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BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

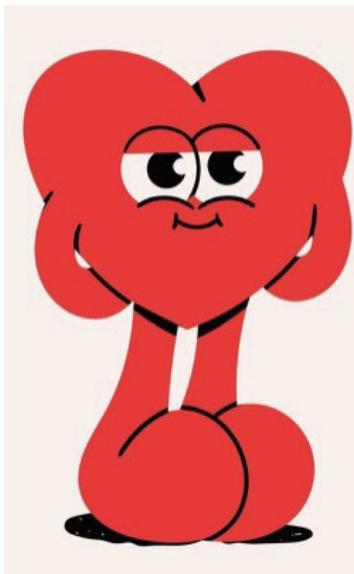


*Happy
Valentine's Day*



The Culinary Club will offer a chef prepared dinner on February 14th beginning at 6:30 pm. The progressive dinner will begin in the Frazier Auditorium with appetizers and Prosecco, then proceed to the Jones Art Gallery for the main entree with wine accompaniment, and finish in the atrium with dessert and coffee. Tickets are \$85 each with limited seating. Don't delay with your reservation and risk missing this lovely evening!~BD

BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO



Mark your calendar for February Bingo on Tuesday, February 17. We just missed Valentines Day, but we'll have some sweetheart prizes for our winners that night. We're back in the Atrium Café once again, so you'll need to call in and reserve your seat if you want to make sure you have a place. If you're the gambling type take your chances and join us at 6:00 p.m. to claim an unreserved seat. Reserved seating begins at 5:30. Bring your munchies and beverages and join in the fun. ~DP

PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The Photography Guild is hoping everyone had a great Christmas. Our December meeting was a get-together hosted by Curtis and Kaye Callaway. "Thank you" to them. As a reminder, in the 2nd floor photo gallery we are featuring guild members photos with the theme being "What The..?" These are shots where it may not be readily apparent what the subject is, or maybe subjects placed in an unfamiliar setting. Check it out. Also, on display in the hallways at the Goodall-Witcher clinic are Guild member photos with a theme of "Architecture."

We are looking forward to May of this year when Guild Members will have photos on display in the Atrium Gallery at the Arts Center.

Be sure to check into our Student Photography show coming up on March 21st. Information available on various social media and flyers posted around Clifton.

All skill levels are welcome to join the Guild.~RH

atrium gallery

The Atrium Gallery welcomes Laura Parent as our February artist of the month. Creating meaningful and soul-stirring work through charcoal, pencil, oil painting, pastel, and photography, Parent's art captures beauty, resilience, and the raw emotion of human experience. Each piece she creates is an invitation to explore stories by blending traditional techniques with a modern perspective. Parent will be on display Monday through Fridays in February, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during special events. You may view her other works online at www.Laura-Parent.com.~DP



Needlearts

Come stitch with us! Monday February 2nd (watch out for the groundhog) at 10:30 am in the BAC atrium. Bring your needlepoint, knitting, embroidery, crochet, etc.

~RAD



Mardi Gras may end in February in New Orleans, but we'll still be celebrating March 11 – at Olaf's Restaurant! Join us for a delicious dinner with two complimentary drinks. Reservations are \$100 per person, and all proceeds go to the Bosque Arts Center, as this evening is completely underwritten by Brooks Wealth Advisors CO.

Make your reservations online or by calling the BAC at 254-675-3724.~DE

WRITERS' GUILD

Writers' Guild will meet in the regular room on Tuesday night, February 10 at 6pm. Enter through the back door. The topic for the evening is Our Practice, Our Resistance & Showing Up.

We will have a guest speaker joining us at our March meeting. April Rochelle is a self-published author, poet and poetry slam aficionado. Ms. Rochelle will be coming to us from Dallas. We are looking ahead and looking forward to her visit.

Y'all come!~CI

44th Annual Big Event Let Freedom Ring

We celebrate the 250th birthday of our great nation with this year's Big Event, and we'll also hearken back to Big Events of yesteryear with some of the activities. Get ready for a fun night of bingo and delicious hamburgers on Friday, April 10, with some great jackpots up for grabs. Saturday, April 11, features a gourmet duo with dinner catered by Olaf's and the new Four Forks. The night will include entertainment, drawings, a silent auction, and a limited live auction. More details coming soon.

Sponsor tickets for Saturday night go on sale February 11: John Adams - \$500 each; Thomas Jefferson - \$250. Betsy Ross (non-sponsor) tickets are \$175. Corporate sponsorship packages are also available for \$5,000 and \$2,500.

Big Event season has already begun, though, with 50/50 raffle tickets available now. The winner will receive 50% of the proceeds of the raffle on prepaid credit cards. Tickets for a rifle drawing will also be available soon. The winner of the limited-ticket drawing receives a Bergara BXR .22 rifle.

This year's auctions and drawings will feature an array of fine art, items, and events: Texas Rangers tickets, a guided fishing trip, Pappy Van Winkle 15-year-old bourbon, a private mixology party, jewelry, assorted gift cards, and art, photography, and pottery donations from your favorites.~DE



Dates
e-BAC Online Auction: April 2-9
(Thursday – Thursday)
Bingo & Burgers: Friday, April 10
Gala Celebration: Saturday, April 11
Dinner & Entertainment
Drawings, Silent & Live Auctions



BOOK CLUB

Book Club members are preparing for an exciting 2026 ahead. During our January meeting we will plan our year to include a variety of genres including current bestsellers and classic favorites. We'll also discuss February's selection, *The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family* by famous film and TV stars, brothers Ron Howard and Clint Howard. We will meet on Wednesday, February 25th, at 10 a.m. All BAC members are welcome!~BH

QUILT GUILD February 14, 2026

Schedule • 11:30 AM • Mingle Noon • Meeting Begins
Visiting and new members are always welcome!

Come join us for a fun and inspiring gathering where we will kick off the year with our upcoming

New Block Challenge.

Details/instructions and fabric will be available.

It is a great opportunity to stretch your skills with a themed group project. **Thread Program** is our presentation, a practical guide to choosing the right thread for machine quilting or hand quilting. Bring your enthusiasm, questions, and maybe a show-and-tell item. We look forward to seeing you there.~CU

CULINARY CLUB

The Culinary Club welcomed celebrated James Beard award-winning chef Tim Byres to the BAC on January 15. A large crowd heard Byres speak about his fascinating three-decade career managing kitchens from California to Texas, New York City and Belgium. A natural storyteller, Chef Byres covered his highs and lows in the food industry while holding up chef coats from the many restaurants he's worked in. Guests enjoyed appetizers and wine while Byres discussed his concept of the shared table among community and friends and using the freshest local ingredients. Byres is best known for heading the kitchen at Smoke Restaurant in Dallas and his book *Smoke: New Firewood Cooking* won him the James Beard Award in 2014. He was also co-owner of the Chicken Scratch in Oak Cliff. Byres and his wife, Mo, now call Bosque County home and look forward to being more involved locally.~BD



ART CLUB

In January over 20 club members and guests gathered in the Atrium while artist and teacher extraordinaire Susan Stephens demonstrated paper marbling. Participants left with a variety of beautiful papers useful for collage, journal pages, and more. Our next meeting, February 3 at 10:00 a.m., features an "Art Swap." Members are invited to bring/donate gently used or un-needed art supplies to trade with others. No \$ will change hands! Steven Umbach and Judy Parton will present the program.

Wild About Flowers 2nd Annual Show and Sale

The Bosque Arts Center Art Club is busy planning the 2nd Annual Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale. Last year's debut of this juried show was a "blooming" success with over 50 entries from regional artists. Details and forms will soon be available on the BAC website and in March's newsletter. For now, save these important dates: February 16- Call for Entries available (Includes requirements and procedures). April 8 & 9- Artwork submission deadline (All art must be hand delivered to BAC). April 23 6-7:30 p.m. Opening reception. April 23-May 8. Show and Sale is open to the public in the 2nd Floor Gallery. ~BH

Kathy Finstad showing her marble painting



LINDA LUCAS HARDY WORKSHOP

Colored Pencil on Four Distinctive Surfaces

April 17-18, 2026

Cost \$250.00

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.~DE



BAC GIFT SHOP

We are excited to introduce Nancy Boren Solohubow to the Bosque Arts Center Gift Shop. Many of you may know Nancy from her beautiful paintings but she has now ventured into the art of pottery making. Her ceramics are inspired by textures and patterns, especially those found in nature. Texas wildflowers, prairie grasses and plants from her garden outside Clifton all provide raw material for the molds she makes which in turn shape coffee mugs, bottles and other assorted pieces. Her beautiful and unique designs have been welcomed by several gift shops and galleries, so we are excited to have her in our arts center.. Stop by and see her collection of mugs and enjoy the many other items that the gift shop has to offer.~KH



TIN BUILDING THEATRE

The dust and noise from theatre renovations have not stopped the TBT Board of Directors from working behind the scenes in securing our 2026 season line up. We are thrilled to announce that we plan to open our newly renovated theatre with the beloved classic Steel Magnolias. This deeply cherished play has created “laughter through tears” for generations of TBT audiences and continues to resonate with its heartfelt storytelling, and unforgettable characters. Opening our doors with this production feels like the perfect way to welcome audiences back into a renewed space that honors both tradition and growth. Auditions will be Feb 22 at 3:00 and Feb 24 at 7:00.~LR



BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Bosque Chorale had a well-received Christmas concert on December 11, “Agnus Dei: Lamb of God Born to Us,” directed by David Anavitarte. The large crowd also enjoyed a special performance by the Bosque County Children’s Choir prior to the concert, “A Child’s Prayer at Christmas.” under the direction of Beth Fry and Brandi Blair.

Rehearsals began Jan. 13 for the Bosque Chorale spring concert, which will be a celebration of our nation’s 250th anniversary. Rehearsals by the Children Choir have also begun. All classes have resumed for the new year, including the Piano Lab. Plans are also underway for the summer Children’s Music Camp, the annual “Showcase for Young Musicians,” and our spring scholarship application process. It looks to be another busy, fun-filled year for the BCMA. ~BD



Wine-Pairing Dinner Moved to February

The dinner with Wedding Oak Winery previously scheduled for Jan. 23 has been rescheduled to **February 27** due to the weather.

Some tickets have opened up for the evening, which begins at 5:30 p.m. and features 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 event.~JB

BAC EVENT CO-ORDINATOR RENEE POSTON

You've probably seen her around the BAC, particularly on event days such as concerts and dinners. She is a quiet presence here at the BAC doing her job as Event Coordinator, but you may not know what she is responsible for during those times. Renee Poston is the individual responsible for the BAC during after-hour events. Renee Poston has worked at the BAC now for three years and reports to and works with Deb Phinney to make sure events operate smoothly. Her role extends from supervision of the kitchen and staff, opening and closing during after-hour events and being the entrance gatekeeper during non-food events. You might see her setting out ice and water during Bingo, helping with plated dinner service and concert clean-up. Making sure the doors are unlocked and locked before and after events as well as meeting the caterer here early to get things ready for receptions and dinners are among the many things she does. In her spare time, she is an avid photographer and a member of the Photography Guild here at the BAC. Additionally she runs her own wedding coordinator business. She is married to Kenny and they have three grown boys, a daughter-in-law and three grandbabies.~DP



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

In Memoriam

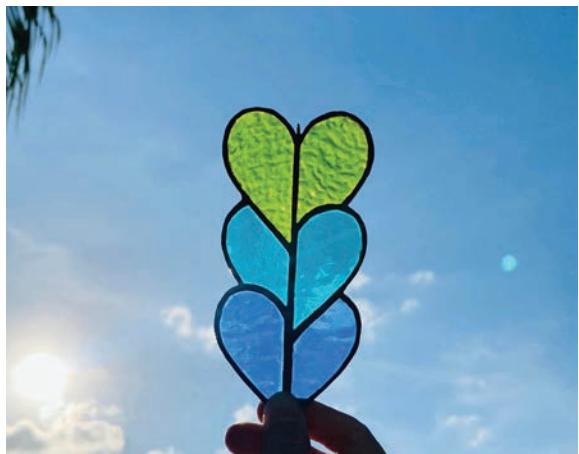
We were saddened to learn of Wandalene Wilson's passing last fall. A longtime BAC and Art Club member, she first joined in 2010. Wanda won recognition in Art Club shows and was known for her moody landscapes and bird depictions. She was also a TBT and Art Patron. We extend our condolences to her family at the loss of this sweet lady.



**From the 2014 Art Patrons Christmas Party:
Chester and Sue Posey, Cleon Flanagan, and
Wanda Wilson~DE**

STAINED GLASS

Ever been curious about what is entailed to create stained glass pieces? Come on out and give it a try! On February 7th and February 21st there will be a beginner class from 9am to 1pm. All materials will be provided, and you can take your masterpiece home on the same day! We will be creating a multi-level heart spinner that will beautifully rotate in the wind for your front porch. Each workshop is an individual experience, no previous knowledge required. Size is limited, so call the office to make your reservation!~DY



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Bosque Arts Center

HOURS • MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 a.m. 5 p.m
Saturday: Special Events Only

FEBRUARY		
Feb. 2	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 3	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 8	Superbowl Party: Reservations Needed	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Valentines Progressive Dinner	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	BINGO: Reservations Needed	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
EARLY MARCH		
March 2	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
March 3	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
March 11	Mardi Gras Dinner at Olaf's	TBD
March 14	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
March 20	Art Patron Event: Bruce Greene Art Talk	TBD

Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.

~Oscar Wilde



SUPER BOWL AND SUPER FOOD!

A few tickets remain for the catered Super Bowl party on February 8 at 4pm at Lee and Leanne Donner's Posse Headquarters on Highway 6 in Clifton.

Chef Ken Patrick is preparing an out-of-this-world menu: smoked brisket sliders, pork ribs with BBQ sauce, smokehouse chicken wings, boudin, sausage, cheese & crackers, mac and cheese, baked beans, peach bread pudding, and vanilla bean sauce. Tickets for the meal and open bar are \$100 each. Enjoy great food and watch football on a 30-foot screen with stadium seating. Call the BAC to reserve your spot.



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