



Visual Art Society  
BRYAN - COLLEGE STATION

December 2023

Hello everyone! Happy Holidays!

Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful leaves finally changing colors, the cooler mornings with perfect afternoons and the warm feelings of holiday cheer! We've got some fun events and shows coming up soon so take a look below and see what is going on!

**Website:** [visualartsociety.org/](http://visualartsociety.org/)

**Facebook:** [vizartsociety](https://www.facebook.com/vizartsociety)

**Instagram:** [@vizartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/vizartsociety)

## DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

### Annual Holiday Party

**December 11, 2023 @Degallery**

Let's enjoy this festive season together at our annual end-of-year celebration on Monday, December 11, 6-7pm – doors open at 5:30pm!

VAS-BCS will provide the refreshments and food. Families are welcome! Members can take part in our white elephant gift exchange, which is totally optional but loads of fun!

If you'd like to participate, bring a small gift (in size and cost) to contribute to the pool.



## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!

ATTENTION PLEASE!

We have 2 available spots on the Board that we need to fill soon!!

### 1. **Vice President & Exhibits Chair-**

Organizes and supervises displays or exhibits sponsored by the VASBCS around town.

### 2. **Social Chair-** provides light refreshments at meetings and shows.

If you or someone you know might be interested in one of these positions please email the VAS President, Wendy Keeney-Kennicutt at [president@visualartsociety.org](mailto:president@visualartsociety.org)

## ART TOGETHER & ART PHOTOSHOOT

**@ Degallery**

**December 13th**

**1pm-4pm**



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

### 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**

**[Click here for more info!](#)**

## EXTRA BENEFITS FOR VAS MEMBERS

Degallery has generously offered two benefits for VAS members:

(1) Free entry for any member who wishes to sell at Degallery's First Saturday Art Market. Go [HERE](#) for more info.

(2) Free entry for their Open Studio with a Live Model, which happens once a month. Visit Events on the Degallery website to sign up. These are wonderful opportunities for our members!



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and sculptures  
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information.](#)

## WORKSHOP: THE TEXTURED LANDSCAPE

December 9 @ 10:00 am - December 10 @ 3:00 pm

@ Degallery

This 2-Day Acrylic Workshop by Houston artist, Christie Coker, encourages experimentation as you explore the creation of a landscape by layering paint on a textured surface. Whether the result is Realism or Abstraction, let nature be your muse and texture be your guide.



[Click here for pricing and more information](#)

## 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](mailto: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**  
**Cynthia Castillo @ Perrine Winery**  
**Jack Wells @ Polite Coffee**

If you are interested in displaying your artwork please reach out to the Interim Exhibition Chair, Wendy Keeney-Kennicutt at  
[vp@visualartsociety.org](mailto:vp@visualartsociety.org)



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## 2024 WINTER SHOW

# “RESOLUTIONS”

*New Beginnings*



Entry deadline:

Wednesday, December 27th

The Visual Art Society of B-CS invites submissions to “Resolutions”. This winter exhibition will be on display in the gallery at The Arts Council of Brazos Valley on January 11-February 9, 2024, and is open to all artists. We accept works from emerging, mid-career, and/or professional artists. For this exhibition, we encourage artists to explore the theme of new beginnings by thinking about the challenges, rewards and images of starting over, as well as the power of art to help us visualize our hopes and dreams for the future. This prompt is very open and subject to many different interpretations.

## 2024 JUDGED ART SHOW

*Art  
in  
Bloom*

Deadline for entry:

Sunday, April 14, 2024

**Opening Reception**

**Friday, April 26 6-8PM**

Show runs: April 26- May 29

## FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH *Garrett Hines*



Garrett’s art journey began in primary school but it wasn’t until the birth of his first born that he took art making seriously. He taught kids how to make art, but wasn’t making any of his own, and realized that needed to change. As an educator, Garrett has worked in Texas public schools as an art teacher for almost two decades, while also pursuing a career as a watercolor artist. Nature is the place he feels his soul can rest, and it’s where he finds inspiration for his watercolor paintings. Whether it’s a vast landscape, an animalistic narrative, or a bird among foliage, Garrett finds great joy in bringing creation’s beauty to life through watercolor.

[Click here for more information and images of Garrett’s great works!](#)







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## 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@visualartsociety.org](mailto:publicity@visualartsociety.org)

April  
13  
2024



## COMMUNITY GALLERIES AT LARGE

The Arts Council currently hosts the following community galleries: Century 21, College Station City Hall, Navasota City Hall, and the Hilton.

They are currently in the process of preparing to turn over these galleries. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach out to the artists of the Visual Art Society to gauge interest. If any of you are interested in displaying your work in their community galleries, please contact Madi Stott directly at [madi@acbv.org](mailto:madi@acbv.org). Contacting her does not guarantee your work will be displayed during this quarter, but you will be added to their list of contacts, which they refer to when they need artists.



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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!

