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BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

44th Annual Big Event Let Freedom Ring



Join us for a great time at this year's Big Event. Dress up as your favorite historical figure, or don some patriotic red, white, and blue to celebrate the 250th year of our great nation and the BAC's 44th year of supporting the arts in Central Texas.

Friday, April 10 – Bingos, Burgers & Big Bucks: Get ready for a fun night of bingo and delicious hamburgers with great jackpots. The burger dinner is \$20 and reservations may be made on our website, by returning your invitation's reply card, or by calling the BAC.

Saturday, April 11 – Let Freedom Ring: We'll have a gourmet combination that night, with dinner prepaid by Olaf's and the new Four Forks (Adam Willmann, Rustin Qualls, Rich Douglas, and Ross Argo). The Forks will grill steaks to accompany delicious sides catered by Olaf's: salad, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and bourbon pecan cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

Saturday also features the return of a brief live auction, featuring original art by CAA members **Chad Poppleton, Dave Santillanos, and Brandon Bailey.**

The 26th Annual Spieler Lifetime Achievement Award, the BAC's highest honor, will be presented after dinner. We'll have live entertainment--The Three Troubadours, made up of Phillip Wildman, Brian Barrett, and 2025 Troubadour winner Kenney Davenport. The evening will also include a silent auction and drawings with a variety of items, in addition to the two big raffle drawings for the **50/50 pot** and a **Bergara BXR .22 rifle**. Tickets for those raffles will be available for purchase that weekend or at the BAC office and the March bingo night.

Sponsor tickets are now on sale: 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.

e-BAC Online Auction: April 2-9: First up in April is the e-BAC. Read more inside for details on some of the fantastic items up for bid in our online and live auctions this Big Event season.~DE

e-BAC and Live Auctions

Big Event weekend is preceded by the e-BAC online auction, on **April 2-9**, runs on **Thursday 4/2 at 9 a.m.** to **Thursday 4/9 at 9 p.m.** Between the e-BAC and April 11's live auction, you'll have a chance to bid on and purchase amazing items: Texas Rangers tickets behind home plate, a guided fishing trip, beautiful photography, delectable dinners, jewelry, and more. Take a look...

Original art by Bruce Greene, Martin Grelle, Kathy Tate, Matt Tindell, Linda Lucas Hardy, Judith Baker, and Judy Parton. Jan Beavers will paint a pet portrait for the winning bidder.

Photography by members of our Photography Guild, including a photo shoot by Vickie Mitchell. Pottery by Nancy Boren. American flag metal art by Jeff Harris.

Clay shoot at 3R Farms, half-day guided catfish and striper fishing trip on Lake Whitney for 2-4 guests, engraved Yeti cooler from Ace Hardware, David Marlin jewelry, Cobratec knife. ~DE



LLOYD VOGES



GEORGE BOUTWELL



Bergara BXR .22 rifle donated by Justin & Cynthia Squyres
Drawing on Saturday, April 11.



MARVIN GRELLE



Keep on celebrating Mardi Gras with us at Olaf's Restaurant on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. A fabulous menu awaits...

Cocktails: Hurricanes, Sazeracs ~ Appetizer: Gumbo With Crybabies Cornbread ~ Main Course: Fried Fish, Red Beans & Rice, Fried Okra ~ Dessert: Bread Pudding

The cost for the evening is \$100 per person and includes dinner and two drinks. Make your reservations online or by calling the BAC at 254-675-3724.

All proceeds go to the Bosque Arts Center, as this evening is completely underwritten by Brooks Wealth Advisors CO.~DE



BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Rehearsals are underway for the upcoming Bosque Chorale spring concert, "God Bless the USA: A Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary." The special concert is being directed by long-time conductor David Anavitarte and promises to be an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime patriotic celebration not to be missed. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale soon. Tickets may be secured by contacting the BAC at (254-675-3724 or online at bosqueartscenter.org).

The BCMA has begun its annual Steve Watson Scholarship application process. If you know a deserving graduating Bosque County high school senior, please contact the BAC for details. The BCMA awarded \$5,000 in scholarships in 2025. The Bosque County Children's Choir piano labs are back in full swing. It looks to be a busy spring for the BCMA.~BD



BOOK CLUB

March's Book Club selection highlights the positive influence literature can have on our lives. The bestselling novel, *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi features an unlikely hero, Theo, whose move to the small town of Golden, Georgia, sparks creativity, generosity, purpose and kindness in those whom Theo's life touches. Join us as we welcome spring's beauty and energy and discuss this thought-provoking novel. Wednesday March 25, 10 a.m. in the Atrium.~BH

WRITERS' GUILD

Writers' Guild will meet on March 10 at 6PM sharp with guest speaker, April Rochelle. April is a published author and poet from Dallas, TX. She will be talking with us about her experiences as a writer, poetry slams and the use of chapbooks, how to make them and how to bind them. Everyone is welcome! ~CI



April Rochelle

CULINARY CLUB

The BAC Culinary Club hosted their Valentine's Day Progressive Dinner by moving throughout our beautiful building for each aspect of a wonderful meal. Guests enjoyed Prosecco and hors d'oeuvres in Frazier Performance Hall where Brandi Blair played beautiful songs on the 1928 Chickering grand piano. The dining continued in the atmosphere of the Jones Art Gallery, where Chef Reannon Ruark and Chef David Dunham's University High students provided the main course. The evening concluded in the Atrium, where coffee, music, and desserts galore were the fitting end to an evening with friends, both old and new. The Culinary Club provided all the appetizers and desserts. It was our pleasure to be hosts.

**Jamie Isbell set up the Photo Booth. She and her hubby are the couple on the left. She volunteers all over the BAC.~VR*



PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

We are looking forward to the March meeting, which will be combined with the awards ceremony and reception for the 2026 Photography Guild Student Photo Competition.

The ceremony will be from 2-4 pm on March 21.

Entries will be on display at BAC from March 7th to the 21st. We are giving cash prizes as well as a complete Sony mirrorless digital camera outfit for the Grand Prize winner! We still have our current display, "What the.....", at the BAC and a hallway display at the Goodall/Witcher clinic. We are always open to new members, regardless of your photography experience.~RH

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART SHOW

Artwork in the 22nd Annual High School Student Art Show will be displayed at the BAC in March, beginning with the awards reception on Saturday, March 1. The show, sponsored by the Art Council, remains on display March 3-14. Award-winning local artist Lloyd Voges is serving as this year's judge. The Art Council will be handing out cash prizes three places in each medium, as well as the \$500 Best in Show award sponsored by Roland and Joyce Jones.~DE

ATRIUM GALLERY

March sees the exhibit and kick-off of the e-BAC online auction and the Big Event. Artwork for both of those events will be on display in the Atrium Gallery during the months of March and early April. See original paintings by Kathy Tate, Lloyd Voges, George Boutwell, Judith Baker, Linda Lucas-Hardy, Matt Tindell, Sarah Harless and Martin Grelle and others as they arrive in time for this special artwork sales event. Viewing is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. e-BAC online auction begins April 2 and runs through April 9 ~DP.

ART CLUB

The Art Club's recent meeting was a delightful *Double Feature*—Steven Umbach's presentation featured the critical artistic concept of perspective. His overview of 1-, 2- and 3-point perspective demonstrated how correct or incorrect perspective can make or break your artwork. Judy Parton shared tips for framing art in ways that will enhance the work and at the same time be practical and economical. In March, artist Susan Stephens returns to demo book binding using a variety of papers and techniques. We'll continue our planning for the Wild About Flowers Show and Sale. Art Club meets on Tuesday, March 3 at 10 a.m.~BH



Susan Stephens

WILD ABOUT FLOWERS ART SHOW



LINDA LUCAS HARDY, JUDGE

The Bosque Arts Center Art Club is busy planning the 2nd Annual Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale, which will open on April 23rd. Many local and regional artists will enter the show (And YOU can be one of them!). The esteemed artist Linda Lucas Hardy is this year's judge. BAC's website will soon feature information about the Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale, including the all-important Call for Entries and Entry Forms. Artwork must be hand delivered to the BAC on Wednesday April 8 or Thursday, April 9. The Opening Reception will be in the 2nd Floor Gallery on Thursday, April 23 from 6-7:30pm. The Show and Sale is open to the public during BAC operating hours and continues April 23 through May 8. For more information, contact Jan Beavers at 214-532-8326 or email: wildaboutflowersartshow@gmail.com ~BH

BINGO — MARCH 17



Plan to wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day Bingo (no pinching allowed) on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30. Doors will open at 5:30 for first come first seated Bingo. Remember seating is limited as we are again playing in the Atrium Café. See what the Leprechaun brings for prizes! \$500 jackpot!~DP



STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

Ever been curious what is entailed to create stained glass pieces? Come on out and give it a try! On March 7th and 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 shamrock/clover the first Saturday and Easter eggs the 3rd Saturday. Each workshop is an individual experience, no previous knowledge required. Size is limited, so call the office to make your reservation!~DY

QUILT GUILD

Date: March 14, 2026

Schedule: 11:30 AM – Mingle; Noon – Meeting begins. Visiting and new members are always welcomed! Come join us for a fun and inspiring gathering.

Special Program Guest: Judy Steward Lecture
“My Quilt Journey”

Bring your enthusiasm, any questions, and maybe a show-and-tell item! We look forward to seeing you there.~CU

NEEDLEARTS

Come stitch with us! Monday March 3rd at 10:30 am in the BAC atrium. See you there.~RAD

LINDA LUCAS HARDY WORKSHOP

**Colored Pencil
on Four Distinctive Surfaces
April 17-18, 2026**



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. The Fee \$250.00~DE

LUTHRAN SUNSET MINISTRIES ART SHOW



Our partnership with Lutheran Sunset Ministries continues again this year with the Resident Art Show and reception on Friday, March 27. LSM Residents display their painting skills during their activity time; your vote for the People’s Choice winner and the opportunity to buy copies of your favorites in greeting card form. The paintings will be on display on the walls of the Atrium Café and available for viewing 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily till Thursday, April 2. Join friends and family along with the staff of Lutheran Sunset Ministries at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 2. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.~DP

BRUCE GREENE ART TALK



Art Patrons can look forward to an informative art talk with Bruce Greene on March 20. Bruce is fresh off winning multiple awards at last November’s Cowboy Artists of America show: Gold Medal Sculpture in for Bred for the Dance, Silver Medal Water Solubles for Covered in the Indian Blanket, and the True West Award for his oil The Best of Days. Sponsored by M. L. Leddy’s, the work goes to the piece “that best authentically represents the life of the West as it was and is,” that “preserves and perpetuates the culture of Western life in fine art.”

Of late, Bruce has been very busy with various projects, including monuments--one of which visitors are privileged to pass every time we enter the BAC, thanks to Roland and Joyce Jones.

Invitations will go out soon for the March 20 event, which begins with a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 that Friday. The art talk will follow at 6:30 p.m. If you’re not an Art Patron but would like to become one, call the BAC for more information.

~DE

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In Memoriam: Brian Haenisch

We extend our condolences to the family of Brian Haenisch. Brian and his late wife Nancy were BAC members for many years, joining Art Patrons and TBT Patrons, as well as being supportive of Art Club, Pottery Guild, Photography Guild and BCMA. Brian had a long career in the banking industry, his obituary noting that he gave beauty founder Mary Kay Ash her first home loan.~DE





**The Wichita Lineman
Glen Campbell**

Save the date

A Tribute to Glen Campbell starring Carl Acuff Jr. featuring many of Campbell's greatest hits "By The Time I Get To Phoenix" and many, more. Carl Acuff Jr. along with a stellar group of musicians will take you on a trip through all of Glen's biggest hits along with the last song he recorded, "I'm Not Gonna Miss You." ~DP

Saturday, May 2, 7:00pm, Sponsor Tickets on sale March 23 Member Tickets March 30 Open to Public April 6. 254-675-3724

**TIM GOSS
DRAWING WORKSHOP**

Save the date: If you're a beginning artist or need to improve your drawing skills, Tim Goss, local award winning artist, will be offering his Drawing 101+ for new artists. Class will be held Monday, April 13, 20 and 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Workshop fee is \$65. Must be 12 years or older to participate. Call the BAC to place your reservation. ~DP 254-675-3724



WYLIE & PAT BASHAM
If you see them don't let them out!
We see too little of them!~JB

MARCH EVENTS		
March 2	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
March 3	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
March 7	HS Art Show Awards Reception	2:00 p.m.
March 9-20	HS Art Exhibit	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
March 9-31	Student Photography Exhibit	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
March 10	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
March 11	Mardi Gras Dinner at Olaf's Reservations Required	5:30 p.m.
March 14	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
March 17	BINGO Reservations Encouraged	5:00 - 9:00
March 19	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
March 19	Culinary Club	5:00 p.m.
March 20	Bruce Greene Patrons Art Talk	5:30 p.m.
March 21	Student Photography Show Reception	2:00 p.m.
March 23	"The Wichita Lineman" Sponsor Pre-Sale Opens	9:00 a.m.
March 25	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
March 27	LSM Residents Art Show	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
March 28	Crawfish Dinner Reservations Required	TBD
March 30	"The Wichita Lineman" Member Pre-Sale	9:00 a.m.
Early APRIL Events		
April 2-9	e-BAC Online Auction	9:00 a.m.
April 6	"The Wichita Lineman" Ticket Sales Open to Public	9:00 a.m.
April 6	Needle Arts	10:00 a.m.
April 7	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
April 10	Big Event Burgers & Bingo	5:30 p.m.
April 11	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
April 11	BIG EVENT	5:30 p.m.

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