

May 2025

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

Goats in the Garden, a seven-foot, 1200-pound monument by Bruce Greene, debuted at the Big Event in April. Roland and Joyce Jones commissioned and donated the statue—a life-size remake of a bronze Bruce had done while serving as the artist-in-residence in the BAC's early days.

Joyce Jones said the donation was “to honor the people that prepared the West for the rest of us.”

“I was dusting some of the sculptures off one day and I looked at the original *Goats in the Garden*. I thought, Hmm wouldn't that look good if it were 5 feet tall? So I called Bruce.

“‘Have you ever thought about *Goats in the Garden* being 5 feet tall?’

“He said, ‘Actually, I have not.’”

“I said, ‘Well, think about it and call me.’ It took a while.”

Joyce finally won Bruce over. “She'd be impressive,” she told him, “and it would be a beautiful tribute to all those women that left their homes in Pennsylvania and Boston... wagons and horses and going who knows where. They had faith that it would be something they could live with.

“They would have had to pry me out of Boston with a crowbar,” she said.

Bruce spoke of the process from his point of view. In the middle of it, his triceps tore loose from his elbow and he was unable to work for months.

“But she'd call me every once in a while and she'd say, ‘You know, don't know how long I'm going to be around.’

“No pressure,” he said, laughing.

Bruce closed the dedication by expressing his gratitude to the Joneses and all they have meant to him and to all the other artists they have supported over the years by building their collection of art.

“What a treasure they are.” ~DE



Spieler Award: Kathy Harr



Kathy came to Bosque County with an abundance of energy, full of great ideas, outside the box thinking and a keen ability to see the big picture. But most of all the willingness to roll up her sleeves and get to work. And work is what she did and what she does. She lives the mission statement of this organization and has the gift of enthusiasm and energy that moves her friends and acquaintances to also get to work.

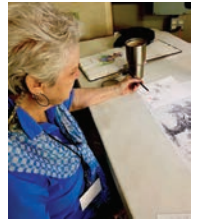
Kathy has been a member of the BAC since 2008. Served on the BAC Board, is a member of the Culinary Club, an Art Patron, has assisted with Tablescape, participated in several Variety Shows that helped fund student scholarships, the early days of quilt shows Arts of Christmas, and Big Event Committee.

She may be best known for her work with the Bosque Civic Music Association and then there is Bingo! In the early days she borrowed an old Bingo board from a neighboring town and until she raised the funds for our new state of the art Bingo board. Bingo attracts approximately 100 players at each event. Many that had never been in this facility prior to this.

The BAC Gift Shop is another of Kathy's efforts. She encouraged local artists and craftsman to display their goods. She does all of the purchasing and regular inventory rotation. Not to mention is a very good customer of the shop. Tonight we recognize Kathy for volunteerism at the Bosque Arts Center. But we want to share some of the things Kathy has done for the community. She initiated the Wreaths Across America Program, a tireless volunteer in her church family, docent at the Bosque Museum and last year was recognized by the Clifton Chamber of Commerce with their Community Service Award for the many projects she has lent her time and talents to making our community even more special. ~VM

ART CLUB

Great news! JO BECK will be giving watercolor and acrylic demonstrations at the May meeting for the art club. She will be working on yupo paper, which will be provided. Jo is a respected and award-winning artist. In our March meeting, Lillian Jacoway taught a workshop on gesture drawing and scribble sketch techniques. Both ink and pencil were used. Attendance was large, and the successful efforts of these artists were admired. Suggestions / comments are welcomed at ldlart@yahoo.com.~LJ



MAY ATRIUM GALLERY

Clifton-based artist Shannon Birchum is our May Artist of the Month in the Atrium Gallery. Birchum an eclectic, multimedia artist has a passion for color and design, and a love for repurposing abandoned or found objects in her art. Moving to Texas as a teen she attended Texas State Technical College in Waco, TX, earning an associate's degree in commercial art and advertising. Birchum's mural work can be seen on the outside walls of Bramble and Vine Nursery in Clifton as well as locations in Waco and Fredericksburg. A reception will be held for the opening of her exhibit on Thursday, May 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served as well as entertainment performed by Callie Lou. The public is invited to attend.~DP



ART COUNCIL

The Art Council had a very successful Art Talk with Martin Grelle. Martin was both entertaining and informative. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped put the evening together. Currently the Art Council is working on the 2025 Art Classic. Now advertising and accepting entries for the event. We are looking forward to another wonderful show. ~KC

BOOK CLUB

Why are some books designated as classics? Is it because of the universal appeal of the story or excellence in the craft of writing? Is it due to the distinguished prizes it earns? Is it popularity, believable characters or a fascinating plot? May's book club selection hits the mark on all these criteria. *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck (1931) gained immediate accolades with its captivating saga of a Chinese peasant family as they endure hardship and fortune over the course of several generations. *The Good Earth* won the Pulitzer Prize and was an important factor in Buck's Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938. Its themes of loyalty, betrayal, honesty and deception continue to resonate with modern audiences. As recently as 2004, Oprah Winfrey included it in her Book Club and another generation of readers discovered its timeless appeal. Whether you read this book for the first time or re-visit this classic, you will find something worthy within its pages. Share your thoughts with fellow Book Club members on May 28th at 10:00 a.m.~BH

Culinary Club

The Culinary Club will have a Wine Tasting at Valley Mills Vineyard May 15 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Reservations are required. Contact Virginia Richards at norsehome1673@yahoo.com. Cost is \$20 per person and includes 4 wines and appetizers.~VR

Photography Guild

Hello Members!

Our group updated photos at the Clifton Clinic during our April meeting. Be sure and take a look if you happen to be there. We will update the Photography Gallery on the second floor of the BAC during our May 20th meeting. The new theme there will be "Pathways". We're already looking forward to and planning next year's Student Photography Competition.

Be sure to stop by the Atrium Gallery during the month of June. Our member, Trish Ferguson, will have her photography on display. Be watching our facebook (BAC Photography Guild) page for reception details.~VM

NO BINGO IN MAY!! After all the excitement over Big Event Bingo, the crew decided to take the month of May off, but will return on **TUESDAY, JUNE 3**. This is earlier than normal for the month so be sure and mark your calendars accordingly. Doors open at 5:30, Bingo begins at 6:30 with another grand prize of \$500 and the ever popular pull-tabs. Bring your own food and spirits and join in the fun!~DP



GOATS IN THE GARDEN

She's hot; she's tired. She hasn't sat down for a minute all day. The children have not been quiet. The husband has gone to town for seed. He won't be back till dark. There's enough water left in the bucket for her to wash her hands so she can fix something for the children. And she looks out the window at the beautiful garden...and Heavens to Betsy! If it hasn't been bad enough, there are Goats in the Garden.

This is dedicated to Joan Spieler for her vision of what this place could be. Thank you to everyone who has helped make Joan's vision a reality. ~Joyce Jones

Bruce's Thanks: Roland and Joyce Jones, assistant Jeff Gottfried, John Linn, Michael Gray, Joe Gary, Francisco Luna, Leanne Donner, Nancy Harvard, the late Fritz White, MaryAnn Brandenberger for Myrtle and Pearl (the goat models that spent time in his studio), Ellie, Janie, and Haley Bell.

TIN BUILDING THEATRE

Tickets are now on sale for Tin Building Theatre's spring show, *A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking*, by John Ford Noonan. The play is directed by Michael Richardson and Don Boysen and stars Rebecca Hardee and Connie Terry. The two-character comedy takes place in the suburban Westchester County, New York kitchen of Maude Mix, who is having a tough day: her husband is off on a weekend spree with his secretary and she can't get rid of the pesky neighbor who has just moved up from Texas. Hannah Mae Bindler badgers Maude into friendship and the two eventually join forces against their errant and erring husbands. This long running Off-Broadway hit starred Susan Sarandon and Eileen Brennan. ~DE

SHOWS
MAY 3, 4, 9 & 10
TICKETS at BAC & ONLINE
254-675-3724

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE BAC



It's time to get out your detective monocle and spyglass to figure out who killed the victim in our current version of Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Master detective Matt Menefee needs your help in solving this Bosque Arts Center murder. The culinary team from University High School will also be here to serve a special dinner and join in the fun and frivolity. Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner and a special drink. Call for your reservation by Friday, May 23. We need your help to find the villain responsible for committing this dastardly deed!! Call today 254-675-3724 and reserve your spot. Seating is limited. This is a BYOB event. ~DP

QUILT SHOW



Don't look for the BAC Quilt Show in June this year, we've changed the date to Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16, with Award and Vendor reception on Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. We hope to have an even bigger and better show for you to experience quilts, vendors and of course door prizes. If you or friends of yours would like to enter, entry forms are now online at bosqueartscenter.org. Entry deadline is July 11, 2025. \$10 per entry. \$2,500 in prize money available. ~DP

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SATURDAY RAFFLE

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Volunteers Big Event Weekend
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POTTERY GUILD

Pottery Guild: New Members & Renewals!

Have you considered taking up pottery as a hobby but never gave it a try? Now is the time to join the Pottery Guild and take advantage of the well-equipped pottery studio at the BAC! We welcome new members! The renewal period is upon us and we encourage current members to renew and to continue to use the studio, its state-of-the-art equipment, purchase clay and enjoy the fellowship that the Guild offers. When you join or renew, be sure to pay the yearly kiln fee in order to get your pieces fired for a full year! **IMPORTANT:** Whether you are a renewing member or joining for the first time, please pick up a copy of the updated POTTERY STUDIO USAGE RULES and GUIDELINES in the pottery studio for important information about being a member. ~KS



Showcase for Young Musicians

The seventh annual Showcase of Young Musicians will be held at the Bosque Arts Center in Clifton on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the Frazier Performance Hall. Talented students from throughout Bosque County will perform and it's not too late to be a part of this very special night for students, family and friends. The evening typically includes a myriad of instruments, vocalists, and even stage bands. There is no admission, and a reception will be held immediately afterwards. The evening is being sponsored by the Bosque Civic Music Association. Come support the talented young musicians of Bosque County. ~BD

QUILT GUILD

Dear Quilters,

We hope you're enjoying the spring season! Due to Mother's Day, the BAC Quilt Guild will not hold our May 10th meeting. We encourage you to celebrate with loved ones and perhaps sneak in some quilting time. Stay tuned for our June newsletter with updates on upcoming events, and community projects. ~CU

Happy Quilting

Needlearts

The Needlearts group will have its regular monthly meeting on the first Monday in May, May 5, at 10:30 in the atrium of BAC. On May 7 members of the group will take a road trip to Cleburne to visit Fancy Stitches, a wonderful store that features supplies for needlepoint and counted cross stitch. Visitors are welcomed at our meetings. ~SP

Writer's Guild

Author James Clear writes:

"When you're younger, it's easy to underestimate how fleeting the days can be. Each choice matters. Each day matters. When you're older, it's easy to underestimate how much opportunity you still have. Don't talk yourself out of it. It's never too late to start." Join us at the next Writers' Guild meeting, Tuesday evening, May 13, at 6pm. **You will be surprised. Guaranteed.**





JUNE 3rd

Bring Mon & Dad
Grandparents,
cousins
and unces

BAC GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

Would you like to help increase our BAC membership? If so, please consider making a Gift Membership to someone you love, or to someone you think might be interested in joining, or to someone who's new in town or in the county!

BAC memberships are "only" \$25 for a student or a senior, \$30 for an individual, or \$50 for a couple or a family. And then, there are levels above those. Very reasonable for a year's membership!

Please consider thinking of someone you know in this special way. Names will be recognized in the BAC News as Gift Membership Donors. Remember, too, that membership dues at these levels are tax deductible to the donor. The new membership year begins June 1. Immediate benefits to those new members will be the Gift Shop discount plus an introductory message welcoming them to the BAC. Members also get early pre-sales for tickets for concerts and other events.

~LB

Barry Corbin June 28 Save the date



You might not know his name, but you will certainly recognize his face from the numerous films and television series he has performed in over a busy lifetime. Join us for dinner and an evening with Barry on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30. Corbin will entertain you as he relates his experiences of over 50 years in the entertainment industry. You'll have time to meet him, talk with him and be entertained by him. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required with details currently pending. This is a BYOB event. ~DP

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May		
May 1	Summer Camps Registration	9:00am
May 1	Atrium Gallery Artist Reception: Shannon Birchum	5:00pm
May 1-9	Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale	10:00am
May 3	TBT Dinner Performance	6:30pm
May 4	Wild About Flowers Art Show and Sale	1:00pm
May 4	TBT Matinee Performance	2:00pm
May 5	Needle Arts Meeting	10:30am
May 6	Art Club Meeting	10:00am
May 6	Showcase of Young Musicians	7:00pm
May 9	TBT Regular Performance	7:00pm
May 10	TBT Dinner Performance	6:30pm
May 10	Quilt Guild Meeting	11:30am
May 13	Writers' Guild Meeting	6:00pm
May 15	Culinary Meeting	5-6pm
May 18	Soundbath	4:00pm
May 28	Book Club Meeting	10:00am
Early June Events		
June 2	Needle Arts Meeting	10:30am
June 3	Bingo	6:30pm
June 7	Murder Mystery Dinner	6:30pm
June 9-11	TBT Rising Stars Auditions	5:00pm
June 10	Writers' Guild Meeting	6:00pm
June 14	Quilt Guild Meeting	11:30am



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