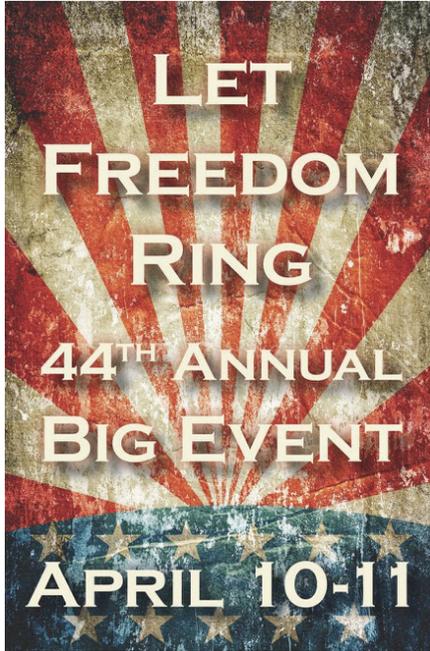


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BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

*44th Annual Big Event
Let Freedom Ring*



e-BAC: First up is the online auction, beginning Thursday 4/2 at 9 a.m. and ending Thursday 4/9 at 9 p.m. This Vickie Mitchell photograph is one of the many wonderful items up for bid. Vickie has also donated a photo shoot to the auction.

April means Big Event! We kick off the month with the **e-BAC Online Auction April 2-9**, followed by **Burgers, Bingo, & Big Bucks on April 10**, and then **Let Freedom Ring, the gala dinner and live auction on April 11**. Read about all three inside this newsletter.

The Big Event is the major annual fundraiser for The Bosque Arts Center, a time when we reflect on what an amazing place we have and do what we can to keep the doors open and the arts alive. We hope you'll join in the fun and the FUNdraising.~DE



Photo by Vickie Mitchell in e-BAC Auction

The Three Troubadours – Big Event Saturday

The Three Troubadours—Phillip Wildman, Brian Barrett, and Kenney Davenport—will bring music and fun as Saturday night's entertainment. Phillip is a two-time People's Choice winner at the Songwriter Classic, Brian holds the distinction of being the only contestant to capture Texas Troubadour, People's Choice, and Song of the Year, while Kenney is the 2025 winner of the Troubadour title. These three are sure to put on a show.~DE

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Bosque Chorale will present a patriotic salute to America's 250th anniversary on Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frazier Performance Hall. "God Bless the USA: A Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary," is under the direction of David Anavitarte and will include special music honoring our nation. Tickets are \$20 and available online or in person by contacting the BAC at (254-675-3724 or at bosqueartscenter.org).

In other upcoming events, the eighth annual Showcase for Young Musicians will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. The night will feature an astonishing variety of young talent from throughout Bosque County in the historic setting of the 1923 third-floor historic stage. Audiences can expect to enjoy a range of inspiring talents from our youth. Check for details and make plans to attend. ~BD



ART CLUB

Art Club continues its creativity-packed spring! Our April meeting features a "Paint-In" day. Attendees are invited to bring their current projects to the newly organized art room where we'll work alongside each other, sharing ideas and techniques, encouraging exploration and providing support and feedback (if requested!). In addition, member Suzi Etheridge will share her creative rock paintings. We'll also finalize plans for our Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale. Art Club meets Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. ~BH

BOOK CLUB

Famous author Amy Tan applies her prodigious writing talents to the nonfiction genre in her bestselling book *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*. This unique collection of drawings and essays is the perfect springtime choice for the April Book Club, focusing on the connections among birds, art, nature and our fast-paced lives. Tan's observations, witticisms and wisdom beguile readers with her amazing discoveries that are, literally, right outside our doors. Book Club is open to all BAC members and meets April 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium. ~BH

WRITERS' GUILD

What a great evening in March when April Rochelle came from Dallas to be with us. She shared about her journey as a poet, about spoken word and poetry slams. There was a lovely Q&A which included April asking us questions as well. She rounded the evening out by performing three of her own poems, complete with the back story of each. It was a fascinating, inspirational and an informative night. If you missed it, you really missed it. Please join us April 14 at 6PM as we resume our regular meeting. ~CI



WILD ABOUT FLOWERS

Wild About Flowers 2nd Annual Show and Sale
The 2nd Annual Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the Bosque Arts Center Art Club, opens on Thursday evening April 23rd with a reception and awards ceremony from 6-7:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Gallery. Distinguished artist Linda Lucas Hardy is this year's judge. Everyone is invited to meet the artists and enjoy the fabulous flower-themed art created by regional artists. The Show and Sale is open to the public during BAC operating hours and continues through May 8. Visit the BAC website for more information or contact Art Club President Jan Beavers at 214-532-8326 or email wildaboutflower-sartshow@gmail.com ~BH

BIRCHUM WORKSHOP

Whether you're an artist or a lay person, join Artist Shannon Birchum for a mixed media "COLLAGE LANDSCAPE" workshop on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17. The workshop will focus on creating landscapes using layers of different torn and cut papers. These torn pieces are then assembled together to create mountains, rivers, fields and more. The cost is \$125 with basic materials provided. All skill levels are welcome! ~DP

Burgers, Bingo, & Big Bucks – Friday, April 10

The New Four Forks will serve burgers and all the trimmings 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meal includes chips and soft drinks for \$20. Reservations are needed by April 7. Bring any other beverages or snacks you like. Bingo begins at 6:30, with ten games of bingo played and prize drawings between games. The last game's jackpot will be \$750. Bingo night pricing for the 10 games is 30 cards for \$40 or 60 cards \$60 dollars. Individual cards are \$3 each.



50/50 Jackpot & Rifle Raffle Tickets On Sale

Drawings on Saturday Night
Bring some of your address labels you have lying around your house. You won't have to fill out your name so many times on raffle or silent

auction items. If you have a stamp with your name on it that works too!~KH

e-BAC Online Auction Items

The e-BAC features artwork by Martin Grelle, Bruce Greene, and Kathy Tate...An engraved Yeti cooler, Cobratech knife, a personalized pistol, David Marlin jewelry and more. *Bidding in the e-BAC ends Thursday, April 9, at 9 p.m.*



Clay Shoot at 3R Farms



The Last Pour from the Old Crock by Kathy Tate



Art by Judy Parton



Pottery by Nancy Boren



A custom portrait of your pet by Jan Beavers

Let Freedom Ring – Saturday, April 11

Purchase your tickets soon for the gala dinner and live auction. Doors open at 5:30 for drinks, raffle ticket sales, and the silent auction with opportunities to win or purchase delicacies and items donated by members and our generous local businesses. At 6:45 the Forks will serve steaks accompanied by delicious sides by Olaf's. A brief live auction after the Spieler presentation will feature amazing artwork, dinners, and other items.



Acclaimed artist Joshua Tobey, known for his whimsical wildlife sculptures, has donated *Not So Fast*,

a 4.75 x 13.25 x 3.5 inch limited edition bronze.

Enjoy a half-day guided fishing experience on Lake Whitney targeting striped bass and catfish for groups of two to four anglers. All rods, reels, tackle, and necessary gear are provided.



Dinners: Bid on dinners in the homes of the Bennetts, Douglasses, or Bergs. If you've enjoyed the Wedding Oak Winery events, you'll want to bid on a four-course dinner in your home prepared by Chef Doug Winter. Some sample menus include South of the Border, A Tour of Asia, or Back to Europe. If gourmet pizza is more your style, Mr. Ed's Pizza and Corner Drug will host a pizza party for 16 with guest favorites, salad, and a warm pizzookie for dessert, along with live music and drinks.~DE



Lake of Glass by Dave Santillanes, CA



Evening in the Valley by Brandon Bailey, CA



Drawings Saturday Night April 11

50/50 JACKPOT

ATRIUM GALLERY

Calling all painters and photographers. A special opportunity awaits you. The month of April is a short month in the Atrium Gallery due to the display of Big Event artwork. We're offering you the chance to display one piece of your artwork during the remaining days of April. These pieces can be for sale. Starting on Monday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. we will accept one painting or photograph for display. With only a partial month available for display, artwork must be collected on Wednesday, April 30. We'll handle the artwork on a first come first serve basis. Only paintings or photographs will be accepted with hanging wires attached. When you drop off your artwork, please have it tagged with name, size, artwork type and the price (if for sale) and we will make tags for each. Call Deb Phinney with any questions. ~DP



PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

We are proud to announce the winners of the Photography Guild 2026 Student Photography Show~! The number of entrants was up from last year as was the quality of entries. We had entries from Morgan, Gatesville, Valley Mills, Kopperl, Hamilton and Clifton~! Grades K-2 Ranger Loren took all three awards.....nice work Ranger~! Grades 3-5 First Place Oliver Newton, 2nd place Forest Newton and 3rd Benjamin Lusk. Grades 6-8 First Place Julie Lusk, 2nd place went to Brooklyn DeJong, and 3rd Place to Karyn Isbell. Grades 9-12 First Place was awarded to DeVon Wardlaw, 2nd to Taylor Ivy, and 3rd place to Braidy Lusk. Overall Best of Show went to DeVon Wardlaw. Honorable Mention went to Brooklyn DeJong. Thanks to all who entered and to those who helped out with sponsorship, judging and awards. Looking forward to next year's show. The April meeting of the Photography Guild will be on Tuesday, April 21st at 3:00pm. We will change out our Goodall-Witcher Clinic exhibition and will feature macro photography. Grab that camera and come join us for the fun!!~RH



*De'von
Wardlaw*

TIN BUILDING THEATRE

Tickets will go on sale soon for the Spring production of *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. This is the fourth time this beloved play has graced the stages of our theatre. Lorana Rush has played the role of Shelby and M'Lynn, and will now serve as director, along with Debbie Rollins as asst. director. The play is scheduled for the first two weekends in June and tickets will go on sale mid-April. The cast features Connie Terry as M'Lynn, Andi

Ward as Shelby, Danielle Ybarra as Truvy, JoAnne Grelle as Clairee, Belinda Prince as Ouiser, and newcomer Tia Oliver as Annelle. **Tickets for Steel Magnolias will go on sale May 1st.**

We look forward to seeing you in June in our newly renovated space for this heartfelt production!~LR



TIM GOSS WORKSHOP

"5 Minute Art," is how Tim Goss explains his Drawing 101+ Workshop. This basic and intermediate drawing class will be held Monday, April 13, 20, and 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each of those evenings, in the Spieler art room. Open to all ages twelve and up, the cost is \$65 per person and includes the appropriate supplies. Goss will provide a review of basic drawing skills and advance into intermediate skills. Call 254-675-3724 for reservations.~DP

NEEDLEARTS

Come Stitch with us!
Monday April 6th
10:30 a.b.
BAC Atrium
SEE YOU THERE!
~RAD



The BAC Art Council's 23rd Annual High School Student Art Show

The BAC Art Council's 23rd Annual High School Student Art Show was amazing. We would like to congratulate the award winners and entrants and thank you for your support. We had a total of 45 entries from Hico, Hamilton, Iredell, McGregor, Whitney, and Home Schools.~WT

2026 Awards

Best in Show

England's Rose - Kayden Peterson, Home School/11

Mixed Media

1st - *Paint my dull world* - Axol Shaffer, McGregor/11

2nd - *Family Time* - Ellie Kalbas, Hamilton/12

3rd - *Believe First - Become Later* - Bailey Hancock, McGregor/12

Honorable Mention - *Nothing but a lamb* - Araya Sunshine, McGregor/12

Oil/Acrylic

1st - *At the Soda Shop* - Kayden Peterson, Home School/11

2nd - *Separated by Time* - Sayde Colmenero, Whitney/11

Pencil/Ink/Charcoal

1st - *Metamorphosis* - Brooklynn Tyler, McGregor/10

2nd - *Daily Needs* - Kingston Trevino, McGregor/9

3rd - *Apple* - Anna Claire Cooper, Hamilton/11

Honorable Mention - *An Unexpected Visitor* - Kayden Peterson, Home School/11

Honorable Mention - *The Touch of Beauty* - Samarah Begay, McGregor/11

Watercolor/Tempera

1st - *The Perfect Slice* - Kayden Peterson, Home School/11

2nd - *The Ruby-throated Beauty* - Kayden Peterson, Home School/11

Honorable Mention - *Heart for Brains* - Halo Valentine Bell, Iredell/12



Kayden Peterson

STAINED GLASS CLASSES



Big Event Item

Danielle Ybarra will be teaching Stained glass classes every 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9am – 1pm every month. It's "officially" on the calendar! ~DY

EXTRA BINGO

Mark your calendar for an extra chance to win during Bingo on April 28. If you missed out on the fun of Big Event Bingo, join us for another chance to win \$500 cash. We'll play our regular five games, plus a little more. Bring your own dinner, guests, snacks, and beverage selections. We'll continue to celebrate our location back in the Tin Building Theatre. Doors open at 5:30, Bingo begins at 6:30. See you then.~DP



THE WICHITA LINEMAN TRIBUTE to GLEN CAMPBELL STARRING CARL ACUFF, Jr.

The Wichita Lineman, a tribute to Glen Campbell, starring Carl Acuff Jr., comes to the Bosque Arts Center on May 2, featuring some of Campbell's most memorable songs from his 50 years in the music business. The concert will include songs such as the title track "Wichita Lineman," "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Galveston," "Southern Nights" and "Rhinstone Cowboy." Tickets go on sale to members, March 30th through April 3rd, and open to the public beginning Monday, April 6. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Tin Building Theatre. Tickets are priced at sponsor seating at \$100 each, reserved table seating \$50 each, and general admission chair seating \$25. Concession eats include nachos, quarter pound Nathan's All Beef Hot Dogs and baked potatoes. Wine and beer also available for sale. Tickets available online at bosqueartscenter.org.~DP

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT ALEX MEIXNER

The Bosque Arts Center is sponsoring a special free concert on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Mark your calendar for Alex Meixner and a celebration of his music diversity, folk, jazz and polka. From New Braunfels, Texas, Meixner is a recording artist, working as an entertainer, composer and producer. Bring the family and enjoy a concert, plus some extra treats for Mom.~DP



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MICHAEL G. STEWART

CULINARY CLUB

It was a full house at Zur Autobahn on March 19 to enjoy German food. Our next meeting of the Culinary Club will be a wine tasting at Valley Mills Vineyard on Thursday, May 21 at 4:30 pm.~VR

LINDA LUCAS HARDY WORKSHOP

Colored Pencil
on Four Distinctive Surfaces
April 17-18, 2026



When it comes to colored pencil the most common question people ask is “What paper should I use”? When I began working in colored pencil there were few choices, most of them unsuitable; now there are so many products available choosing one can be daunting. For that reason, I have designed a workshop that offers unique possibilities. Obviously, we cannot explore every one of them, so I have narrowed the choices down to four of my favorites.

If curious, or just up for a challenge, join me as I teach a two-day workshop sharing my experience in creating vivid colored pencil paintings on four drastically different surfaces. Learn what to expect from each one as you explore their distinctive properties and handling characteristics. To warm up, you will work on white paper followed by sandpaper. The next surface will be toned and, lastly, you will end with drafting film.

For this fun, information-packed class, a packet will be provided. The packet will include all four papers with printed templates, a 5 x 7” reference photo of a beautiful butterfly, worksheets, palette guides, helpful hints and instructions. The Fee \$250.00~DE

QUILT GUILD

Upcoming Meeting & Events

Saturday, April 11 Meeting

Mingling at 11:30 AM | Meeting begins at noon

Spring is here—time to declutter your quilting space and unleash your creativity! We will discuss tips on how to store quilts and organize your space.

Ugly Fabric Challenge entries due for judging—bring your creations!

BAC- Quilts of Valor Workday April 14 • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Space limited—call front desk 254-675-3724 to sign up now. Bring your sewing machine, basic supplies, and a willingness to help! Bring your Show and Tell quilts, enthusiasm and maybe a snack to share.

Quilt on, friends!~CU

e-BAC Auction: Engraved Yeti Cooler donated by Ace Hardware



HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW PHOTOS



e-BAC:
Tickets to a
Lisa Wingate luncheon

And artwork by
Lisa's husband, Sam



RISE AND SHINE DANCE

SAVE THE DATE! Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, Rise and Shine Dance Studio will be performing their dance recital in the Tin Building Theatre. On display will be their competition dance pieces and more. ~DP

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Art Club

Joanne Freeman
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Culinary Club Valentine Dinner

Kathy Harr

Stained Glass Class

Wally/Punky Penberthy

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e-BAC: Art by Judith Baker



Art by Bev Boren, donated by Judith Baker

APRIL EVENTS

April 2-9	eBAC Online Auction	9:00 a.m.
April 6	“The Wichita Lineman” Ticket Sales Open to Public	9:00 a.m.
April 6	Needlearts	10:00 a.m.
April 7	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
April 8 & 9	Wild About Flowers Deadline for Entries	10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm
April 10	Big Event Burger Meal	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Big Event Bingo Night	6:30 p.m.
April 11	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
April 11	BIG EVENT Let Freedom Ring	5:30 p.m.
April 13	Goss Workshop	6:30 p.m.
April 14	Writers’ Guild	6:00 p.m.
April 16	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
April 17 & 18	Linda Lucas Hardy Workshop	9:00 a.m.
April 20	Goss Workshop	6:30 p.m.
April 21	Bingo	6:30 p.m.
April 23	Wild About Flowers Reception	6:00 p.m.
April 23-May 8	Wild About Flowers Sales and Viewing	9:00 a.m.
April 27	Goss Workshop	6:30 p.m.
April 29	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
Early APRIL Events		
May 2	“The Wichita Lineman” Tribute	7:00 p.m.
May 4	Needlearts	10:30 a.m.
May 5	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
May 6	Atrium Gallery Photography Reception	5:00 - 7:00
May 7	Bosque Chorale	7:30 p.m.
May 10	Mother's Day Concert	TBD
May 12	Showcase of Young Musicians	7 p.m.

STAINED GLASS CLASSES

9:00A.M - 1:00P.M.

April 4th and April 18th

May 2 and May16

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