

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

41st Annual Bosque Art Classic

Save the date for the 41st Annual Bosque Art Classic hosted by the BAC Art Council. The Classic opens on Saturday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, sale, dinner, and awards ceremony. Tickets for the evening are \$85 per person.

Art Patrons will enjoy a special reception with the artists on Friday, September 11. If you have not renewed your BAC and Art Patron membership, do so soon to get your special invitation.

This year the Classic features over 200 pieces juried by our distinguished judge Tim Newton, well-known curator of numerous shows such as the Briscoe and the Salmagundi Club of New York. ~DE

We welcome a number of new faces to this Classic including Joseph Nguyen, Nolan Parsons, and Elizabeth Sage. Returning are Eileen Nistler, Ezra Tucker, Richie Vios, Rachel Hurst, Daniel Anz, Crystal Orlando, Cindy Long, Joel Edwards, Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya, and Jing Zhao. BAC Art Club members juried into the show this year are Steven Umbach, Jan Beavers, Judy Parton, and Barbara Loyd. See inside for a complete list of artists in the show.



Hoops and Hollers
Terri Wagner

*Glowing Under
a Summer Sky*
Linda Lucas Hardy



**Quilt Guild 10th Anniversary
Celebration!**

**Join us as we celebrate
10 years of
creativity, community
quilting passion!**

If you haven't seen the mega quilt blocks at 219 and Hwy. 6, drive by and check them out as we promote 2026 Bosque Arts Center Quilt Show on August 7 and 8. Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we have a great list of vendors participating. Admission is \$7. The raffle quilt is on display in the Atrium entrance with tickets available at \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing for the quilt will take place on Saturday at 3:45p.m. Additionally a daily gift basket will be given away each day of the show.

A special wine and appetizer reception will be held on Thursday, August 16, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. At that time, we'll introduce our vendor participants and present our quilt award winners. The public is invited to attend. Quilts will not be on view until Friday, but stop by the reception and meet the vendors, quilt winners and visit with our award sponsors. Once again, our total prize money is \$2,500 and includes 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 83 quilts in the show this year.

We'll have a food truck in the parking lot both days and a scissors and knife sharpener on sight on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you're a quilter we have plenty for you to see and even if you're not, our vendors provide a range of non-quilting items.

This show provides a beautiful array of quilts with unique patterns, styles and colors, while the vendors provide a variety of gift ideas and quilting ideas. ~DP

TIN BUILDING THEATRE

The Tin Building Theatre Board of Directors welcomed a new President in July. Lorana Rush is a Clifton native and has been active in the TBT since 1984. She has held many TBT roles over the last 42 years and was awarded the Francis G. Watson Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2022 for her dedication to the theatre. Goals for her tenure include establishing a more active presence in the community, reaching larger audiences through quality entertainment and education, and improving the audience experience of live theatre. Lorana is thrilled to begin this new journey and looks forward to your continued support!~LR



ATRIUM GALLERY

August Atrium Gallery exhibit spotlights Kayden Peterson, a 17 year-old homeschooled artist from Hamilton, TX. Peterson's artistic talent began at an early age, as her first love of watercolors came at age 12. She educated herself to paint by following YouTube tutorials. During that time she developed a passion for photorealist artwork and began developing her unique style. She now includes original watercolors, acrylics and drawings in her portfolio. Peterson most recently took Best in Show with her drawing of Princess Diana at the Bosque Arts Center's Student Art Show. Take the opportunity to view her work in the Atrium Gallery daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and at other times during weekend events.~DP



SOUND BATH

Need just an hour of peace and calming?? Then take a Sound Bath break on Sunday, August 16, at 4 p.m. Bring your yoga mat, pillow, blanket, bed roll, or sleeping bag and settle into the rhythmic vibrations and relaxation of Sound Bath in Frazier Performance Hall at the Bosque Arts Center. \$30 per person, pay at the door. Come relax with us!!~DP

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Bosque Civic Music Association proudly presents a concert by the Waco Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Assistant Conductor Rebekah Lambert. The concert will be September 17 at 7 p.m. Reception prior to the event. 6:00-6:45p.m. This is a free concert with donations welcome. GP



Mark your calendars for BAC Bingo Tuesday, August 18. It's Back-To-School time and we want to send parents and kids off with a special session of Bingo in honor of this event. Special card pack for kids 16 years and younger \$20 pack of cards for \$10. Children must be present at purchase of pack. This should be a fun-filled, family friendly evening as Adam Willmann is back calling the numbers for us. Winning the jackpot of \$500 would go a long way to defray those school expenses. Doors open at 5:30p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:30p.m. in the Tin Building Theatre.~DP

WRITERS' GUILD

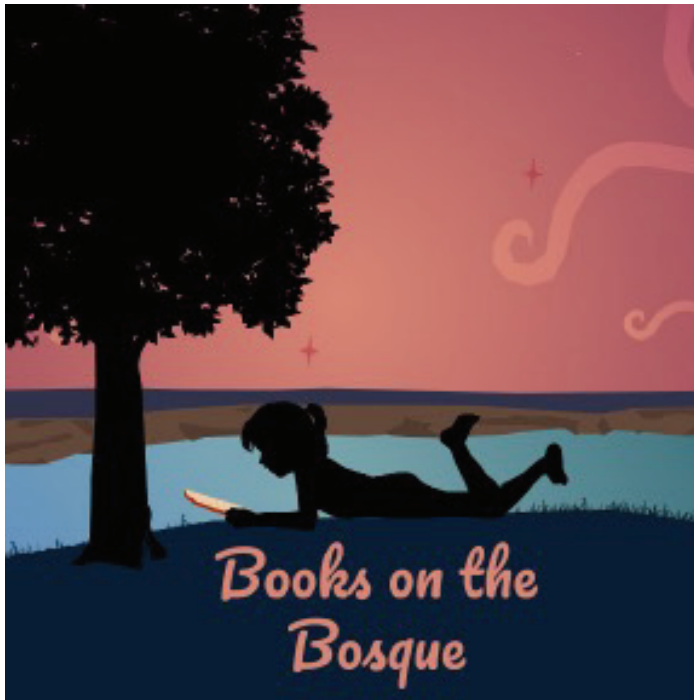
Some people write books, stories, or poems. Some write memories, prayers, letters, or a few honest sentences in a notebook. Some people only think about writing and wonder where to begin. All of them belong in Writers' Guild. You do not have to be published. You do not have to read aloud. You do not even have to know what kind of writer you are. Everyone is welcome at the table.

Join us August 11 at 6:00 p.m.. Bring a notebook, a pen, and a smidgeon of curiosity.~CI



NEEDLEARTS

Needlearts will continue our summer break and will not meet in August. We will resume our stitching on Monday September 14th, at 10:30 a.m. in the atrium. ~Ruth Anne Douglass



5th Annual BoB Writing Contest

The Books on the Bosque Writing Contest entry deadline is Monday, September 21. Once again the categories will be short story, narrative nonfiction essay, and poetry for the Open division. The High School division will award prizes for prose (short story or essay) and poetry.

Visit BosqueArtsCenter.org for complete guidelines. We will begin accepting entries beginning August 1. Last year we were able to award \$3,800 in cash prizes—including the \$1,000 Jones Best of the West Award—thanks to our generous sponsors.~DE

From “The Pet Mosquito”

by Theo Boyd, 2025 essay winner.

For many years, while living on a farm, my daddy had nothing to do with mosquitoes, unless it was to give them a quick slap, ending their existence. Yet now he’d made a pet of a mosquito?

“He and I shared a connection,” Daddy explained. “We both occupied a space together, here in the dark. He would hum each night, as my heart would beat. We knew of each other’s presence and were glad to be here, each having the other. We shared the same space, and we weren’t alone.”

PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The Photo Guild will have its August meeting on the 18th at 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor. After the meeting, we will take down our current “Macro Photo” exhibit to make room for the ever popular Bosque Art Classic. In October we will be displaying our next photo theme, “Shadows and Reflections”.

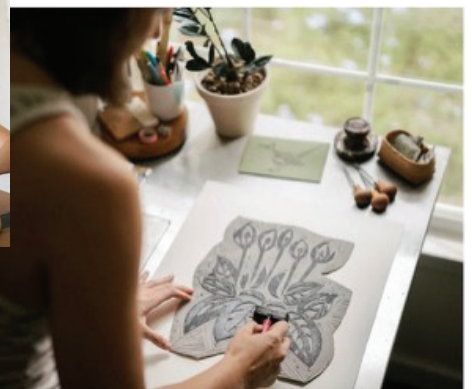
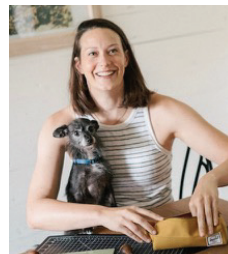
Currently on display at the Goodall-Witcher clinic are photos by Photography Guild members, with the theme of “People.” We are always eager to welcome anyone interested in becoming a member at our meetings, and if you have any questions, you can contact the Bosque Art Center for more information.

Thanks to all who stopped in to see the exhibit featuring the works of Photo Guild member, Richard Haas. We will be featuring more individual member exhibits in the future. The work of Renee Poston will be featured during the month of October in the adjoining photography room. Be sure to stop by.~RH

ART CLUB

The Summer fun continues in the Art Club! August’s meeting will be by Ellen Orchard, a print-maker and illustrator based in Waco, who focuses on minimal and handmade designs. A landscape designer by day, she is inspired by the natural world, city skylines, and her tiny chihuahua, Ichabod. Her love for simple and handmade art is evident in both her digital illustration & traditional linocut prints. Ellen will demonstrate and assist Club members in producing their own lino prints. All materials will be provided.

The Art Club is excited to announce that the Wild About Flowers Art Show & Sale will be displayed in the Atrium April 8-23, 2027 - reception on April 8. Panels will fill the Atrium area to display the artwork. This will allow the show to be seen during all BAC events and weekends. Entries will be due in March. Watch for more info to come!~JB



TEXAS TROUBADOUR SONGWRITER CLASSIC

Lacey J. Dalton will serve as headliner and judge for the 13th Annual Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic on October 24. The singer/songwriter known for recording the hits “16th Avenue,” “Takin’ It Easy,” and “Crazy Blue Eyes” (two of which she co-wrote) will judge the Song of the Year category from digital entries, then select her favorite performer for the Texas Troubadour award at the live event.



Deadline for entering both parts of the contest is September 3, 2026. Share the word with your songwriter friends and save the date for another fun Troubadour in October.-DE

Lacey J. Dalton

BOOK CLUB

Our theme for August is Historical Fiction and our selection is “The Wind” by Dorothy Scarborough. Set in West Texas in the 1880s, The Wind tells the story of Lettie, an orphan from Virginia who moves to West Texas to live with her cousin Bev and his family.

Since the author grew up in Sweetwater, Texas we would expect that her descriptions of the West Texas countryside and climate would ring true - and they do.

Scarborough was a folklorist as well as a novelist so this story has echos of folklore along with many snippets of Texas history.

Come join us on August 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium!~JJB

QUILT GUILD

Please note that we will not have a Quilt Guild meeting in August.

However, we’d love to see you at the Quilt Show on August 7 & 8! Be sure to stop by our Quilt Guild Boutique Table to say hello, browse our handmade items, and support the guild. Follow us BAC Quilt Guild in Clifton Texas on Facebook.

We look forward to visiting with you there!~CU

Color Block Quilt Challenge Winners:

- 1st Place: Linda Cranfill
- 2nd Place (tie):
- Green Daisy’s Suze Spensley
- Red Star Karen Elliott



CULINARY CLUB

As part of the “Learn from the Locals” series, Bryan Davis led a hands-on demonstration for the Culinary Club and several accepted the challenge to make Brenda Gantt’s Bird Nest Biscuits. It was an exercise in the bygone days of cooking, when bread and biscuits were baked daily in the home. Surprisingly easy to make, everyone enjoyed the experience and there was no shortage of taste testers afterwards. Bryan also volunteers his time to teach biscuit making at Young Chef Culinary Camp each summer.~VR



ARTISTS ACCEPTED IN THE 41ST BOSQUE ART CLASSIC

Lee Alban
Lou Albright
Carol Amos
Daniel Anz
Brian Asher
Matt Atkinson

Joseph Barbieri
Keith Batcheller
Brian Bateman
Jan Beavers
Lyndy Benson
Jean Blais Oliver
Victor Blakey
Lin Boucher
Lon Brauer
Veronica Brown
Justin Bryan

Mike Cardwell
Cheryle Chapline
Liz Chappie-Zoller
Theodore Clemens
Steven Crawley
Larry Cremeens
Patricia Cross
Judy Crowe
Mark Cunningham

Carla D'aguanno
Carla Davis
Blu Dornan
David Dorsey
June Dudley
Hannah Dunn
Joel Edwards
Linda Egle
Diana Erbskorn

Susan Hackney
Randy Haney
Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya
Linda Lucas Hardy
Nancy Harkins
Cheryl Harley-Volz
Debra Hart
K. Henderson
Stephen Henry
Andrew Higdon
Denise Horne-Kaplan
Marti Hubbell
Olivette Hubler
Rachel Hurst



Radiant Beauties
by Arlene Steinberg

Kim Mackey
Don MacLaughlin
Jim McDonald
Kevin J. McDonald
Vickie McMillan-Hayes
Kristy McNelly
Mary Michael
Carolyn Mock
Rhonda Morfin
Brenda Morgan
E. Melinda Morrison
Donna Myers

Bill Farnsworth
Richard Finch
Julia Fletcher
Barbara Fontaine-White
Judy Gelfert
Natalie George
Lisa Gleim
Marie Gray



Gummer, Cochise and Pepper
by Steven Umbach



Alley Man by Rhonda Morfin

Rusty Jones
KC Kern
Lauri Ketchum
Cheryl Koen
Jason Kyser
Cynthia LaBuda
Aaron Lade
Tammie Lane
Cory Lind
Patsy Lindamood
Linda Loesch
Dana Lombardo
Cindy Long
Barbara Loyd

Eileen Nistler
Crystal Orlando
Mary Lou Pape
Nolan Parson
Judy Parton
Marcia Penland
Susan Phillips



Did You See That
by Debra Trent

Reg Narmour
Eric Nelson
Kadra Nevitt
Joseph Nguyen

Jeff Williams
Katie Winston
David Yorke
Jing Zhao
Ronnie Zint

Jeff Rechin
LaQuincey Reed
Elizabeth Sage
Joy Schuhmacher
Arena Shawn
Samuel Shelton
Judi Simon
Susan Sistrunk
Diane Lawrenz Smith
Kathy Soliday
Judy Sprague
Merrily Sprague
Arlene Steinberg

Josh Stewart
Travis Stewart
Thalia Stratton
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Ezra Tucker
Nelson Tucker

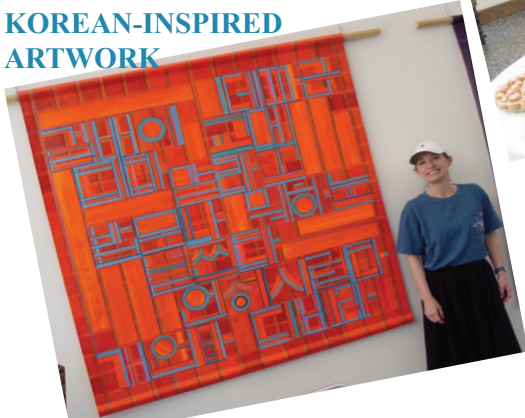
Steven R. Umbach
T.W. 'Pops' Vanya
Susie Varner
Samuel Vidrine
Richie Vios
Terri Wagner
Nancy Wamsley
Carol Ann Welch
Marie Kash Weltzheimer
Cora Wheeler
Tina White
KW Whitley
Margie Whittington
Jeff Williams
Katie Winston

SAVE THE DATE

Shannon Birchum presents her Junk Journal Workshop Saturday, September 26, 9 to 4. Call the office for information.



ALYXIS STINSON with her KOREAN-INSPIRED ARTWORK



DIANNE & STEVE SCHMIDT



SAVE THE DATE

LISA WINGATE

Will be back at the Bosque Arts Center for lunch on Tuesday, October 27. Tickets on sale, if you didn't purchase through the Big Event, on Tuesday, September 1.



TAEKWONDO CAMP

MUSIC CAMP

The 2026 Bosque Civic Music Association annual summer Music Camp was a great success. "Music of Our Homeland" was conducted July 13-17 with ten students participating. Longtime Music Camp instructor Vicky Ketchum returned to work her magic with the youth. She was assisted by Sarah Tyler, Abigail and Caleb Ketchum, and Anna Lovell. The four-day camp concluded with a special performance for family and friends in the Tin Building Theatre.

Ketchum said students learned many educational basics of music and dance. "This group has truly amazed me," she noted. The program ended with a rousing patriotic salute to our nation's 250th anniversary. The Music Camp offered valuable tools for the students and a lifetime of memories. ~BD



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AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 1	Rising Stars Camp Performance <i>Something Rotten! Jr.</i>	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 2	Rising Stars Camp Performance <i>Something Rotten! Jr.</i>	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 4	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 6	Quilt Show Reception	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 7	Quilt Show	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 8	Quilt Show	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 11	Writer's Guild	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 13	Stained Glass Guild	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 18	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
Aug. 18	Bingo	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 27	Stained Glass Guild	10:00 a.m.

Early SEPTEMBER Events

Sept. 1	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 7	LABOR DAY	CLOSED
Sept. 10	Stained Glass	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 11	Art Classic Art Patrons Reception	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Bosque Art Classic Preview Opening Night	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Classic Free Exhibition Opens	11 a.m.
Sept. 14	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 14	Classic Online Sale	10 a.m.
Sept. 15	Bingo	6:30 p.m.



In July, sub-group heads met with the staff and new board members, discussing upcoming events and plans for the new website. Clockwise from left: Tejal Bhakta (website consultant), Danielle Ybarra, Virginia Richards, Jan Beavers, Susan Willmann, Leslie Bennett, Amy Gloff, Judi Boston, Candace Ingram, Trish Ferguson, Lorana Rush, Ginnie Plauche, Debra Evans, Deb Phinney.

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"Stay grounded, but let your dreams soar. Our truest life is when we are in dream awake."

~Henry David Thoreau

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Overnight accommodations for BAC events can be made at various hotels and B & Bs in Clifton.
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