted entry fees in member exhibits/shows**
- **Business/Non-profit members may submit a business logo for display on the BVAL website.**

The membership year is September 1 through August 31st.

[Renew/Join Here](#)

BVAL Board Opportunities

Looking to become more involved with the Art League? Here are some opportunities to help the Art League as we plan for the future. These board openings need filling asap! As a board member, you will help guide the league as we begin a new year and new future. Opportunities available are:

- **Demo/Workshop Chair**
 - Obtains demonstration artists for regular BVAL meetings and provides information for advertising the demo artist to the newsletter editor and publicity chairperson. Insures the demo artist is set up before the business meeting begins and introduces the artist. Plans at least one workshop per year.
- **Publicity Chair**
 - Publicizes various events and activities of the League to the community at large.
- **Membership Chair**
 - Supervises an annual membership drive and maintains a file of members. Prepares the BVAL directory.

If interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact Nancy Schaan, nkhschaan@gmail.com.

Member News

Downtown Street + Art Fair

April 18th
10am to 6pm

Mark your calendars now! More details coming soon.



Brazos Watercolor Retreats



January 4, 2020

After the holiday season - treat yourself, unwind and spend an afternoon watercoloring and sipping your favorite beverage. This will be a fun mixed-media retreat based in watercolor. We will be adding metallic watercolor paint, markers and gel pens to our work.

Photographing My Art: A Workshop for Artists

Feb 29, 2020
9:30am-4:30pm

Hosted by Carol Fox Henrichs
Photography and Brazos Watercolor Retreats



For more information, visit brazoswatercolorretreats.com.



Visual Art Scholarships

Did you know BVAL offers scholarships to seniors graduating from a B/CS high school? Applicants must plan a course of study and career related to the visual arts.

For more information, visit
www.bvartleague.org.

onexhibit

Mitzi Bales

@ Downtown Uncorked
November 19 to January 15

Poul and Joann Onderko

@The Brazos Center
November 15th to January 31st

Amberley Payne

@Perrine Winery
through January 31st

President's Palatte



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year means new beginnings and fresh starts. **Let go of the past**, and embrace a new perspective—a fresh look at the future and **all the wonderful possibilities** it holds. BVAL welcomed several new members in 2019 and we look forward to making new friendships in 2020. In addition to our traditional art shows we will continue to look for new venues and types of art shows for you to participate in. We have an exciting

lineup of demo artists beginning in January.

Please stay informed about new events and opportunities by following the monthly newsletter, and visiting www.bvartleague.org

Nancy Schaan
President 2019-20

Unless you try something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Writer

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