

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas



Gene Watson

By Linda Pfeiffer

Tickets are available for the Gene Watson concert on January 21! Got yours?! Maybe you want to buy a ticket for that special someone and treat you both to a mid-January pickup!

With his classic hits and a few new songs too, it will be a toe tapping good time with Gene Watson!



Visit our website for reservations or call 254 675-3724 for assistance in ordering your seats. Come prepared to enjoy hot dogs, frito pie, nachos and baked potatoes too! Along with other concession items.

We look forward to seeing you on January 21!

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BIG EVENT

Save the Date: 38th Annual Bosque Art Classic

Entry Deadline:

May 31, 2023

Judge:

Seth Hopkins of the Booth
Museum

Show dates:

September 9-23

Big Event 2023

March 31-April 1

Make plans now for Big Event weekend March 31-April 1, when the theme will be all about Elvis!

Friday, March 31, will bring Viva Las Vegas casino night...and Elvis WILL be in the building. Tribute artist Al Joslin joins us for the whole weekend



because no Las Vegas night is complete without The King. Play to win chances on prizes and make time for a photo op.

Saturday, April 1, **ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE**. The evening will include raffle items and a silent auction, followed by a delicious dinner and Big Event fanfare. The night will be topped off by a concert by Al Joslin and his band. Sponsor tickets will be available for the whole Big Event Saturday night, as well as reserved seating for the concert only.

Concert tickets will sell for \$50 & \$75, while sponsorships are available for \$250 & \$500.

Prior to Big Event weekend will be the online auction, with a variety of wonderful items.

Stay tuned!

Quilt Guild

By Linda Pfeiffer

The quilt guild will not meet in January. We wish you a Happy New Year!

If you have quilting questions please call 254-675-3724.

Calligraphy Workshop

By Deb Phinney

Donna Jarman, certified calligraphy instructor, will once again be offering calligraphy instruction on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held beginning February 7, for four weeks. This class is open to both beginners and intermediate learners and will provide two different styles, Italian and Gothic.

The cost is \$85 with supplies included: paper, ink and calligraphy pens. Please contact the BAC and reserve your spot, as limited seating is available.

BINGO

By Kathy Harr

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. is the first bingo date of the year 2023. Can you believe that?! Please come join in the fun and try to win the 500 dollar jackpot. Bring your friends for a fun night at Bingo.



Fairytales on Ice

By Deb Phinney

“A real ice rink on stage??” Do they really wear ice skates??” “Are they actual skaters??”

And the answer is YES to all of these questions as you will see when you buy a ticket to “Fairytales on Ice,” Saturday, February 25. This family friendly entertainment for both children and adults features two shows, a matinee show starting at 2:00 p.m.



and an evening show at 7:00 p.m.

For sponsor tickets on the first two rows, both adults and children are \$35.00 each. Remaining seating is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids 16 and under. This is all auditorium seating, no tables are available. Tickets for member presale starts Monday, January 16. They are open to the public Monday, January 23. See our website for reservations or call 254 675-3724 for assistance.

Light concessions will be available for sale.

P.S. the ice is artificial, but the ice skaters and the skates are real!!

DONATIONS TO THE BAC

General Donations

Jack & Nancy Harvard

Jo Beck

Master Your Wine

Master your wine-blending skills!! Briefly learn the basics of wine blending from the winemaker at Wedding Oak Winery. Then, form teams and create your own wine blend. Once finished, one member from each team will sit on a judging panel to taste each creation and determine the winning blend, with each member of the winning team awarded a prize. Meanwhile, a professional chef will be preparing food for a private party for all participants immediately following the competition. This event has reached capacity, but call the BAC at 254-675-3724 to be put on the waiting list.

January 13, 2023 at the Bosque Arts Center, 5:30 pm.



Books on the Bosque

The first writing contest held in conjunction with Books on the Bosque weekend yielded successful results for several area writers, including BAC members and Clifton High School students. The contest fielded entries from the local area as well as New Mexico, California, and Maryland.



[Pictured (l to r): Cleon Flanagan, Theo Boyd, Kaitlyn Baker, Nancy Robinson Masters (workshop leader and keynote speaker), Riley Ball, Chelsea Canapi, and Sophie Ritzmann. Not pictured: Kelsey Bryant, Richard Maxson, Beth Hatcher, Terence Cady, Kyndall Hunt, Royce Graham, E. Brett Voss, Patricia Schultheis]

Kaitlyn Baker of Clifton High School took the top honors in the poetry division, while Theo Boyd of Whitney won first place in the nonfiction essay category. Beth Hatcher of Clifton and Kelsey Bryant of Valley Mills won second place awards in the essay and short story categories, respectively. Hatcher also captured third in essay. Cleon Flanagan of Clifton won third in short story and Riley Ball of Clifton High School took third in poetry.

Area writers winning honorable mentions were Chelsea Canapi, Sophie Ritzmann, E. Brett Voss, Royce Graham, Kyndall Hunt, and Flanagan. The complete list of winners are available on the BAC website.

First place winners in each category received \$250, second place drew \$100, and third place winners were awarded \$50. Cash prizes were sponsored by Roland and Joyce Jones, B.C. and Leslie Bennett, Nancy Simpson, Debra Evans, and Vikki Moore.

The weekend was made possible by prior

underwriting for speakers from Atmos Energy. Tolstoy & Co. sponsored breakfast by Corner Drug. The Books committee wishes to also thank all the volunteers who helped with the weekend.



Country singer/songwriter Radney Foster kicked off the event, giving an acoustic concert with snippets of his book of short fiction. On Saturday, author Nancy Robinson Masters conducted writing workshops and delivered inspiring words to all in attendance for the awards ceremony. "If you can read and write, you have power," she reminded.

Art Club

By Lillian Jacoway

Art club members had a blast at our annual Christmas party! So many good gifts, and so little time. The rehomed "ugly little chicks" was traded around, as was the handy artists' journal.



Pictured are Cheryl, our pretty Santa's helper, and "fancy shoes" Barbara. Don't they look great?

The home cooked buffet was plentiful and delicious. We have some good cooks here.

At the January (2023!) meeting the art club will make greeting cards to be donated to Clifton's Sunset Home. Also, a talk will be given on marketing your art.

BAC Murder Mystery and Dinner

By Deb Phinney

There's been a murder at the BAC, or at least there will be on Saturday, February 4 and you're invited to attend, help solve the crime, and find the murderer.

Chef Oz and his team from University High School in Waco along with their master detective Matt Menefee will be here to help us solve this dastardly deed over one of their deliciously prepared dinners. You'll be greeted at the door with a festive cocktail (a French 75) and be treated to a delectable meal: Citrusy salad with Blood Orange vinaigrette; an entrée of braised beef short ribs with port, dried cherry, and Pasilla pepper sauce; saffron risotto; honey-glazed carrots with dill; and haricots verts with bacon and shallots. Dessert will be a flourless chocolate cake with raspberry sauce and white chocolate drizzle.

Tickets are \$100 each and seating is limited to 30 reservations for this entertaining evening of dinner and adult-sized Clue.

Feel free to adopt one of the characters such as Colonel Mustard, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, Dr. Orchid or Reverend Green. Dress the part or just come for the fun and great food. But beware....there is a murderer loose in the Tin Building Theatre and we'll have to solve the crime before the evening is over.

Call for reservations at 254-675-3724.



ATRIUM GALLERY

GEORGE BOUTWELL



George Boutwell is our Atrium Gallery artist featured in January to begin 2023. As a self-taught artist, Boutwell has been plying his artistic talents for 51

years. He managed to support his family of wife, Martha, and two children from his artistic talents. With his lack of funds, Boutwell was unable to afford art lessons and then poor grades limited furthering his education, so he utilized the public library and read every art book available. At one point he practiced his art by doing 100 sketches every day for one year. Over the years he has worked in a number of art related jobs including technical illustrator and art director for Texas Highways Magazine, printing companies, and advertising agencies. Boutwell does not limit himself to only one genre of art, but does limit the scope of his work to Texas. Able to finally take art lessons through a correspondence course in fine art, he transitioned to full-time fine artist in 1973.

George and Martha live outside of Clifton at Highview, their 1904 Victorian home, featured in some of George's artwork. His hobbies and interests include historic preservation, old cars, fossil hunting, wildlife observation, and Longhorn cattle. The Boutwells moved to the Clifton area in 1986.

Boutwell's art will be on display 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and at other times during BAC events. Don't miss George Boutwell's special art exhibit during the month of January in the Atrium Gallery.

Book Club

By Judith Baker

January's Book Club theme is biography, and our selection is *Odyssey: Young Charles Darwin, the Beagle, and the Voyage That Changed the World* by Tom Chaffin.

From December 1831 to October 1836 the Beagle circumnavigated the globe with Darwin, the "gentleman naturalist" aboard, collecting specimens and making notes. The book follows Darwin's travels - this is a travel book as well as a biography - and his exploits as he grows from a naturalist at the beginning of the voyage to an analytical scientist upon his return.

His was a heroic adventure on both land and sea for those five years—he later called it the most important event in his life. Probably so, for it was after his return, with all his specimens, that he found a 'theory by which to work' which evolved into his theory of evolution.

****NOTE:** be sure to order by the author's name, Tom Chaffin, as there are other books about Darwin with similar titles.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday January 25th at 10:00 am - please join us!



Needle Arts

By Punky Penberthy

There will be no Needle Arts meeting in January.

Photography Guild

By Jean Smith

Photography Guild will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 2:00 at the Arts Center.

Tin Building Theatre

By Lorana Rush

2023 will be our 42nd year of performing for audiences in and around Bosque County.

The Tin Building Theatre Board of Directors celebrated Christmas and the 2022 season with dinner at Zur Autobahn in Meridian, TX. Part of the festivities included a report from our Play Reading committee about possible selections for the 2023 season of productions, and it's going to be another amazing year for great theatre! You will laugh, you may cry, you WILL be entertained.

On behalf of our board, Linda Lowrance, Don Boysen, Lorana Rush, Debbie Rollins, Richard Haas, Belinda Prince, and Jo Grelle, thank you for 42 years of support and dedication to the arts!

**Support
the Arts**



As we look to 2023 and you consider year-end giving, please keep the Bosque Arts Center in mind. A non-profit dedicated to promoting the arts, we have flourished over 40 years thanks to your support, dedication, and time.

Happy New Year, friends!

Last Month Memories

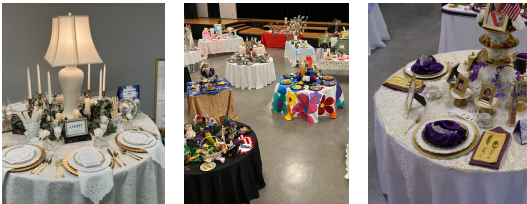
Arts of Christmas



Chorale



Tablescapes



Needle Arts



Books on the Bosque



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JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 2	9 am	BAC Open
Jan 3	10 am	Art Club
Jan 10	6:30 pm	Bingo
Jan 13	5:30 pm	Wedding Oak Winery Wine Blending
Jan 16	-	Fairytales on Ice Member Presale
Jan 17	2 pm	Photography Guild
Jan 19	-	Culinary Club at Zur Autobahn
Jan 21	6 pm	Gene Watson Concert
Jan 23	-	Fairytales on Ice Tickets Open to Public
Jan 25	10 am	Book Club

EARLY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb 4	-	BAC Murder Mystery Dinner
Feb 6	10:30 am	Needle Arts
Feb 7	10 am	Art Club
Feb 7	6 pm	Calligraphy Workshop (1 of 4)
Feb 7	7 pm	Quilt Guild
Feb 14	6 pm	Calligraphy Workshop (2 of 4)
Feb 21	6 pm	Calligraphy Workshop (3 of 4)
Feb 25	2 pm	Fairytales on Ice Matinee

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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