

August 2025

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas



Look for the mega quilt blocks at the corner of 219 and Hwy. 6 as we announce and advertise the 2025 Bosque Arts Center quilt show on August 15 and 16. We have a great lineup of vendors both quilt and shopping related. Open 9:00 to 5:00 on Friday and 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$6. Be sure to buy tickets for the raffle quilt given away on Saturday at 3:45 as well as our daily gift basket drawing.

Thursday, August 14, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. we have the reception for vendor introductions and award announcements. The public is invited to attend. Quilts will not be on view until Friday, but stop by the reception to meet the vendors and quilt winners and visit with our award sponsors. Our awards this year total \$2,500 in prize money and include a number of winners such as Best of Show, People's Choice (voted on by attendees to the show), Best Art Quilt, and the SAR (Special Artist Recognition), along with additional awards which include Nancy Pugh Memorial Award \$150, Judges Choice, Best Hand Work, Best Hand Quilting, Best Domestic Machine Quilting, Best Long Arm Quilting Hand-guided, Best Long Arm Quilting Computerized, and finally the NACQJ Award of Merit \$150. We have 70 entries and counting from all over Central Texas. ~DP

- A special thank you goes out to Cheryll Lundberg, Linda Pfeiffer and Charles McLean for creating this specialty signage for the show this year. We hope this draws your attention and an even larger crowd than in years past.

- So come if you're a quilter and even if you're not. The beauty of the quilts will impress you and the vendors just might have something you can't live without!!

40th Annual Classic

Save the date of September 13, when the BAC Art Council will celebrate four decades of supporting the arts with the 40th Anniversary Bosque Art Classic national exhibition and sale.

The opening night ceremony will reveal the 230 works juried into the show by the 2025 judge, Cowboy Artists of America member Bruce Greene. Invitations to opening night will be mailed in August. Reservations are needed and will open on the 12th. Tickets are \$75 per person.

See inside for more details on this year's show.

A Trusted Friend by Crystal Orlando



ART CLUB

Art club members benefited from an insightful and educational program in July. The art room was full of interested artists ready for this workshop.

“Pen and Wash” was the subject - and the technique - that was so well taught by Sarah Pick (pictured). The tracing of a doorway was in ink that was the foundation of the painting. Working wet or dry paper, watercolor was applied to each area to complete the work.

Paul Lloyd and Steven Umbach are shown inspecting examples of the artwork~LJ

For suggestions and questions: ldart@yahoo.com



Art Council

August is a busy month for the Art Council. We will be taking down the permanent collection in the Jones Gallery and hanging the pieces for the Art Classic. The Art Patron private reception will be on September 12 followed by the sale and awards dinner on September 13. We hope you will visit the gallery while the show is hanging.~KC

BOOK CLUB

A “heart condition” is one way of describing August’s Book Club choice, *When Crickets Cry* by best-selling author Charles Martin. Aptly subtitled “A Novel of the Heart,” this award-winning novel (2007 Christian Book Award) intertwines the stories of a heart surgeon, a young girl with a damaged heart, and a dramatic turn of events that carries the reader towards a poignant conclusion. Martin is a skilled writer who communicates his Christian faith through stories of contemporary life. First, read this touching story and then join fellow book enthusiasts for our discussion on Wednesday, August 27th, at 10 a.m.~BH

Needlearts

The Needlearts Group took a vote as to whether we would vacation in August or meet. It was unanimous to meet. SO, please join us on the first Monday in August, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Bosque Arts Center to discuss needlework...and other things. The level of one’s ability does not matter! We welcome all with an interest in knitting, crocheting, needlepointing, sewing, etc.~SP



\$500 Jackpot Bingo in August is Tuesday, August 26. This is a date change from the previously announced August date. Don’t miss the fun and excitement... You just might be the lucky winner!!

Bring Mom, Dad, Grandparents,
Cousins and Uncles!
Doors open 5:30p.m.



Quilt Guild

Hello, Quilters and Aspiring Quilt Artists!

Mark your calendars for a vibrant gathering of creativity at the BAC Quilt Guild on Saturday, August 9, downstairs in the Spieler Art room!

Join us at 11:30 AM for some delightful mingling, followed by our meeting kicking off at noon. This month, we're thrilled to present Jan Rogers, who'll dazzle us with a captivating program on needle-turn appliqué—the ultimate hand-sewing technique to bring intricate, eye-popping designs to life! Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just dreaming of your first masterpiece, this meeting is your chance to soak up tips, tricks, and inspiration. Don't miss out on the fun—Happy Quilting~CU

TEXAS TROUBADOUR SONGWRITER CLASSIC

Time to write a song and enter it in the Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic! Entries being accepted now, closing September 3rd.

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After Judging Mr. Parnell will be performing




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Pottery Guild: New Delivery

What weighs 1,000 pounds, is white, gray or brown, is shipped in cardboard boxes and is a lot of fun to play with? No, it's not a baby elephant, it's CLAY!

We have just received a new order of clay for our Pottery Guild members to purchase and it weighs in at one thousand pounds! Luckily, our members can purchase the clay in 25- or 50-pound increments, which makes it “user-friendly” and easy to handle. We're proud to announce that our membership has grown and this delivery came at the perfect time as our supply needed replenishing. If you plan to purchase clay please be sure to sign the clipboard in the clay closet and pay Danielle. Remember, clay purchases are for members only.

Our members are very creative and have produced some beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces. Be sure to look for our booth at the Quilt Show on August 15th and 16th. ~KS

Photography Guild

Hello, Members.

Hope you're all enjoying your summer break. There was no July meeting and no meeting scheduled for August.

Hope to see you all September 16th at 4pm in the Photography Room on the second floor at the BAC.~VTM

Bosque Civic Music Association

The summer will be behind us before long, but music is always in the air at BAC. The annual four-day Music Camp for children was held July 21-24 with a Broadway theme. Many thanks to instructors and volunteers. Rehearsals will soon commence for the Bosque Chorale Christmas concert and more singers are needed, so please help us spread the word.

The BCMA is proud to announce that instructor Brandi Blair, a familiar face in several BAC circles, will be leading group classroom piano labs for students starting Monday, September 8th. Classes will be offered in three one-hour slots each Monday at 4, 5, and 6 p.m. Classes can accommodate up to four students and require a minimum six-week commitment. Lessons are \$20 per hour. Classes will cover young beginners aged five to nine, older beginners, ages ten and up, and intermediate through advanced ages ten and up.~BD

For more details, contact the BAC Office



Brandi Blair

ATRIUM GALLERY

Atrium Gallery welcomes Rev. Jerry Smith as our August artist of the month. Smith has always been an artist beginning at the age of 5 in his home of Nocona, Texas. Majoring in Art at Baylor University, before computers, he did just about everything art, from sketches to large backdrops for university events. Smith has worked in all kinds of mediums from pencil, colored pencils, pen and ink wash, conte crayon, charcoal, watercolors, acrylics, and some oil. He has also created sculptures from wood, metal, and other materials. Another medium of art that Smith enjoys is photography. In his exhibit you will see a number of creative endeavors. Smith is the retired pastor at First Baptist Church, Clifton, and his wife, Brenda, served 20 years as the BAC's Imagination Factory director. Smith states, "As my wife Brenda would say, IMAGINATION IS CREATIVITY HAVING FUN." Please stop by the Atrium Gallery during August for a sample of fun by Rev. Jerry Smith. Gallery open week days from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.~DP



Stained glass article:

The first round of the beginner-stained glass classes is underway! The first class filled quickly, and we are having a blast! If you are interested in learning how to create your own glass pieces with a focus on skills, this might be the class for you! All tools and materials will be provided, and this four-week course will focus on learning the necessary skills to create a soldered 15 – 20-piece masterpiece of your own. We will be hosting another round of beginner classes Wednesday evenings in September. Please call 254-675-3724, or email office@bosqueartscenter.org, to get your name on the communication list for more details. ~DY

ADULT DRAWING WORKSHOP

Instructor Shannon Birchum is leading another Adult Drawing Workshop on Thursdays in September. Dates include September 4, 11, 18 and 25. Classes will be held in the evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. Watch for registration to begin on Monday, August 11.

This adult class is available for those wanting to learn or refresh their drawing skills. Class fee includes: pencils, paper, eraser, and torsions. This is a limited size workshop, so go online after August 11 and sign up to participate at bosqueartscenter.org, or call with questions at 254-675-3724.~DP

Sewing Camp students show off their projects. Katrina Barrett led the camp with assistance from Brock Barrett, Brice Barrett, and Quilt Guild's Linda Pfeiffer.

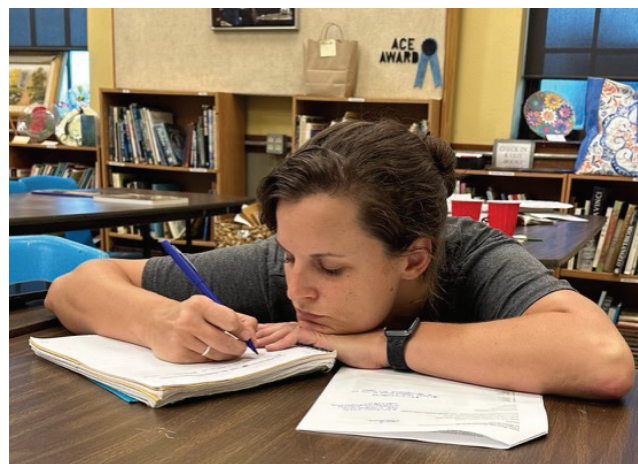


WRITER'S GUILD

A great time was had by all with word play exercises designed to stretch the imagination at the Writers' Guild meeting in July.

Next up, processing the question: "How do I inspire my mind to think in a way that's creative, innovative and revelatory?"

Come join us for some inspired thinking (and writing!) August 12 at 6PM. *CI*



SOUNDBATHING

You've heard about it, now come and try a Sound Bath. Available at the Bosque Arts Center on Sunday, August 17, at 4:00 p.m. Bring your yoga mat, blanket and pillow, sleeping bag, air mattress or whatever you need to be comfortable lying on the floor in Frazier Performance Hall. Cost is \$30 per person for an hour. For more information contact Tejal Bhakta at 832-818-0640.



The 40th Annual Classic will kick off on Saturday, September 13, with a sale, reception, dinner, and awards ceremony. The BAC Art Council will award the \$15,500 in cash prizes to this year's winners, including the \$5,000 John Steven Jones Purchase Award sponsored by Roland & Joyce Jones. Judge Bruce Greene, who is fresh off winning the Express Ranches Great American Cowboy Award at June's Prix de West, selected 230 pieces to hang in the show out of 681 entries from across the nation. See the complete list of all the artists juried into this year's show.

The free exhibition will be open to the public September 14-27. An online sale will run September 15-27.

BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE 2025

Get your short stories, narrative essays, and poetry ready for this year's Books on the Bosque writing contest. Entry deadline will be September 22.

The contest will again feature two divisions: an open division for adults and a high school division. The three categories are short story, narrative nonfiction essay, and poetry (rhymed or unrhymed). Guidelines with full submission details may be picked up at the BAC or downloaded on the Bosqueartscenter.org.

Last year, cash prizes totaled \$3,800, including the Jones Best of the West Award. The prize awards \$1,000 for the most original work in any category that pays homage to the values of faith, hard work, and perseverance—the Spirit of the West exemplified in the pioneer days through modern-day ranchers and farmers.

Save the date for the annual Books on the Bosque conference on November 8.



**Save the date for
Plein Air Workshop
with Steve Atkinson
October 18 & 19, 2025
9:00AM TO 3:00PM**



Join Prescott, Arizona artist Steve Atkinson for his two-day outdoor (sketching) workshop as he blends two of the best things in life - drawing and being in nature. If you're a representational artist, aspire to be, or simply want to reconnect with your love of creating, then this gathering of like-minded people is for you.

Artists in the 2025 Classic

Carol Amos, Daniel Anz, Court Bailey, Autumn Barcroft, Keith Batcheller, Brian Bateman, Jan Beavers, Linda Becker, Lyndy Benson, Gayle Bone, Lin Boucher, George Boutwell, Karla Brady, Lon Brauer, Hebe Brooks, Veronica Brown, Charlie Bullock, John Buxton, Calvin Carter, Theodore Clemens, JD (John) Cole, Judy Crowe, Mark Cunningham, Carla D'aguanno, Maryneil Dance, Blu Dornan, David Dorsey, June Dudley, Steve Dunn, Joel Edwards, Bill Farnsworth, Richard Finch, Debra Goodwin, Marie Gray, John Guest, Sharon Guy, Elaine Haake, Susan Hackney, Linda Lucas Hardy, Nancy Harkins, Sarah Harless, Cheryl Harley-Volz, Mick B. Harrison, K. Henderson, Paula Holtzclaw, Denise Horne-Kaplan, Olivette Hubler, Van Johnson, Lori Jones, Valeriy Kagounkin, Reenie Kennedy, Pat Klammer, Aaron Lade, Jesse Lane, Tammie Lane, Lynn LaRose, Ken Law, Kathy LeJeune, Clyde Lewis, Cory Lind, Barbara Loyd, Don MacLaughlin, Tamara Magdalina, Robert Martinez, Jim McDonald, Wesley Dallas Merritt, J.R. Monks, Susie Monzingo, E. Melinda Morrison, Irma Murray, Reg Narmour, Eric Nelson, Agnes Neusch, Kadra Nevitt, Eileen Nistler, Donna Nyzio, Carleen O'Connor Rivera, Crystal Orlando, Mary Lou Pape, Judy Parton, Patty Pendergast, Barron Postmus, Trish Poupard, Mary Rabien, Sean Rademaker, Jeff Rechin, Kurt Ritterpusch, Kristi Rose, Patrick Saunders, Teri Schiefer, William A. Schneider, Joy Schuhmacher, Barry Selman, Dave Seymour, Samuel Shelton, Jill Shipman, Judi Simon, Betty Smith, Edgar Sotelo, KC Spink, Arlene Steinberg, Trish Stevenson, Josh Stewart, Travis Stewart, James Swanson, Kathy Tate, Jason Tenison, Mat Tindell, Debra Trent, Jimmie Tucek, Steven Umbach, TW 'Pops' Vanya, Richie Vios, Lloyd Voges, Terri Wagne, Mary Wainwright, Nancy Wamsley, Gary Ward, Joe Weatherly, Carol Ann Welch, Leslie Wheaton, Tina White, Bill Whitley, KW Whitley, Sandie Whitman, Margie Whittington, Phil Whittington, Jeff Williams, Robin Williamson, Katie Winston, Jing Zhao, Ronnie Zint

Spread News of BAC Activities with a Gift of Membership

Would you like to help increase our BAC membership? If so, please consider making a Gift Membership to someone.

BAC memberships are "only" \$25 for a student or a senior, \$30 for an individual, or \$50 for a couple or a family. Please consider thinking of someone you know in this special way. Remember, too, that membership dues at these levels are tax deductible to the donor. The new membership year began June 1.

Immediate benefits to those new members will be the Gift Shop discount plus an introductory message welcoming them to the BAC. Members also get early pre-sales for tickets for concerts and other events.~LB

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Aug. 1	Rising Stars Camp Performance	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 2	Rising Stars Camp Performance	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 3	Rising Stars Camp Performance	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 4	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Aug. 4	Young Chef's Camp	2:00 p.m.
Aug 4-25	Stained Glass Class	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 5	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 9	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Aug 11	Birchum Drawing Workshop Registration	9:00a.m.
Aug. 12	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 14	Quilt Show - Awards/Vendor Reception	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 15	Quilt Show	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 16	Quilt Show	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 26	BINGO	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
EARLY SEPTEMBER		
Sept. 1	LABOR DAY BAC CLOSED	-
Sept. 2	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Sept 3-10	Stained Glass Class	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 4-25	Birchum Drawing Workshop	6:30 p.m.-8:00p.m.
Sept. 9	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	40th Annual Bosque Art Classic Opening Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	40th Annual Bosque Art Classic Exhibition Opens to Public	11:00 a.m.

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