



BRAZOS VALLEY ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

March 2020



Membership Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2020
12:00pm

DeGallery
702 University Drive East, #102D
College Station

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



March Demo Artist

Judi Simon

Illustrator, Graphic Designer, & Medical Artist

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

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

Upcoming Meeting Demos



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!

Member Input Requested



BVAL Investigating Name Change

The Art League is constantly confused with the Arts Council and is investigating the possibility of a name change to better reflect who we are. Your input is requested. Please provide us with suggested names and/or your thoughts on the change.

[Give Your Input By Clicking Here](#)



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.

“Mission Statement”

The Brazos Valley Art League is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for local artists of all ages and skill levels to explore, develop, and market their creations. Through events and educational programming, the BVAL strives to foster the appreciation of visual art and aspires to raise awareness about the relevance and intrinsic value of visual arts in our community.

By nurturing the artist, we enrich the community!

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

Photographing my Art: A Workshop for Artists

by Carol Henrichs, EdD

February 29, 2020



Brazos Watercolor Retreats
13161 Hopes Creek Meadow Circle
College Station, TX

Ever want to turn a not-so-good photo into a professional-looking photo that you are proud of? One that you can use as a card or calendar or art submission. This class is for you. All it takes is a smart phone, iPad, or laptop using free apps or software.



Exploring Light and Color Watercolors

by Monika Pate

January 30 - April 11, 2020
Opening Reception January 30, 5:30-7:00

Arts Council of Brazos Valley Gallery
4180 Hwy 6 South
College Station, TX 77845

Downtown Street + Art Fair

April 18th
10am to 6pm

BVAL will have one or two 10 x 10 Tents, depending on the interest. BVAL members who wish to show & sell their art can register on the BVAL website using the "**show my work in local venues form**". Type **Bryan Art Fair in the message box**. For any questions contact our Exhibits Chair Karen Bigley at kebtamu@aol.com or 979-571-2455.



All BVAL Members may participate and sell their art. It has been our experience that medium to small size work sells best at this type of event. Sales will be split as follows, after taxes, 70% to artist, 30% to BVAL. You must work at the event if you want to show and sell your art. There will be no entry fee.

- 2020: Artist check in and setup at 7:00AM
- Art Fair opens to the public 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Standards and Rules:

In order to maintain the quality of the Downtown Street and Art Fair, artwork should be original, handmade work and the artisan must be present at the event. Mass-produced or commercial products will not be accepted. Artists marketing reproduction prints of their original work must have prints clearly labeled as such. Reproductions should not comprise more than 50% of your exhibition.

Artist amenities include the following

- The Downtown Bryan Association will provide artists with free bottled water

- Promotion of your work on our website leading up to and after the fair.
- Enthusiastic promotion and marketing of the event to draw in as many potential customers as possible by The Downtown Bryan Association and BVAL. .

Brazos Watercolor Retreats



March 7

Marching into Watercolor
by: Robyn Glass

March 20

March Florals in Watercolor
By: Monika Pate

April 4

Introduction to Watercolor

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.

Charles Wallis Shows



Warehouse Living Art Center

Downtown Corsicana, TX
February 25 through April 4,
2020.

Show of expressionist
landscapes.



Pearce Museum Texas Invitational Show 2020

February 20-April 4, 2020.
Opening reception: February
20, 5:30 to 7:30

Focuses on Western genre
art.



Joint show with Lauren Dickinson

Cultivate 7Twelve
Waco, TX
March 3 - April 4, 2020.

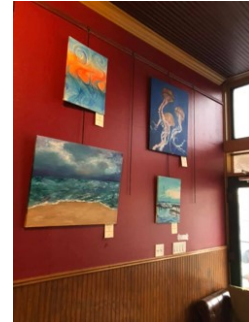
The show is Landscapes Of
The Soul (exploring the mind,
body and soul connection).

onexhibit

Faith Leskowitz

@ Downtown Uncorked
January 14 to March 31

Artist's Statement: I started out drawing seven years ago, however over the past three years my main choice in medium has moved onto acrylic painting due to the abstraction, vibrant colors, and speed it offers. I enjoy painting things I find beautiful, or try to add a positive twist on subjects through color. Due to the versatility of acrylics each piece I make is experimentalist in nature as I try out new styles and techniques.



Martha Little

@The Brazos Center
January 14 to March 31

Artist's Statement: Approximately 2 years ago, I woke up one morning, and arbitrarily decided to start drawing and painting. I am completely self-taught. I do not, however, view my lack of formal training as an impediment. In fact, quite the contrary, as I feel my naivety is accompanied by a certain freedom of imagination. A freedom that, perhaps, would not be as accessible if my work was confined to a certain style or technique.



My work is a collection of mixed media pieces (mostly pastels and acrylics). Although similar themes or moods can be felt throughout my work, each piece is still created as an individual and unique expression—one that is indicative of my current mood as well as one that is reflective of my daily inspirations and challenges.

Carol Henrichs

@Perrine Winery
January 14 to March 31



Artist's Statement: I began my serious journey into digital photography in 2005 when I enrolled in my first photography class. While I found I needed to learn how to use the gear, what I discovered is that I absolutely love the post processing I could accomplish using my computer. No surprise really, since my background is in instructional technology. I am now focusing on photography,

digital art, and using my teaching/training skills to share what I have learned (and continue to learn) about digital photography.

@ TRYP by Wyndham



Chris Rogers



David Sites

President's Palatte



We can find art all around us. The number of galleries and venues showcasing art continues to grow in BCS. There are many ways and places to be creative, and to share your creativity! What is your passion, do you want to learn something new or continue with something you already love and enjoy. We encourage you to bring that with you to the BV Art League.

Nancy Schaan
President 2019-2020

*"To create one's own world in any of the arts takes courage."
~~ Georgia O'Keeffe*

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