

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas



Receiving Purple Praise and Recognition

Bosque Arts Center recognized as exemplary institution at Tarleton College of Liberal and Fine arts inaugural Leadership Council Event Oct. 21

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By initiating annual Community Awards, the Tarleton State University College of Liberal and Fine Arts wants to connect more with their communities. The awards recognize those “who represent that area of leadership and service we want to identify with,” and “that offer something significant to the quality of life.” The college



Leanne Donner and Paige Sibila receiving award

wants to be a part of these organizations and individuals, which enhance the quality of life in their communities.

“With these inaugural awards

it was important to recognize organizations and individuals that exemplify what we aspire our students to see,” COLFA Dean Eric Morrow said during the welcome reception of the 2022 Annual Leadership Council meeting in Stephenville Oct. 21.

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The college recognized Bosque County's Bosque Arts Center as one of those exemplary institutions, receiving the inaugural Tarleton College of Liberal and Fine Arts Creative Arts Award. During the awards ceremony, Morrow explained that the Bosque Arts Center has been an outstanding example of a community arts organization supplying art appreciation for over 40 years in a relatively small rural community.

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For 40 years they have had this strong presence to provide the arts for the community and the region," Morrow said.

Morrow who is a Clifton High School graduate and TSU Executive Director of Development Janice Horak recently toured the building and they were "just amazed; because this is an example of an organization that sustained itself, and offers so much to the community, and has been doing it for so long."

"It serves as an example in our region of what potential we have with any organization, and the commitment of people to sustain it and to make it work," Morrow said.



He went on to say the BAC is a community arts educational center, dedicated to the promotion and support of the performing and visual arts in Bosque and surrounding counties, housed in the historic former Lutheran College building. It attracts tourists, students and art patrons from around the state.

Bosque Arts Center Board President LeAnn Donner and Business Manager Paige Sibila came on stage to receive the beautiful crystal trophy. When accepting the award, Donner stressed that the BAC's success is largely thanks to the board, staff, volunteers and art patrons that support the organization that was created thanks to Joan Spieler's vision 40 years ago. Several Cowboy Artists of America like Martin Grelle, Bruce Greene and Tony Eubanks actively support the BAC. Thanks to ticket proceeds, donations, sponsors and grants the organization is able to balance a \$400,000 yearly budget.

"I cannot start to explain to you the beauty of the art we have at the BAC," Donner said, suggesting the audience plan a visit and see it for themselves.

Also present for the BAC were Art Council representative John Linn, BAC Board President-Elect Linda Pfeiffer, Program Director Deb Phinney, Stephenville Artist Kathy Tate and her

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husband Johnny. Tate has been closely connected to the BAC since 1995, entering and winning the BAC Art Classic, and also as student and as volunteer.

Another important goal of the evening was to communicate the COLFA's departments and career paths and to stimulate networking between community organizations and the college. Morrow expressed the hope that internships and partnerships would grow from this event and as such guide the college forward with ideas and opportunities. The BAC representatives gladly took the opportunity to talk to college leaders and different department heads like Music, Performing Arts and Communication Studies.

It now rests on the BAC Board to find a prominent display for the well-deserved, significant and esthetically beautiful award.

Ladies Luncheon and Style Show

The ladies luncheon and Market at the Mill style show, sponsored by Nancy Harvard.



[Back row: Virginia Richards, Karen Hughes, Jan Kieta, Nancy Harward, Linda Pfeiffer, Alexis Sibila
Front row: Paige Sibila, Leanne Donner, Jan Beavers, Wendi Taylor]

Arts of Christmas – North Pole Country Store

By Deb Phinney

Santa would be impressed with all the items available during the Arts of Christmas “North Pole Country Store.” See the return of hand decorated wreaths for sale made by BAC members, along with silk flower arrangements and some nifty wall hangings. Sample spice blends, pick a piece of pottery, and purchase a wall hanging from the Quilt Guild, or yummy candy and goodies from member organizations.

All the fun starts on December 2 after the downtown parade at 6:30 and extends through Saturday, Dec. 3 beginning at 9 a.m. While you’re here, take time to select a Gingerbread structure at the Gingerbread Construction Zone and decorate under the helpful eyes of Kit and Tym Myers our gingerbread professionals from San Antonio. Purchase a set of 4 ornaments for \$10, or a tiny house for \$15 or a train for \$20. Everything else is provided for you, icing, candies anything and everything you can imagine. Hours for “the Zone” are Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. till 2 p.m.

While you’re here bring the kids to visit the Grinch and Cindy Loo Who. Check in with this dynamic duo on Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. Kids can bring their Coloring Contest entries and have a chat with the Grinch. Coloring entries are available through the school or here at the Bosque Arts Center for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Prizes awarded the following week after judging in age categories of K – 1st, Grade 2 and 3, 4th grade and 5th grades. While you’re here, don’t forget to go to the second floor and visit the Norwegian Country Christmas Tour’s official quilt stop. This year we’ll spotlight red and white quilts....a lovely assortment of large and small quilts from the collection of Judith Stone. The quilt guild will be on hand selling their selection of quilting articles great for gift giving. Everything from wall hangings, pot holders, placemats, character pillows, to mug rugs and hot bowl holders.

Come for an hour, or stay for the day. Music available both Friday evening and Saturday along with refreshments of hot spiced cider and cookies. See you there.

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[Wreath-making directions by Susan Frazier for sale at the Arts of Christmas.]

BCMA Christmas Concert

By Bryan Davis

The Bosque Civic Music Association will help usher in the holiday season with a special concert, "The Many Moods of Christmas," on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Frazier Performance Hall of the Bosque Arts Center. Conductor David Anavitarte will be returning for the 17th time to conduct the Bosque Chorale and The Bosque Strings will provide accompaniment.



The Chorale has been in rehearsals since September and is composed of some 50 vocalists as well as an eight-piece orchestra and the BAC's beautiful Chickering grand piano.

The production will include many familiar carols of the season which are sure to bring back fond memories for listeners. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved online at bosqueartscenter.org or by calling 254-675-3724.

Gift Shop

By Kathy Harr

Please remember to stop by the gift shop for a unique buying experience. We have beautiful items and purchasing here is just another way to support the beautiful Bosque Arts Center. Thank you!



Photography Guild

By Jean Smith

The Photography Guild will not meet in December. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Arts Center.

Healthy, Happy Holidays!

Gene Watson

By Linda Pfeiffer



Gene Watson has one of the smoothest voices in country music still today. And we are fortunate to have him appear at the Bosque Arts Center January 21, 2023. Tickets to this great performance would make a great Christmas gift for that special someone!

Join us and hear old and new tunes like "Ashes to Ashes," "Farewell Party," "Memories to Burn," and "Fourteen Carat Mind." This great performer continues to entertain around the country much to the delight of his numerous fans.

The Sponsor Pre-Sale opens December 5, followed by the BAC Member Pre-Sale on the 12th. Ticket sales open online and to the public on December 19. Call the BAC office at 254-675-3724 to get that early Christmas gift or just to treat yourself to this show!

Quilt Guild

By Linda Pfeiffer

During our November meeting we discussed a community service project using panels to make small quilts. We hope to complete the project in the spring.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Country Store Arts of Christmas the first weekend of December.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas party. We wish everyone Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year.

For questions about quilting please contact the office at 254 675-3724.

Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic

The 9th Annual Texas Troubadour fielded entries from Texas, Colorado, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and North Carolina. Our congratulations go to Tobi Lee of Portland,



Tennessee, crowned this year's Texas Troubadour by the panel of Janie Fricke, Jeff Steele, and Shawnda Rains. Tobi took home the \$1,500 award for the top prize.

Kris Tiscareno of Shawnee, Oklahoma, won the \$500 People's Choice Award voted on by the audience.

Chip Boyd of Colleyville, TX, walked away with the \$1,000 Song of the Year Award selected by T.G. Sheppard and Kelly Lang earlier in October.



Thank you to all volunteers, guests, and songwriters. And special thanks to our award underwriters and sponsors.

Underwriters: Dick & Susan Frazier – TX Troubadour; Jack & Nancy Harvard – Song of the Year; Phyllis Gamble & Mechelle Slaughter – People's Choice

Sponsors: Lee & Leanne Donner, Dick & Susan Frazier, Roland & Joyce Jones, Bill & Betty Murdoch, Punky & Wally Penberthy, Mechelle Slaughter & Phyllis Gamble, Rob Richmond, Dennis & Sabrina Harrison, Gary & Nancy Clark, Candace Ingram



[Janie Fricke closed the evening]

Needle Arts

By Punky Penberthy

The Needle Arts Club met in November to discuss our Tablescape presentations as well as continuing our own projects. The last meeting of the year will be Monday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the Atrium of the BAC. Each member will bring a Christmas ornament or decoration she has made.

ATRIUM GALLERY

STEPHANIE FANNING



Stephanie Fanning is our solo artist in the Atrium Gallery for December. After earning

her art degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, which included abstract painting and four years of realistic figure drawing, she homeschooled her two sons. Her career path took her into the financial industry and ultimately into elementary art education where she taught for 12 years in the Arlington ISD. During this time, she and two friends, other art teachers, took what they had learned through their teaching experiences and developed a Creativity Workshop for adults in the Metroplex.

Fanning continued to develop as an artist throughout her elementary teaching career. She enhanced her talents by taking seminars and workshops including those with world class artists, Sherrie McGraw and David Leffel.

Currently residing in Clifton, she is a member of the BAC Art Club, an activity painting volunteer at Lutheran Sunset Home, a staff member of Creative Co-op Networking Events, a Zentangle group participant and a Celebrate Recovery Leader.

Fanning's artwork will be on display 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and other times during BAC events. Don't miss this special exhibit of Stephanie Fanning's artwork during the month of December.

Bosque County Art Club

By Lillian Jacoway

WOW! How can it possibly be November already? The Art Club meeting did not have a large attendance, but witnessed some intense creativity and work. Several members and attendees worked on the tablecloth for the upcoming tablescape event.



Hand painted/crafted Thanksgiving and



Christmas cards were created, including some to be donated to the nursing home in Clifton.

The Art Club meeting in December will be party time! This is a guaranteed good time – it is every year.

Attendees should bring two gifts (approx \$10 value), and a covered dish. One of the gifts will be a “white elephant”, and both gifts will be used for a Chinese Christmas exchange.



Reuben Jacoway is providing the ham entry for the meal.

TBT

By Linda Lowrance

Holiday Greetings from the Tin Building Theatre!

We want to thank those of you who came to see our fall production of *Let Him Sleep til it's Time for His Funeral*, a light-hearted look at birthdays. We'll take a few months off now and return in 2023 to start working on our next production. Auditions will be in February and we want to encourage those of you who might be interested in being involved in the theatre, to come to auditions and see what it's all about. New talent is always welcome!

Book Club

By Judith Baker

December's Book Club theme is Travel, and our selection is John Steinbeck's *Travels With Charlie: In Search of America*. This classic is a true travel story that stretches across America from Maine to California.

A quote from the Goodreads review: “...To hear the speech of the real America, to smell the grass and the trees, to see the colors and the light — these were John Steinbeck's goals as he set out, at the age of fifty-eight, to rediscover the country he had been writing about for so many years.” And my favorite comment from John is this: “...We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; the trip takes us”.

The Book Club meets Wednesday December 28th at 10:00 a.m. Because the BAC will be closed on that date, our December 28th meeting will be held at Linda Bracken's home.

P.S. The January selection will be *Odyssey: Young Charles Darwin, the Beagle, and the Voyage That Changed the World*.

Culinary Club

By Virginia Richards

The Culinary Club enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner. We like to eat almost as much as we like to cook!



Last Month Memories

Callaway Reception



Troubadour Songwriter Classic



Ladies Luncheon



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DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 2	6:30-8:30pm	Arts of Christmas
Dec 3	10am-2pm	Arts of Christmas
Dec 3	10am-2pm	Tablescapes
Dec 5	10:30 am	Needle Arts
Dec 6	10 am	Art Club
Dec 6	7 pm	Quilt Guild
Dec 8	7:30 pm	Bosque Chorale Concert
Dec 23-31	-	BAC Closed for Holiday
Dec 28	10 am	Book Club

EARLY JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 1	-	BAC Closed for Holiday
Jan 2	10:30 am	Needle Arts
Jan 3	10 am	Art Club
Jan 3	7 pm	Quilt Guild
Jan 10	6:30 pm	Bingo
Jan 17	2 pm	Photography Guild
Jan 21	-	Gene Watson Concert

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Yoga: 12:10 pm
Tuesday	Karate: 4:40 pm, Guitar: by appointment
Wednesday	Yoga: 12:10 pm
Thursday	Karate: 4:40 pm
Friday	Yoga: 12:10 pm

Piano lessons by appointment

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