

JANUARY 2026

# BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

## REDNECK TENORS

Join us in Frazier Performance Hall on January 31, 2026, for the highly entertaining 3 Redneck Tenors. This group of cousins will simply delight you and have you laughing and giggling shortly after the start of the show. Classically trained, they bring us songs from every genre possible: country, gospel, pop and classical--they do it all and have a high, ole time doing it. Their voices have a range that is truly amazing and versatile while their characters pull you along with the stories being told.

BAC member presale starts January 5, 2026. Online sale begins January 12.~LP



## SNOWFLAKE BINGO



Mark your calendars for the kick-off of 2026 with **SNOW-FLAKE BINGO**, Tuesday, January 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The clouds over the Atrium Café will open up for a special limited seating Bingo event in the Atrium Café. (Change in location due to the construction taking place in the Tin Building Theatre.) Adam Willmann will be the snowman in charge. Each of our snowflake Bingo rounds will provide money from \$25, all the way to \$750 for the Big Money Jackpot on the last game. **SEATING RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS BINGO GAME.** Call to make your reservations at 254-675-3724. No on-line reservations will be available. Reserved seating will begin at 5:30. Seating for non-reservations is first come first seated. Don't take a chance you'll be caught without a seat for this snowflake storm of money.~DP



## ART CLUB

On December 2, the Art Club celebrated the end of a landmark year with a lively Christmas party. About 25 members shared food, fun, and gifts. During 2025 we added many new members, energized and engaged our "veteran" members, successfully held our first ever art show, filled the atrium with Holiday art, and hosted programs featuring a wide range of topics: ink and wash; tie-dying, drawing, acrylic and oil methods, organization tips, etc, from area experts as well as our members. 2026 will bring more opportunities for creativity to bloom as we host our 2nd annual art show, Wild About Flowers, and offer a full schedule of absorbing monthly programs. Come join this friendly and creative bunch through your BAC membership. Add the Art Club to your annual dues. It's a bargain! Next meeting: January 6 at 10a.m.~BH



## BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE WINNERS

“Endangered” by Kathryn Jones of Walnut Springs: \$1,000 Jones Best of the West Award and 1st Place Short Story.

Other award winners are as follows. OPEN SHORT STORY: 2nd “Long Green” Miles Wilson; 3rd “Selichot : ssenevigroF” Laura Bowman; Honorable Mention “Pecan Tales” Amber Kirkpatrick and “What Endures” Shawna Deboer. OPEN ESSAY: 1st “The Pet Mosquito” Theo Boyd; 2nd “The Homeplace” Karen Smith; 3rd “Widder Women of Autry, Texas” by Lisa Hart-Alldredge; HM “On The House” by Lynne Schmidt; HM “Stars, Streams, And Small Things” by Pearl Dong. OPEN POETRY: 1st “If I Wrote The Obituary Honestly” Lynne Schmidt; 2nd “Inheritance” Kathryn Jones; 3rd “Alternate Universe Where Your Death Is More Gentle” Lynne Schmidt; HM “Legacy” Kathryn Jones; HM “Dimensions” Anne McCrady. HIGH SCHOOL POETRY: 1st “The Diary of a Teenage Girl” Charley New (Clifton); 2nd “Oak Tree” Jaclyn Nickel (Clifton); 3rd “The Dark” Isaiah Aars (Cranfills Gap). HS PROSE: 1st “The Brave Little Astronaut” Halo Bell (Iredell); 2nd “As One” Adeline Clark (Woodway); 3rd “That Day Over Pearl” Reed Martin; HM “Jungle Guns” Gabriel Prusha; HM “One Fuzzy Morning” by Cheyenne Thiele.

Congratulations to our other finalists. OPEN POETRY: Tammy Iralu – “Down to the Bones,” Mike Skaggs - “Ropes,” Kathryn Jones – “My Father’s Hands,” Anne McCrady – “Momentum,” Terry York - “Distance Is Your Travel Companion”; OPEN SHORT STORY: Laura Bowman – “M18:10,” Dalinda Ackerman – “Russtee’s First Ride,” Steven Eller – “Sunrise Service,” Bryan Bowman – “Curses of the Conquered,” Sophia Neumann - “The Library.”~DE

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### *Looking Back...*

We’ve sprinkled some photos from 2025  
throughout this issue.  
See if you remember the event.



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## QUILT GUILD

“Art heals” is the simple but profound truth that creating something beautiful with your hands (and heart) has real therapeutic power – for both the person making the art and the person receiving it. A chemo quilt made by members of our guild was given to Bosque County resident Miriam Wallace in the midst of her ongoing cancer battle.

“My cancer has shown me that God has me in his hands and he will do a great work through this. Be encouraged!” Miriam said.

It’s a beautiful testament to faith and hope in the midst of hardship.

Join us to discuss our upcoming goals for 2026. Bring your Quilt Art to Show and Tell. Guests and new members are always welcome!

Saturday, January 10, 2026 11:30 A.M. mingle; meeting begins at noon.~CU





## ATRIUM GALLERY



Welcome to 2026 and January's Atrium Gallery exhibit by Andrea La Valleur-Purvis. A British American sculptor based locally here in Central Texas, La Valleur-Purvis works primarily in steel. Creating bold abstract forms that explore resilience, balance, and the architecture of emotion, her sculptures range from intimate works to large scale outdoor pieces. Familiar structures explore unexpected angles, dynamic tension, and rhythms that feel both deliberate and spontaneous. The exhibition will be on display January 5 through January 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily in the Atrium Gallery and during weekend events.~DP

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

Catered by Chef Ken Patrick, sponsored by Lee and Leanne Donner at their Posse Headquarters. Watch the game on the 30-foot high-definition screen, sit in stadium seating to cheer on your team. Next best thing to being there! If you didn't purchase your ticket in this year's e-BAC auction, buy it soon. Tickets \$100.00



## PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The Photography Guild encourages and promotes the art of photography in Bosque County and beyond. The guild also serves as an outlet for the area's many professional and amateur photographers. The guild plays host to an annual judged photography competition for students, where awards are presented in several categories, with the entries being displayed for a month at the Arts Center.

The Photography Guild maintains its own permanent collection in the Photography Gallery, located on the second floor of the building. Featured there are rotating exhibits, winners from Viewpoint competitions, and special lectures and workshops on the art of photography.

Currently the Photography Guild is showing an exhibit of member's photos with a theme of "What The?" This features shots that may leave you guessing what the subject of the photo is. Also currently on display in the Goodall-Witcher Hospital clinic are member's photos with an architectural theme.

We invite all who are interested in photography to join us when we meet at the Arts Center on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.~RH



## SAVE THE DATE

VALENTINES  
PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2026



## CULINARY CLUB

The BAC Culinary Club will host Chef Tim Byers at our January 15 meeting. Perhaps best known for cooking with wood and fire, his culinary interests run the gamut of innovative food. His career has led him to prestigious restaurants, like the Mansion at Turtle Creek, but also to exploring natural ingredients for nutrition. He was a noted restaurateur with SMOKE and Chicken Scratch, both highly popular eateries.

In 2012, Chef Byers was named Southwest Food and Wine Magazine's "People's Best New Chef" and in 2011, his book *Smoke: New Firewood Cooking* won the prestigious James Beard Award.

His life so far has been a series of successes and introspective work. You will want to hear all about his past and future plans.

We meet at 5:30 in the atrium~VR.

**The Culinary Club celebrating with a pot luck Thanksgiving Dinner, featuring smoked turkey by Larry Tigner. The tradition of a Thanksgiving meal together was started by Jenny Walker and 29 folks attended this year.**




# Crawfish Boil

**MARCH 2026**

MIKE ROUNTREE SERVES UP  
HIS SIGNATURE CRAWFISH AT  
THE DONNER POSSE  
HEADQUARTERS ON HWY 6

Limited Reservations - \$30/per person



## BOOK CLUB

"Funny, smart and wise" wrote one reviewer when describing January's book club selection *Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl. As a food critic for the New York Times and a former editor of *Gourmet* magazine, Reichl certainly has the "chops" to write about food...but make no mistake--this is not a recipe book, unless you are looking for a "recipe" for laughter mixed with wisdom. Reichl's book entertains as she chronicles her time spent "undercover" as she reviewed restaurants while wearing a variety of eccentric disguises. Along with her notes about delicious food, interesting ambience, and wacky costumes, Reichl offers "tidbits" about the ways our outer appearances affect our self-images and clearly influence how others treat us. Book Club meets on Wednesday January 28th at 10: a.m. in the BAC Atrium/Café area and is free to all BAC members. Come, read, and join our discussion!~BH



## 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  
Blossom**



## BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The holidays are a time to celebrate a productive year and plan another season of bringing joy through music to the Bosque Arts Center and beyond. The Dec. 11 Bosque Chorale Christmas concert, directed by David Anavitarte, was a beautiful way to end 2025. “Agnus Dei-Lamb of God, Born to Us,” brought home the spirit of Christmas to all in attendance. The Bosque County Children’s Choir performed prior to the Chorale performance and were outstanding.

The BCMA held its annual membership meeting on Dec. 1, which included the election of new directors and officers. Plans were discussed for the annual “Showcase of Young Musicians” and the Bosque Chorale spring concert. Please contact the BAC for more information on our piano lab and classes and how you can be a part of the BCMA. Wishing each of you a healthy and joyful New Year.~BD

Left to right, Pam Hardcastle, Bryan Davis, Marsha Brown, Kara Ramsey, Paige Bizzell, Lisa Payne, Ginnie Plauche, Richard Lundberg, Punky Penberthy and Kathy Harr.



December Visitor:  
Charlotte Marynell Rohne Wallace.  
She and her husband,  
Wendell Wallace, attended  
the college here.





**Linda Lucas Hardy**

**Returning with another  
wonderful class  
April 17 - 18, 2026**

Linda's topic will be exploring different surfaces for colored pencil (for example, drafting film, sand paper, or toned/tinted paper) This is a new workshop and Linda says she is super excited about teaching it.

### **BOSQUE ARTS CENTER BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

We thought a building update to be in order as there are changes coming soon.

On one side of the building, we have started the 1st floor windows project. You will hear hammers pounding and maybe some sawing going on in both ends of the building. Ah, the smell of sawdust!

Over the holiday closure, the entry and atrium floors will be updated with a beautiful new flooring material.

The theatre will be closed for the next few months as there will be an update going on in there too. Renderings at each door will feature images of the renovated theatre.

In advance, we apologize for the dust and noise, just know that the building will become more energy efficient and more beautiful.

BAC Building Committee



**April 10-11, 2026**

**Let Freedom Ring**

44th Annual Big Event

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

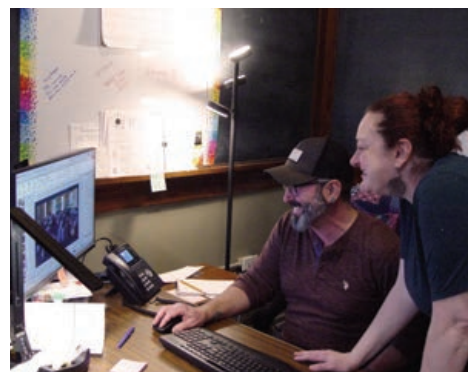
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FUNdraiser at the BAC.

Friday • April 10 • Bingo

Night Saturday April 11

Dinner & Dance





## 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

### Coming Soon!

This spring, the BAC will offer a series of basic drawing workshops by local artist Tim Goss. Watch the website and upcoming newsletters for details!

### DONATIONS

Leanne Donner  
Gift Membership for  
Cheryl Olson

**Big Event**  
Leanne Donner

**Chorale Orchestra/Conductor Fund**  
Punky Penberthy

**In Honor Of**  
Charlie & Judy Blue  
Wally & Punky Penberthy  
*by Anonymous*



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

| JANUARY        |  |            |
|----------------|--|------------|
| Jan. 1-2       | HOLIDAY                                | Closed     |
| Jan. 5         | Bosque Arts Center reopens             | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Jan. 5         | Redneck Tenor<br>BAC Member Pre-Sale   | 9:00a.m.   |
| 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 12         | Redneck Tenors online sale             | 9:00a.m.   |
| Jan. 13        | Writers' Guild                         | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Jan. 15        | Culinary Club with Chef Byers          | 5:30p.m.   |
| Jan. 20        | BINGO: Reservations Needed             | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Jan. 22        | Stained Glass Guild                    | 6:30p.m.   |
| Jan. 23        | Wine Dinner                            | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Jan. 28        | Book Club                              | 10:00 a.m. |
| Jan. 31        | Redneck Tenors Concert in Frazier Hall | 7:00 p.m.  |
| EARLY FEBRUARY |  |            |
| Feb. 2         | Needle Arts                            | 10:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 3         | Art Club                               | 10:00 a.m. |
| Feb. 8         | Superbowl Party: Reservations Needed   | TBD        |
| Feb. 10        | Writers' Guild                         | 6.00p.m.   |
| Feb. 14        | Valentines Progressive Dinner          | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Feb. 17        | BINGO: Reservations Needed             | 6:30 p.m.  |

*The painter has the universe in his mind and hands*  
~Leonardo da Vinci



## 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

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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.

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designated by the



### BOSQUE ARTS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

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