

JULY 2026

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas



**Quilt Guild 10th Anniversary
Celebration!**
**Join us as we celebrate
10 years of
creativity, community
quilting passion!**

Attention, Quilters....the Quilt Show is just around the corner on Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8. Vendors will be in the TBT to set up their wares on Thursday, August 6. That same evening a special reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. to introduce this year's vendors and announce our quilt show winners. The public is invited to attend. The admission fee for the quilt show is \$7 this year. We'll have a food truck outside both Friday and Saturday to serve food for guests in attendance. We have a vendor lineup which includes quilt-related merchandise but also have a number of others offering a variety of merchandise. We'll have a knife sharpener on sight Saturday for scissors and knives. For those considering entering the quilt show, please do so. It's not all about winning a prize but also about displaying the beauty of the art you have made with your quilt. Entry forms only are due on July 10. Actual quilts are not delivered until July 22 – 29, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have additional questions not answered on the entry form, please call Deb at 254-675-3724.~DP

SUMMER-TIME BINGO

Tuesday, July 21, is the next installment of SUMMERTIME BINGO at the BAC. We're celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States with a red white and blue theme. Save the date, and be sure and join members and guests for this fun-filled evening. Remember to bring your snacks and libations and get ready for your chance to win a jackpot, possibly the big one, \$500. Doors open at 5:30 and Bingo starts at 6:30 in the newly refurbished Tin Building Theatre. See you there!~DP



**Remember to renew your
BAC membership!**

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Summer is in full swing, and music is in the air at the BAC. The annual four-day summer Music Camp this year will be held July 13-16 and geared for kids completing 1st grade through 6th grades. The camp will again be instructed by Vickie Ketchum and BCMA volunteers. Cost is \$90 per student but scholarships are available. Check the Arts Center office for details if this would be of interest to children you know.~BD



Steve Schmidt Retirement Reception July 11: 2-4 p.m.

THE BOSQUE GAZETTE

SATURDAY...JULY 11, 2026 Issue

All the news that matters..

The Legend Has Retired



Steve Schmidt, the Bosque Arts Center's Building Manager (as well as light and sound engineer par excellence), has retired as of May 2026. Steve says he'll still be around to

volunteer for plays or concerts (as he has since 1982 as a founding member of the Tin Building Theatre), but we plan to celebrate him with a grand send-off on Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.



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May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always
at your back.
-An Irish Blessing

ART CLUB

Our July Art Club meeting brings a special guest and a mid-summer boost to our creativity as we welcome former art teacher, paper expert, and multi-media artist Suzi Ickles. Suzi's art interests include collage, calligraphy, gelli printing, bookmaking and art journals. Wow! Suzi will teach several paper folds that are great substrates for whatever medium and artwork you choose. Hands-on projects include a zine, an origami envelope, a box, a gift card holder... Wonderful things will emerge as we snip, fold and create. Even better--Suzi will bring all the papers! Attendees just need to bring scissors and your typical painting supplies (a bone folder is optional). Join us as we chase away the summer doldrums, Art Club style.~BH

Meeting Time
July 7 10:00 a.m

Suzi Ickles



SOUND BATH

During these hot summer months, consider an hour of peace and calm by enjoying a Sound bath break Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m. Bring your yoga mat, pillow, and blanket 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. See you there.~DP

For 17 years, Steve has been our go-to for building maintenance as well as event setup and take down--which included moving tables, chairs, and Christmas trees among other things. He has also handled front-of-house sound and lighting for events dating back to his days as a volunteer in the 80's. Long before he served as an employee of the BAC, Steve volunteered his talents for TBT, Big Event, Art Classic, and many other events.

A charter member of TBT, Steve manned the light and sound booth for every production in its first 20 years and has remained a primary sound tech—44 years in all. In the early 90's, he designed and secured financing for a new lighting system in the TBT, then took two weeks off from work to install it. He also took time to appear onstage at TBT alongside his mother, Joy, and his wife, Dianne. He starred in such TBT hits as The Trip to Bountiful, The Odd Couple, The Diary of Anne Frank, and Bosque County, Texas (the last rendition of which he directed as well as starred).

Steve was honored for his volunteerism in April 2009 with the Spieler Lifetime Achievement Award. Not long after that, the BAC offered him part-time employment to share his talents in even more areas. He has kept our filters and lights changed, drains unclogged, stages lit, and singers heard for years now, and for that we wish him a very rewarding retirement. Please join us for a come-and-go reception on July 11, 2 - 4 p.m. to celebrate him. ~DE

NEEDLEARTS

Needlearts will not meet in July.
Have a happy 4th! ~RAD.

BOSQUE ARTS CENTER GIFT SHOP

Stop by the BAC gift shop this summer. We have so many craft and art projects that your children will enjoy. They can use their creative juices to paint birdhouses, race cars, magnets, and wind chimes. We have tablecloths to color, cross stitching, puzzle making and more. In addition, please support the arts center by stopping by and seeing all the lovely items produced by our pottery folks and artists. All available at reasonable prices.~KH



PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The BAC Photo Guild normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4pm on the 2nd floor of the Arts Center; however, in July we will not be meeting (summer heat, schedules, etc.).

Currently, we have an exhibit of photos on display at the BAC, with a theme of “Macro”, which is well worth coming by to see. Also, for the first time, we have an individual exhibit in the adjoining room featuring photos by Guild member Richard Haas, which will be on display through July. We are planning to feature a rotation of Guild members’ work whenever the room is available.

Currently on display at the Goodall Witcher Clinic is a collection of “People” photos.

We welcome interested photographers to attend a meeting. Contact the BAC for information.~RH

ATRIUM GALLERY

In preparation for the upcoming quilt show, the Atrium Gallery is spotlighting miniature quilts, wall hangings and smaller items from BAC Quilt Guild members. You will see the same dynamic colors and textures as regular sized quilts only in a smaller size. Swing by and see these amazing quilts in miniature at the Atrium Gallery. View daily from 9 to 5 and on weekends during special events.~DP

QUILT GUILD

Come help us mark this special milestone with fun, friendship, and cake!

Date: July 11, 2026 Time: 11:30am

Location: Spieler Art Room

All contestants bring your items for the Color Block Challenge voting planned for this meeting. Bring your show and tell and works in progress. New members and visitors are always welcome. Let’s make this our most colorful year yet!~CU



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

WRITERS' GUILD

Come Write With Us

Do you have a story tucked away, a poem half-finished, a memory that keeps asking to be written down, or simply a love for words? Join us at our next Writers Guild meeting Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m., for a time of creativity, conversation, and inspiration. Whether you are a seasoned writer, a beginner, a journal keeper, a poet, a storyteller, or someone who has always wondered if writing might be for you, there is a place at our table. We'll share ideas, spark new work, learn from one another, and remember that writing does not have to be solitary. Bring a notebook and a pen. Come be encouraged. Come be inspired. Come write with us.~CI



BOOK CLUB

Say the name Hercule Poirot (if you dare) and millions of mystery aficionados immediately conjure a picture of the eccentric Belgian (Please... NOT French) detective created by Agatha Christie. July's Book Club selection, *Death on the Nile* (1937) features one of Poirot's most famous cases--a murder onboard a boat of tourists who sail on the Nile River in the 1930s. Christie's popular character appears in 33 novels from 1920 until Poirot's last case in 1975 (one year before Christie's death) and has been portrayed in numerous TV series, plays, and full-length movies. Reading the original will reveal Christie's amazing ability to create multiple plot twists as well as her skill at bringing even minor characters to life with a few well-chosen words. (*Death on the Nile* has over 30 characters embedded within its pages!) Book Club meets on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium.~BH

MAHJONG & BRIDGE

Mahjong is on the way once again to the BAC. We have been in contact with Mama Bear Mahjong out of Waco to provide lessons for those interested. Currently we're awaiting their scheduling and pricing. We hope to have lessons during both the day and evening. Stay tuned for more information.

We have also had a number of requests for Bridge lessons at the BAC. Currently I have not found a teacher in the area but am still searching. If you know of someone or you yourself would be interested in teaching bridge, please let Deb Phinney know. Call the office at 254-675-3724. ~DP

WELCOME NEW BOSQUE ARTS CENTER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**BOSQUE ARTS CENTER
NEW BOARD MEMBERS**



**LORANA RUSH
RICK LUNDBERG
AMY GLOFF
TRISH FERGERSON
SUSAN WILLMANN**



A new line-up took office on the BAC Board of Directors in June. We welcome new members Amy Gloff, Trish Ferguson, Rick Lundberg, Lorana Rush, and Susan Willmann to the board. Officers for the coming year are President Al Poteet, President-Elect Leslie Bennett, Secretary Virginia Richards, and Treasurer Amy Gloff. Rounding out the board are directors Judith Baker, Judi Boston, Karen Cornett, Bryan Davis, Sally Douglas, Trish Ferguson, Chad Holt, Rick Lundberg, Lorana Rush, Peggy Sue Reed, Cindy Upton, and Susan Willmann. We'd like to extend our thanks to outgoing board members Linda Lowrance, Joanne Blossom, Jan Beavers, Don Boysen, Marvin Grelle, and John Thomas.

The usual meeting time of the BAC Board (in scheduled months) is the third Monday at 5 p.m. ~DE

CULINARY CLUB

Ever wish you could impress your breakfast guests with wonderful homemade biscuits? Join the Culinary Club in the BAC kitchen July 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Bryan Davis will show you how it's done. Bring your apron and your appetite!~VR



CAMPS

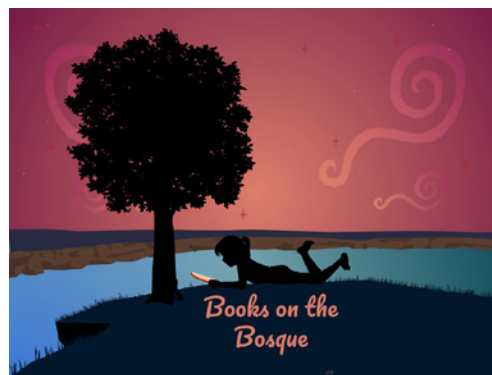
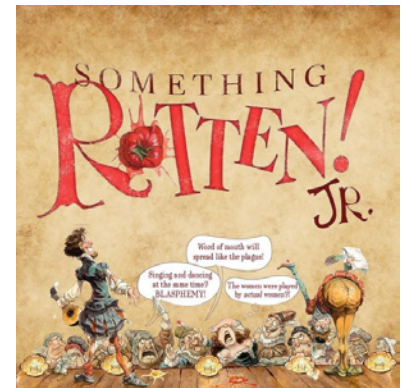
The camp season is off and running at the BAC. Imagination Factory finished off Thursday, June 18, with the final performance by the music portion. Teachers this year were Shannon Birchum, Julie Maxwell, Tia Oliver, and Jeanne Davis. Class helpers were Suzi Etheredge, Anna Lovel, Lillian Harris, Coco Guitierrez and Lila Alfaia. Group guides were Ellie Baker, Hannah Beaudin, Marilee Harris and Daniel Terrell. A highlight was the recognition of Dianne Robertson and Dawn Nowell for their retirement in 2025 after a 15+ years as camp instructors.

Next up on the schedule was Sewing Camp led by Katrina Barrett with Linda Duncan as her aide, followed by Taekwondo with instructor Catherine Wilkerson. Rising Stars Theatre camp has been in rehearsals for *Something's Rotten Junior* since the beginning of the month and will culminate with their performances July 30, 31 and August 1, 2. Cursive writing and Calligraphy taught by Donna Jarman will combine with Story Arts to finish up in early July. Pottery camp is next up and led by Susan Stephens and the Pottery Club. This camp is sold out. Our other July camps are Music Camp put on by the BCMA. Music camp still has availability for sign ups. Stained Glass Camp and Young Chefs Camp at the end of July are both filled up.~DP

JUNE DONATIONS WILL BE LISTED IN AUGUST NEWSLETTER

RISING STARS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Join the TBT's Rising Stars children's theatre for *Something's Rotten Jr.*! Children's theatre is an essential part of community theatre because it nurtures confidence and teamwork in young people while helping build the next generation of performers and volunteers. Through theatre, children learn valuable life skills such as communication, responsibility, problem-solving, and self-expression. Community theatre programs provide a safe and supportive environment where young people can develop friendships, discover talents and gain a sense of belonging while bringing families together and communities together. Reserve tickets by calling 254-675-3724 or online at www.bosqueartscenter.org.~LR



Get those short stories, essays, and poems ready! The Books on the Bosque entry deadline is September 21, with the writing conference scheduled for November 14. Writing guidelines will be posted on the Books page of the website in the coming weeks; we will begin accepting entries beginning August 1. Write on, friends! ~DE

**TBT Auditions for Fall Show OKLAHOMA
July 5 @ 3pm
July 6 & 8 @6pm**

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families of Anna Marie Lindley and Nancy Tuttle, who passed away recently.



Anna Marie and her husband, Charles, have long been members of the Arts Center, joining in 1987. Anna Marie served on the Board of Directors in the early days of the then Bosque County Conservatory of the Fine Arts. As her obituary testifies, “Anna Marie’s contributions to her community were profound and lasting” as she supported Clifton through her work with the Chamber of Commerce, the Clifton Economic Development Corporation, the Heart of Texas Workforce Development Board, the Bosque County Rotary Board, and the Clifton Education Foundation. Her presence will be missed.



Nancy Tuttle’s ties to the BAC extend to days even before its creation. Art was just a hobby for her until she trained under artists at Joan Spieler’s studio in Clifton, then she began teaching art there herself. (Nancy’s son believes she may have even taught a young Martin Grelle.) She was an early member of the Art Club and after Spieler founded the BCCFA, Nancy taught workshops here in oil painting. She was a juried artist in the Bosque Art Classic, being a finalist for the Popular Choice Award in the initial Classic in 1986. Nancy’s son notified us to tell of her passing and of how much she still loved the center. He added that in lieu of flowers or gifts, she wished to be honored with a donation to the BAC.~DE

JULY EVENTS		
July 2	Rising Stars Rehearsals <i>see textbox below for all dates</i>	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
July 7	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
July 7	Pottery Camp	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
July 9	Stained Glass Meeting	10:00 a.m.
July 11	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
July 11	Steve Schmidt Retirement Reception	2-4 p.m.
July 13-16	BCMA Music Camp	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 14	Writers’ Guild	6 p.m.
July 16	Music Camp Performance	Noon
July 16	Culinary Club	5:00 p.m.
July 17	Junk Journal Workshop	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
July 18	Junk Journal Workshop	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
July 21	BINGO	6:30 p.m.
July 27-30	Stained Glass Camp	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 27-30	Young Chef’s Camp	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 29	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
July 30 & 31	Rising Stars Performances: <i>Something’s Rotten, Jr.</i>	7:30 p.m.
Early AUGUST Events		
August 1 & 2	Rising Stars Performances: <i>Something’s Rotten, Jr.</i>	3:00 p.m.
August 3	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
August 4	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
August 7-8	Quilt Show	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The sight of the stars makes me dream

~Vincent Van Gogh

TBT RISING STARS REHEARSAL DATES
JULY 2,7,9,14,16,17,20,22,23,24,27,28,29
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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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