

April 2025

VAS ART SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED ARTIST THIS MONTH *IS *Jeannette Guetersloh**

Following a focus on watercolors, my artistic journey led me to explore the dynamic world of surface design. As both an artist & surface designer, I create one-of-a-kind and limited-edition art-to-wear garments & accessories, alongside two-dimensional wall pieces on fabric, paper, or canvas. Each piece serves as a canvas for storytelling, drawing deeply from cultural traditions and personal experiences.

*C*ultural traditions inspire elegant,
contemporary art-to-wear garments
& expressive wall pieces.

My primary inspiration stems from the ancient arts of other cultures. While living & traveling in the culturally rich regions of Indonesia, including Sumatra and Java, as well as Sarawak in Malaysia, I had the privilege of observing the vibrant customs and beliefs expressed through traditional arts, rites, and rituals. These immersive experiences granted me invaluable insight into the symbolic language of art, where each pattern, color, and motif holds meaning & purpose. In particular, the intricate craft



of Batik captivated my imagination. I was fortunate to witness firsthand the remarkable skill and dedication artisans bring to this centuries-old fabric dyeing technique. The national art of Batik, with its layers of symbolism & storytelling, continues to influence my work. Blending these cultural inspirations with a contemporary aesthetic, I aim to create elegant, wearable pieces and expressive wall art. Whether adorning the body or enhancing a space, my creations celebrate the beauty of tradition while offering a modern interpretation — a reflection of heritage and artistry in every thread and brushstroke.

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IN OTHER NEWS....

VAS is Looking for People to Fill a Couple of Positions on their Board by May

1 - Vice President and Exhibits Chair - organizes artists for Brazos Center and other business around town

2 - Publicity Chair intern: to be trained by Mindy Austin

Also available are 2 positions for Member-at-Large. If interested, please contact our president, Wendy, at president@visualartsociety.org

Join a Local Glass Artisans Group! Elisa Marchand and Anna Lowary are trying to get a Glass Artisans group started here in the community! Brazos Glassworks has graciously offered to let people interested in joining this group, meet in their shop at 202B W 26th Street on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 pm for their initial meeting. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join. There will be some light snacks. If interested, please contact Anna Lowary [email amlowary@yahoo.com | ph. (312) 213-4012]] so she can anticipate what to expect for this initial meeting. If you can't make it but are still interested, please respond as well.

Sell Your Art at TAMU Vet School! Showcase your animal-themed artwork at the Veterinary Technician Conference on Saturday, May 3, 2025 (11 AM – 4 PM), with 300–400 attendees! Contact Dr. Jordan Tayce at jtayce@cvm.tamu.edu if interested.

Design an Album Cover! Zac Clifton, a country music singer-songwriter is looking for an artist to design his next album cover! Interested? Reach out to Zac at zaccliftonmusic@gmail.com or (832) 278-3422 with samples of your work.

Want to See Your Art On a Bottle of Wine? The 35th Annual Messina Hof Texas Artist Wine Label Competition is the centerpiece for the 41st Annual Wine & Roses Festival on Saturday, April 26. This year's theme is "MODERN RENAISSANCE." In partnership with the Arts Center of Brazos Valley,

Messina Hof aims to support local Texas artists and give back to the arts community. Each entry fee is donated to the Arts Center directly to fund local programs that further young artists' passion and careers. Messina Hof does not handle these funds in any capacity. [CaFÉ](#)

Add the Aggieland Art Trail App to your Phone

1. Go to aggielandarttrail.app
2. Sign Up (it's free)
3. Checkout, add your info and complete the order
4. You will receive the link to your mobile pass in the email.
5. Once you are logged into your pass in Chrome on your Android phone and you want to make it an app on your phone, you must be in Chrome browser. You can follow the directions given in FAQs in the top banner.
 - If you see the 3 dots on the top right side of your screen, proceed directly to Step 8.
6. Hold your finger on the 3 horizontal bars at the bottom right on your screen (don't click, hold). Up pops the Chrome info.
7. Pick Open in Chrome Browser
8. tap the 3 dots in the top right corner and look for "Add to Home screen"
9. The app will be installed.

Note that you win awards for visiting the art featured on the Aggieland Art Trail by accumulating points! !

List of Community Galleries

[Benjamin Knox Gallery & Wine Bar](#)

[Brazos Glassworks](#)

[Cushing Memorial Library & Archives
Degallery](#)

[Forsyth Galleries](#)

[INTERSECTIONS \(home of the Brazos Spinners & Weavers Guild\)](#)

[J. Wayne Stark Galleries](#)

[Perrine Winery](#)

[Tavo Coffee Co.](#)

[The Arts Center of Brazos Valley](#)

[The Frame Gallery Downtown](#)

[The Parker-Astin](#)

Community Paint Out! Join us for free at the Community Paint Out Day! Saturday, April 27, 2025 10am-6pm. We are joining Degallery's DEGART Grand Art Event – a week of Plein Air! We will be *plein air* painting in historic downtown Bryan TX during the Downtown Bryan Street & Art Fair. If you are a VAS member, you can sell your art at our tent if you volunteer at the tent. If you want to participate more in the week of DEGART activities, VAS members join for free all paint outs and demonstrations. Note that workshops are 10% off and you need to buy a ticket to the gala, if you wish to attend.

Nominations Open for 2025 Art Spark Texas Artist of the Year Awards. Austin, TX – These awards honor artists with disabilities who challenge perceptions and demonstrate artistic excellence while serving as catalysts for change in their communities. Each award includes an honorarium and an invitation to the 2025 Artist of the Year Celebration Event on Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Rollins Theatre at the Long Center in Austin. Travel expenses will be covered for awardees outside the Austin area. To submit a nomination, visit ArtSparkTX.org and complete the nomination form by Friday, April 11, 2025.

Local Audience for your Art

Display your art on VAS virtual gallery: If you would like to have your art showcased in our virtual gallery, please fill out this [FORM](#) | **Display your art around town:** If you would like to have your art displayed in local businesses, fill out this [FORM](#). These local venues are constantly showing new art; be part of their rotation! | **Sell your art:** First Saturday Art Market held @ Degallery from 11am-4pm.

VAS Artists Displaying their Art

Jacqui Miller has entered her art and won awards at the international art competition, "Biafarin Awards", a leading Canadian art organization open to visual artists working in all mediums worldwide. See link to the catalogs [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) | **Jaimie**

Laydish will have her own art show at The Arts Center from June to August. Go see over 50 of her pieces displayed in both of their galleries: the main gallery and the upstairs gallery | **Chris Rogers** has her art displayed at Aloft College Station Hotel and at Perrine Winery | **Wendy Keeney-Kennicutt** has her art displayed at the Brazos Center | **Mindy Austin & Wendy Keeney-Kennicutt** have their art displayed at Tavo Coffee Co. | If you would like to have your art displayed / sold in businesses around town, go [HERE](#).

Workshops

[DEGALLERY](#) | [Wendy Keeney- Kennicutt Brazos Watercolor Retreats](#) | [Sabra Delyn Wilhelm DeLyn Atelier Fine Art & Teaching Studio](#) | [Lisa Miller Laughing Parrot Studio](#) | [Tim "Pops" Vanya T.W. Vanya Fine Art](#) | [Mary Skow \(watercolor\)](#) | [Chris Wilson](#) (watercolor) | [Jaimie Ladysh](#) Encaustic Photography & Encaustic Arts | [Robyn Glass](#) (drawing, watercolor, paper-cut, colored pencil) | If you teach, we will advertise your business. Contact Wendy at president@visualartsociety.org.