



Hello everyone! Happy New Year!

Hope you all are having a great start to the new year! We are excited for this new year here at the Visual Art Society and want to welcome our new members and say thank you to those of you returning. We are so glad you are all here! We have some really great events coming up so make sure to check out all the colorful bubbles below so you don't miss out!

Website: visualartsociety.org/

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

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

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

**Playing with Fire, Color, and Wax
Presented by Jaimie Ladysh**

You don't want to miss this meeting! Jaimie will be teaching about a unique medium called Encaustics also known as painting with wax.

Join us on Monday, February 12 at 6pm at Degallery, doors open at 5:30.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!

We 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. **Membership Chair**- This role handles new & renewed memberships, sends out welcome emails and updates the shared contact lists.

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

ART TOGETHER & ART PHOTOSHOOT

**@ Degallery
February 21st
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 a few benefits for VAS members:

- 10% discount on all workshops given by Degallery. Here is the [LINK](#) for the schedule. To register, contact Degallery directly via email at contact@degallery.us
- Free entry to First Saturday Art Market. Register [HERE](#).
- Discounted price of \$10 for the [Dress Up Live Model](#) (long pose) every second Tuesday 1-4pm. Bring cash or check.



PLEIN AIR

April 12-13, 2024

Paint Out Bryan @ the Downtown Bryan Street & Art Fair

We are looking forward to the next Paint Out Bryan event coming up on April 12 & 13.

We had a good time last year and are growing the event by including Friday as a painting day.

Sales will be possible during the Bryan Street and Art Fair on Saturday.

We will have some cash prizes this year as well as a plein air demonstration by renowned artist, Benjamin Knox on Friday at 5:30pm in front of The Queen!

We are in need of volunteers and sponsors for this event. If you or anyone you know might be interest please let us know asap.

We hope you will participate this year.

[Click here to register and get more information.](#)

Please spread the word!

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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

LOCAL ART DISPLAYS

We have existing and growing opportunities for members to display their artwork around the Brazos Valley community.

Current Display Opportunities:

Aloft College Station Hotel

The Brazos Center

Perrine Winery

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



2024 JUDGED ART SHOW

Our 2024 annual spring judged show, “Art in Bloom – A Feast for the Senses,” celebrates the relationship between art and nature in all its forms.

We would love to see how you have been inspired by the natural world to create works of art that reflect the beauty of nature.

[Click here for the entry form and more details regarding the show.](#)



Deadline for entry:
Sunday, April 14, 2024

Opening Reception
Friday, April 26
6-8PM

Show runs: April 26- June 28

FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH *Renee Richards*

Renee is an eclectic artists who likes to explore art styles, cultural influences, and techniques of modern and historical art. She likes to work in both Western and Eastern Art styles. Renee likes both traditional and contemporary art and while she is very comfortable working in oils, Renee also likes the challenge of something new. She has exhibited work using Encaustic, Acrylic, Sumi Ink, Watercolor, Clay, Glass and Mixed Media. It is important to Renee to be engaged in her art community. She belongs to both local and state art organizations. Renee taught high school art for many years, has served as a treasurer for the BVAEA, was an elected Region 6 Representative (two terms) for TAEA and has been recognized by George Bush Library as an Outstanding Art Educator.



[Click here for more information about Renee and more images of her beautiful artwork.](#)



AGGIELAND ART TRAIL

Tour the public art of Bryan, College Station and the Texas A&M University Campus.

Visit our:

2 pottery studios

12 galleries & museums

14 cafes, wineries & businesses

100+ murals, statues and sculptures

Click here for more information.

2024 WINTER SHOW "RESOLUTIONS"

WoW! Wow! WoW! What an amazing turnout for our exhibition resolutions at The Arts Council! Even with the cold weather! In conjunction with the Arts Council of Brazos valley we hung a show and had so many people come to our opening reception. It will be on display until mid February so if you were unable to attend the reception, chose a warm day and go over to the Arts Council on Highway 6 in college station. They are open most days all day!!



MAY WORKSHOP

USING COLOR & DESIGN IN THE LANDSCAPE

MAY 1-3, 2024 9AM – 4PM



We are so pleased to bring nationally known local artist, June Dudley, back for a 3-day workshop in acrylics, which she calls Using Color & Design in the Landscape. Oil painters are also welcome. You can see her beautiful work on her website: www.junedudley.com

Cost: \$350 (\$325 for VAS members)

Click here for supplies list and registration form.



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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. 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. Contact info@acbv.org if interested.



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](http://www.vas.org) and sign up!

