

December 2025

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas



*Merry
Christmas*

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The holiday season is fast upon us and what more beautiful way to spend an evening celebrating with friends and family than with the sights and sounds of the Bosque Chorale annual Christmas Concert at BAC. The Michael W. Smith contemporary classic, "Agnus Dei-Lamb of God, Born to Us," will bring meaning and inspiration with the beautiful music presented for one performance only on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Frazier Performance Hall. Tickets are for sale online for \$20 or by calling the BAC at (254) 675-3724. Long-time Chorale director David Anavitarte said the production will have about three dozen singers accompanied by a pianist. The conductor described the music as "glorious and inspiring." A reception will be held immediately following the concert.

The Bosque County Children's Choir will perform A Child's Prayer for Christmas at 6:30p.m.

The BCMA will hold their annual meeting on December 1 and welcome new board members Lisa Payne, Richard Lundberg, and Pam Hardcastle. New officers for the coming year are Ginne Plauche, president; Paige Bizzell, vice-president; Bryan Davis, secretary and BAC Board rep; and Kathy Harr, treasurer. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the BCMA programs during the past year and wishing each of you a Merry Christmas.~BD

The Bosque Chorale
David Anavitarte, Music Director

A concert of contemporary worship for Christmas
featuring the songs of Michael W. Smith

agnus dei

Lamb of God • Born to us

7:30 pm—Thursday, December 11, 2025

Frazier Performance Hall
Bosque Arts Center
Clifton, Texas

Tickets: \$20

For tickets, call:
(254) 675-3724 or order online at bosqueartscenter.org

BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE



(seated) Nancy Masters
&
Natalie Bright



LIST OF WINNERS NEXT MONTH



IN MEMORIAM DORIS STEVENS

Long-time member Doris Stevens passed away in October. A retired sociology professor of McLennan Community College, Doris was passionate about art, education, and travel. She joined the BAC in 2000. A member of the Bosque Book Club, she was also a supporter of the BAC Gift Shop, often lingering after club meetings to find some unique artisan gift for her loved ones. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. ~DE



[Photo: Bosque Book Club meeting in 2016. Members attending Barbara Aars, Gwen Grote, JJ Frambes, Mary Ellen Boren, Doris Stevens, and Kay Lane]

QUILT GUILD

Charity Challenge: A Resounding Success!
WOW, quilters!!

Our Charity Challenge has wrapped up with overwhelming generosity and creativity! Over 100 finished projects were donated, including:

- Adult clothing protectors
- Chemo comfort quilts
- Project Linus blankets
- Premie & baby quilts

These heartfelt gifts are now bringing warmth and smiles to hospitals, cancer centers, and little ones in need. Thank you for stitching love into every seam!

We will be celebrating Christmas December 13 off site. We will be returning Second Saturday January 10, 2026, at noon in the Spieler Art room.
~CU



Linda Cranfill



Andi Lester

ATRIUM GALLERY

Atrium Gallery spotlights the members of the BAC Art Club for the December exhibit. The exhibit will feature selected pieces by members of the club. This special compilation of individual artwork will be on display and for sale Monday, December 1 through December 13 only. Don't wait to visit this special collection! You may find the perfect Christmas gift for someone on your list. This featured artwork will be on display for a very limited time in December, daily from 9 to 5 and during special event times. Just in time for Christmas gifts, sold paintings may be taken home the same day as purchased during the exhibit.

Note to Art Club members: If you do not retrieve your artwork by Saturday, Dec. 14, you will not be able to collect it until Jan. 2 when the BAC opens again for business.~DP

ART CLUB

Art Club is full of the Christmas Spirit! November's meeting featured a "head start" on the upcoming holiday season. Dressed in Christmas finery, Barbara Loyd gave the art club members step by step instructions on how to make fun gift boxes out of greeting cards. She supplied all the tools necessary, along with cards, stickers, and even a small Christmas mouse!

On Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. Art Club members will gather at the BAC for our annual Christmas potluck lunch and gift exchange. Check your emails for details and come prepared to have a holly jolly Christmas with our friendly creative bunch.

Check out the newsletter article on the Art Club's Atrium Christmas Art Show and Sale! Better yet- Stop by the Atrium and purchase some original artwork for your Christmas gift-giving.~BH



ARTS OF CHRISTMAS

Stop in on Saturday, December 6 for our Arts of Christmas celebration. As the official quilt stop for the Norwegian Country Christmas Tour, we have collected a number of quilts made by the ancestors of Norwegians in our area. Many of these antique quilts are priceless to their families and to this community. The quilts will be displayed in the second floor galleries and Atrium Café from December 1 through the 12.

While you're here be sure and check out the festivities in the Atrium Café. We will provide a look at several of the Tablescapes featured in this year's display. We'll have vendor sales as well as music by Steve and Jimmie Schmidt. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop and check out the great gift items. Of course take a break with us and help yourself to the cookies and hot spiced cider.~DP

PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

Merry Christmas to all~! The Photo Group will be getting together to celebrate Christmas in December. If you are a member, look for a notice of date and time in your e-mail.

We have changed out the photos on display at the Goodall Witcher Medical Clinic and are now featuring "Architecture" as the theme. If you are at the clinic check out the photos as you walk down the hallways. Don't forget to let your "photo friends" know about our group. We always welcome new members.~RH

NEEDLEARTS

Join us for some Christmas cheer and come stitch with us! Bring your needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, embroidery or mending Monday, December 1st at 10:30 am BAC atrium. See you there! Let me know if you have any questions

Happy thanksgiving!~RD



NORWEGIAN ANNIVERSARY At Bosque Arts Center

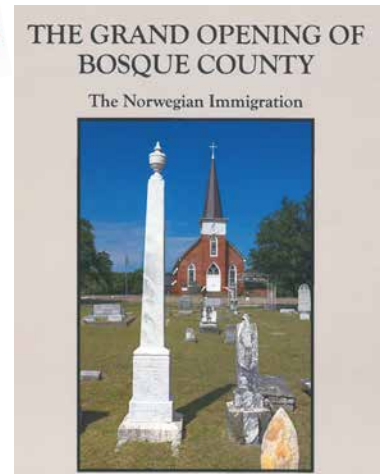
Celebrate the 200th Norwegian Anniversary at the Bosque Arts Center. The Chamber of Commerce and the Norwegian Celebration Committee invite you to two events taking place at the BAC. On Wednesday, December 3, a Norwegian Modern Christmas Dinner will be served. Chefs direct from Norway will be preparing this meal providing an appetizer, main course and dessert. The cost is \$100 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the Chamber, 254-675-3720.

The evening of Saturday, December 6 provides a special concert by Mari Hauge, Norwegian singer/songwriter, held in Frazier Performance Hall. Hauge is a captivating performer from Stavanger, Norway. She is described as having an extraordinary ability to connect with audiences through her music. With a distinctive sound and powerful storytelling, she combines musical depth with warmth and humor delivering performances that leave a lasting impression. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00 per person.~DP

The Grand Opening of Bosque County



The BAC is one of the places you can pick up a free copy of The Grand Opening of Bosque County: The Norwegian Immigration by longtime member Cleon Flanagan. In his booklet Cleon tells the story of the first settlers from Norway and of their influence on our county. Cleon says, "Every family, old and new, every organization, secular or sacred, should be encouraged to take part in our rich heritage on some level. Let us begin to know, appreciate and participate in it."~DE



TIN BUILDING THEATRE

A huge shout out to our patrons and supporters who attended our last production, "Four Old Broads on the High Seas" by Leslie Kimball, making it a huge success. We played to sold out performances during the show's run and often needed to bring in extra chairs for the overflow. Live theatre thrives because of audiences like you—people who show up ready to enjoy the ride and support the performers who bring these stories to life. We are deeply grateful for your enthusiasm, your applause, and your willingness to set sail with us. We hope you had as much fun watching as we had performing. Thank you again for being part of this special journey~LR





PREPARED BY NORWEGIAN CHEFS

Norwegian

MODERN CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 3, 2025
6:00 PM 
BOSQUE ARTS CENTER

menu

APPETIZER: Smoked salmon fillet with cream cheese, served in traditional Norwegian potato lefse	MAIN COURSE: Traditional Norwegian Christmas platter with pinnekjøtt (salted lamb ribs) and roasted pork belly, served with classic accompaniments	DESSERT: Queen Maud mousse – a light and delicate chocolate dessert with whipped cream Traditional Norwegian almond pastry
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\$100 PER PERSON

PRESENTED BY THE CLIFTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • (254) 675-3720

Wine Pairing Dinner by Wedding Oak Winery

Take the night off! Join us at the BAC Friday, January 23, 2026, for a wonderful four-course dinner with wine pairings. Dinner will be prepared by a visiting guest chef, paired with wines from Wedding Oak Winery of San Saba. The winemaker will explain why a specific wine was paired with each course. Meet the winemaker and chef during the evening. Bring your friends and enjoy a night out beginning at 5:30 p.m.!

Seating is limited; make your reservations soon. \$125 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the BAC or online on our Tickets page.~JB



**Big Event Item
Sponsors
Tom & Joanne
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WHISKEY, BOURBON & CIGARS



Blake Holman, Don Boysen Steve Anderson & Scott Conrad

CULINARY CLUB

Mark your calendar for January 15 at 5:30 pm when the Culinary Club will host Tim Byers as our program speaker.

Chef Byers won the James Beard award for his 2014 cookbook that bears the same name as his flagship restaurant, Smoke. He will share his amazing story with all its twists and turns.~VR



MAGICIAN IN TOWN



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We're still looking for volunteers to assist with building a float for the Annual Christmas Parade in December. There are no plans for Friday night of NCCT/Arts of Christmas, as our efforts will be put into the float for the parade. We will need creators, planners and workers along with possible riders on the float.

The Christmas decorating committee can always use an extra pair of hands to assist with the set up and decorating of the BAC.

We need volunteers for the design and build on all of these projects. Please help us by calling Deb Phinney, 254-675-3724, and pitching in. One or two people can not make this happen, so we're asking for help. Bring friends and help us make a statement for the Bosque Arts Center.~DP

BOSQUE ARTS CENTER BUILDING PROJECT

There once was a building that stood strong, proud and tall. It was honored to house learning and fun for the citizens of Bosque county and the surrounding areas. But time takes a toll and now the proud building finds that it needs your help. It still stands proud and ready to assist but its windows rattle and leak.

Multiple requests are outstanding for funds to either replace or repair windows for all three floors but alas, we have funding currently for only the first floor. The windows require scraping, sanding, and in some cases replacement of the wood frames or pieces of the frames. Then there is the sealing, caulking and painting after the windows are cleaned down to the bone (wood frame).

Won't you help during this time of year end giving? Any amount of a year-end donation for this project will be most gratefully received.

Thank you, your BAC building committee~LP



Linda Lucas Hardy Returning with another wonderful class

April 17 - 18, 2026



ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Besides our normal Guild and Club happenings, we have several other activities available from groups utilizing our facility. Taekwondo – Kids and Adults; Rise and Shine Dance – Kids and Teens; Soundbath – All ages of relaxation; along with piano lessons – Kids and Adults and Youth Choir. If you have an interest in participating in any of these activities, call us and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate instructors.~DP

April 10-11, 2026

Let Freedom Ring

44th Annual Big Event

We will celebrate the 250th anniversary of this great country as we celebrate our annual



FUNdraiser at the BAC.

Friday - April 10 – Bingo Night

Saturday - April 11 – Dinner & Dance



CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The float committee has been working on the BAC's entry into the Clifton downtown Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 6:30 on Friday, December 5. We encourage everyone to attend and see the efforts members have put into this piece of parade art! Reminder: The BAC will be closed Friday night, but we will open for Arts of Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 6~DP.

SAVE THE DATE STAINED GLASS

The organizational meeting for the Stained Glass Guild will be held on Thursday, January 22 at 6:30. Please come and join us if you are interested.~DP

DONATIONS

TABLESCAPE

Anonymous Donor

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT McAFEE

Virginia Richards
Robert & Olie Evinger

BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE

In Honor
of Roland & Joyce Jones
by Debra Evans
In Memory of Donna Chapman
by Debra Evans

WINDOW REPAIR

Nancy Simpson

IN HONOR OF BAC STAFF

Nancy Simpson

Bosque Arts Center

HOURS • MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 a.m. 5 p.m

Saturday: Special Events Only

DECEMBER		
Dec. 1	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 2	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 3	Norwegian Dinner - 200th Anniversary	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	NCCT Downtown Parade	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Arts of Christmas	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 6	Norwegian Singer/Songwriter Mari Hauge Concert in Frazier Hall	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Bosque Chorale Christmas Concert	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 13	Art Patrons Christmas Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15- Jan. 4	BAC Closed	--
EARLY JANUARY		
Jan. 5	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 6	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Jan 15	Culinary Club	5:30 p.m.

Creativity takes courage

Henri Matisse

BAC CLOSURE

Due to renovations at the BAC starting in the Atrium Gallery and moving into the Tin Building Theatre, the BAC will be closed beginning December 15 and will not re-open until January 5, 2026. No business will be conducted during that time. We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.



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Overnight accommodations for BAC events can be made at various hotels and B & Bs in Clifton. Check out website for further information.

Part of the Clifton
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BOSQUE ARTS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays: 9am - 5p.m.



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