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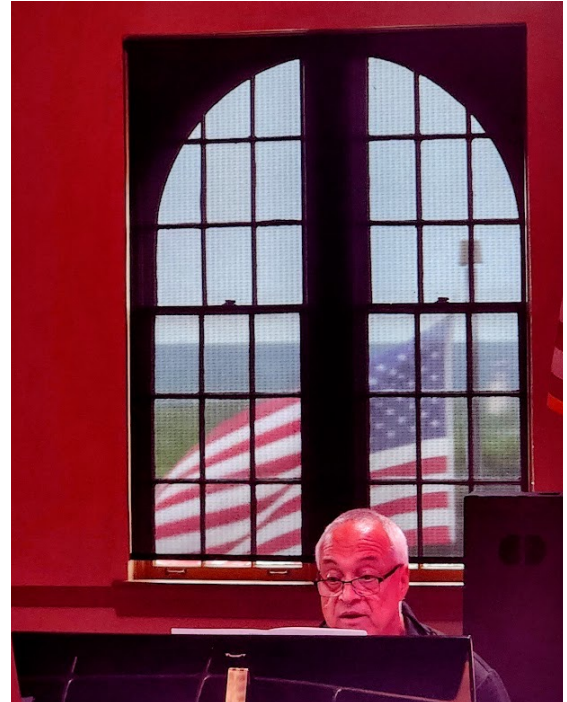
BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Bosque Chorale will be presenting a patriotic concert celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Frazier Performance Hall. The concert, *God Bless the USA*, is under the direction of longtime conductor David Anavitarte and will feature a beautiful collection of songs from our favorite composers including "Irving Berlin's America," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "God Bless America" and "Tribute to the Armed Forces." The Bosque County Children's Choir will perform one hour prior to the concert at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and for sale online or by contacting the BAC. A reception will follow the concert. The following week the eighth annual "Showcase for Young Musicians" will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in Frazier Performance Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch and hear the amazing musical talents of youth from throughout Bosque County. The event is free to the public and a reception will be held immediately afterward.~BD

Conductor David Anavitarte



THE WICHITA LINEMAN
TRIBUTE to
GLEN CAMPBELL
STARRING
CARL ACUFF, JR.
May 2 @ 7:00pm

Come hear your favorite Glen Campbell songs performed by Carl Acuff Jr. in The Wichita Lineman, a tribute to Glen Campbell. Tickets are now on sale for the Saturday, May 2 concert. With 50 years in the music industry Campbell's songs play all over the radio and in his Sunday night TV show. The concert includes the title track "Wichita Lineman," "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Galveston," "Southern Nights," and "Rhinstone Cowboy." Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Tin Building Theatre. Reserved table seating is \$50 each, and general admission chair seating \$25. Sponsor seating is still available at \$100 per seat. Concession eats include nachos, quarter-pound Nathan's All Beef Hot Dogs and baked potatoes. Wine and beer are also available for sale. Tickets are available online at bosqueartscenter.org.



NEXT BINGO - MAY
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Congratulations, John Linn,
recipient the 2026 Spieler
Lifetime Achievement Award.
See the inside spread for the
article and coverage of this
year's Big Event Fundraiser.

ART CLUB

Can a rock tell a story, evoke a smile, or add warmth and beauty to our world? Just ask “Rock Star” Suzi Etheredge who shared her whimsical rock paintings at April’s meeting. Attendees painted their own versions of these tiny treasures. Art Club will gather on May 5th at 10:00 a.m. for a brief business meeting followed by our annual luncheon, hosted by Beth Hatcher at her nearby cliffside home. Bring your art supplies! Linger after lunch and enjoy the scenery as well as walk the lovely trail that meanders through Beth’s property. An email to Art Club members gives the details and directions to Beth’s house. All are welcome! ~BH



Suzi Etheredge
and
Shannon Birchum



CULINARY CLUB

The Culinary Club meets at Valley Mills Vineyard Thursday, May 21, at 4:30 for a wine tasting.

PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The May meeting of the Photo Guild will be on the 19th at 3pm. We will change out the Goodall-Witcher clinic display and be featuring “People” as our theme. But before that, on May 6th we will have a 5-7pm reception in the lobby area to feature an Atrium Gallery display of Photography Guild member’s works. Some may be available for purchase so come check it out. Photography Guild members should have their framed photos turned in by May 1st. There is no theme for this exhibit.

Currently the Photography Guild is displaying member photos with the theme “Macro” in the Photography Guild Gallery on the second floor of the BAC.

We always welcome visitors and new members.

QUILT GUILD

Meeting time change: Everyone welcome!

Mingle 10:00am

Meeting begins 10:30am

Bring a friend-new quilters and visitors are especially encouraged to join us!

Program: Quilt Stash Bingo! Bring a Fat Quarter to join in the fun.

QOV workday hosted by the BAC

May 12 10:00a.m. - 3:p.m.



NEEDLEARTS

Come stitch with us! Join us for friendship and needle work (needlepoint, knitting, crochet and more). Monday, May 4, at 10:30 am in the BAC atrium.

See you there! ~RD

BIRCHUM WORKSHOP

Shannon Birchum leads another of her unique artistic workshop. Her “Collage Landscape” workshop is being held Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 in the Spieler Art Room. Express your artistic self through the creation of landscapes with layers of different cut and torn paper. The pieces are assembled to create mountains, rivers, fields and more. The cost is \$125 for these two days of experience. Basic materials are provided and all skill levels are welcome. Call the office 254-675-3724 and sign up today. ~DP

RISE AND SHINE DANCE

The award-winning Rise and Shine dance studio will perform their annual recital on Saturday, May 30, in Frazier Performance Hall. On display will be their competition dance pieces and much more. The studio rents and conducts their lessons during the year in our classrooms. Operated by Mandy Dudik and Danielle Darst the classes meet regularly during the year here at the Bosque Arts Center. They have just come back from several competitions where they did very well. Performances: Act I – 10:30 a.m.; Act II – 1 p.m.

TIN BUILDING THEATRE

The TBT's upcoming performance of *Steel Magnolias* is playwright Robert Harling's deeply personal tribute to his sister, Susan Harling Robinson. After Susan died in 1985 from complications of Type 1 diabetes following a kidney transplant, Harling channeled his grief into storytelling. Initially written as a short story to process loss, it evolved into a stage play celebrating resilience, humor, and community among Southern women. The "beauty shop" setting mirrors real conversations, capturing how laughter and love coexist even in the face of profound tragedy. Tickets are on sale now! Please call 254-675-3724 or go to www.bosqueartscenter.org.~LR

TIN BUILDING THEATRE PRESENTS

Steel Magnolias

DINNER THEATRE • JUNE 6 @ 6:30

SUNDAY MATINEE • JUNE 7 @ 2:00

FRIDAY REGULAR • JUNE 12 @ 7:00

CLOSING DINNER THEATRE • JUNE 13 @ 6:30

Bosque Arts Center
215 S College Hill Dr • Clifton, TX

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS CALL
254-675-3724
OR ONLINE AT
WWW.BOSQUEARTSCENTER.ORG

TIM GOSS WORKSHOP

Drawing 101+ Workshop, led by award-winning artist Tim Goss, will be held Saturday afternoons, June 13, 20, and 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Spieler art room. Open to all ages twelve and up, the cost is \$65 per person and includes the appropriate supplies. Goss will review basic drawing skills and move into intermediate skills as the workshop progresses. If you have always wanted to explore your drawing skills, here is your chance to learn the basics plus much more. Call 254-675-3724 for reservations.~DP

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL CONCERT ALEX MEIXNER

If you've never rocked out with an accordion player, or sat back and listened to smooth jazz played on the accordion, or just danced to a polka featuring the accordion, then here's your opportunity to do all three. On top of that you can provide a unique musical experience for your Mom on Mother's Day. The Bosque Arts Center is sponsoring a special FREE concert on Sunday, May 10. Mark your calendar for Alex Meixner and a celebration of his music diversity, rock, jazz and polka. From New Braunfels, TX, Meixner is a recording artist, working entertainer, composer and producer. Bring the family and enjoy a concert, plus some extra treats for Mom. Cookies and lemonade provided. ~DP

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MICHAEL G. STEWART



ATRIUM GALLERY

The Photography Guild will once again grace the walls of the Atrium Gallery during the month of May. Guild members showcase their photography art throughout the month. A reception, hosted by the Photography Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Swing by the Atrium Gallery and see this special exhibit in May, attend the special reception or view daily from 9 to 5 and at weekend events.

BOOK CLUB

A classic book is composed of an intriguing storyline, quality writing, and an underlying message that stands the test of time. May's book club selection, *Goodbye to a River* by legendary Texas author John Graves perfectly exemplifies the classic genre. Published in 1960, *Goodbye to a River* describes Graves' canoe trip down the Brazos River before a series of proposed dams forever changed the surrounding landscape and the essence of the river. Travel along with Graves, his dog Passenger (and with us) on this journey. Book Club meets Wednesday, May 27th, at 10:00 a.m. ~BH

LET FREEDOM RING

The BAC celebrated the 44th Annual Big Event in grand fashion. The newly renovated TBT was unveiled, John Linn received the Joan Spieler Lifetime Achievement Award, the live auction returned in a big way, and large crowds attended both the Friday bingo night and the gala dinner.

The New Forks (led by a couple of the elder Forks) grilled burgers and steaks for the weekend. Adam Willmann hosted bingo with his usual flair on Friday, while Brian Barrett, Bryan Davis, The Three Troubadours (Barrett, Phillip Wildman, and Kenny Davenport), and members of the Tin Building Theatre troupe (Don Boysen, Linda Lowrance, Debbie Rollins, and Jo Grelle) took the stage on Saturday prior to B.C. Bennett resuming his familiar spot as auctioneer.

Special thanks were offered to Jack and Nancy Harvard for underwriting and making possible all the renovations to the theater. BAC Board Secretary Virginia Richards likened Jack's desire to honor his wife in the TBT renovations to the construction of the Taj Mahal, also led by a husband paying homage to his wife.

We extend our thanks to the Big Event committee and volunteers, to all the artists, donors, sponsors, underwriters, chefs, and attendees who made this a great Big Event. We will post our complete list of Thank You's in next month's newsletter.



JOAN SPIELER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations go to John Linn, who earned the recognition of his colleagues with the Spielier Lifetime Achievement Award. Bryan Davis reflected on the history of the BAC and our founder, Joan Spielier, before turning the mic over to Richards to present the award. Richards indicated the “same work ethic, drive, and skills” that served this year’s winner in his working life “seeped its way into his volunteer life.”

“Before long, he was donning a tuxedo shirt and serving wine at our fund-raising events. Before long, he was swinging a hammer to hang art for the Bosque Art Classic and the High School Art Show for the Art Council. Before long, he was on the stage wearing crazy costumes for variety scholarship shows.”

Richards continued listing the various ways Linn has served (or entertained) the BAC: teaching a cooking class for the Culinary Club, installing security devices, “researching art-friendly gallery lighting, picking paint colors, and working with craftsmen in the Jones Gallery.

“Before long, he was advising the Board of Directors on how to deal with an aging building. Before long, he was the go-to guy for the tradesmen responsible for the beautiful renovation of this place where we sit this evening.

“Before long, the same qualities that gave him success in his working life were seeping into his volunteer life,” Richards said, “and we are all the beneficiaries of it.”



*Please see next month's newsletter
for our thank you's.*



SUMMER CAMPS

SIGN UP BEGINS FOR 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camps start off this year with the initial processing for the Rising Stars theatre camp, and Young Chef's Camp ends the camping summer. Below is the tentative lineup. Applications are available at the BAC or online at bosqueartscenter.org. All camps require payment with registration or scholarship approval before registration is accepted. You may call 254-675-3724 to pay and get your child on the list. We're always looking for volunteers to assist with the camps, so please feel free to volunteer and assist with these important endeavors!!

We wish to thank CHEFC for their grant which helps us subsidize expenses and scholarships for our camp program.

RISING STARS THEATRE CAMP

AUDITIONS: May 14 – 16, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
REHEARSALS: June 8-12 & July 27-29 5-8 p.m. Daily;
June 15-July 29 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tues/Thurs with
some variance (6/15, 7/20). PERFORMANCES: 7/30-31,
8/1-2. Open to kids of all ages ~ \$90

TAEKWONDO CAMP

June 22 – June 26 - 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$65
Open to kids completing 1st grade through 6th grade

KIDS CURSIVE WRITING CAMP

June 29 – July 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Available to boys and girls completing 1st through 8th
grades \$65 per person

STORYARTS WORKSHOP

July 6 – July 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Open to 4th - 12th grade young people
\$65 per person

MUSIC CAMP

July 13 – July 16 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Open to kids completing 1st grade through 6th grade
\$90 per camper

YOUNG CHEFS CAMP

July 27 - 30 -2:00 p.m. – 5:p.m. Children 3rd grade
through 6th grade
\$90 per camper

IMAGINATION FACTORY

June 15– 18 Children completing 1st grade through 5th
grade 8:45 to 4:00 p.m. daily \$90 per camper

SEWING CAMP

June 23 – 25- Available for boys & girls 10 & older
9:00 a.m. to Noon \$20 per person

KIDS CALLIGRAPHY CAMP

June 29 – July 2 -12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Available to boys & girls completing 3rd - 12th grades.
\$65 per person

POTTERY CAMP

July 7 – July 9
9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. Open to kids completing
3rd - 6th grade \$90 per camper

STAINED GLASS CAMP

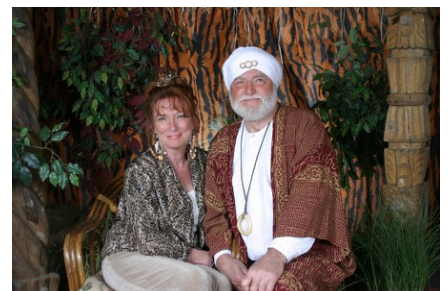
July 27 – July 30 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Open to kids 10 years of age and older
\$90 per camper

For questions or to volunteer please contact
Deb Phinney at the BAC 254-675-3724. We are still seeking
a Music Leader for Imagination Factory Camp.

IN MEMORIAM - GRIS GRISWOLD

We extend our sympathy to the family of Loren Griswold. "Gris" and wife Bobbe (Gentry) were longtime members of the BAC. While Bobbe volunteered and engaged in artistic endeavors here—winning the Jones Award for her sculpture *Gypsy Dancer* in 1997—Gris was always ready to volunteer in whatever way needed. A Navy veteran, he had served 1959-1964 as a Mechanical Operator on the nuclear-powered submarine, USS John Marshall. The family held a celebration of life for Gris in March at the Rock Church.

Bobbe and Gris
at
2005 Big Event.



SAVE THE DATE

Calling all Stained Glass interested parties. A workshop will be held on Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Watch the June newsletter for details.



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BOSQUE ART CLASSIC
ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2026
JUROR:
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TIM NEWTON

MAY EVENTS

May 2	Wichita Lineman Tribute to Glen Cambell	7:00 p.m.
May 4	Needle Arts	10:00 a.m.
May 5	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
May 6	Atrium Gallery Photography Reception	5:00 p.m.
May 7	Stained Glass	10:00 a.m.
May 7	Bosque Co. Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.
May 7	Bosque Chorale <i>God Bless America</i>	7:30 p.m.
May 8	Wild About Flowers Exhibit Ends	5:00 p.m.
May 9	Quilt Guild	10:00 a.m.
May 10	Mother's Day Concert with Alex Meixner	3:00 p.m.
May 12	Quilt of Valor Workday	10:00 a.m.
May 12	Showcase of Young Musicians	7:00 p.m.
May 14-15	Rising Stars Auditions	5:00 p.m.
May 16	Rising Stars Auditions	11:00 a.m.
May 16-17	Shannon Birchum Workshop	9:00 a.m.
May 19	Bingo	6:30 p.m.
May 21	Stained Glass	10:00 a.m.
May 21	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
May 21	Culinary Club - Valley Mills	4:30 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day: BAC Closed	-
May 27	Book Club	10 a.m.

Early JUNE Events

June 1	Needle Arts	10:00 a.m.
June 1	Bosque Art Classic Entry Deadline	11:59 p.m.
June 2	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
June 6	TBT Dinner Theatre <i>Steel Magnolias</i>	6:30 p.m.
June 7	<i>Steel Magnolias</i> Matinee	2:00 p.m.
June 8	TBT Rising Stars Camp	5:00 p.m.
June 11	Stained Glass Guild	10:00 a.m.
June 12	<i>Steel Magnolias</i> Evening Performance	6:30 p.m.
June 13	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
June 13	<i>Steel Magnolias</i> Dinner Theatre	6:30 p.m.
June 13	Goss Drawing 101+ Workshop Begins	2:00 p.m.

Bosque Arts Center

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

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