

November 2025

BAC NEWS

Newsletter for the Performing and Visual Arts in Central Texas

BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE

November 8 will bring a day filled with informative and entertaining speakers at Books on the Bosque, beginning at 9 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast and check-in. Sessions begin at 9:30. The day concludes with the awards presentation for the winners of the 4th Annual Books on the Bosque Writing Contest at 3 p.m. Admission for the day is \$30, with lunch by donation. Admission to the awards ceremony is free.

Elements of the Western Novel: Natalie Bright, writer, rancher, instructor, and board member of the Western Writers of America, will explore the appeal of the western genre for those who love to read them, pointing out what is real about the cowboy culture and what's embellished by Hollywood. The unique characters, self-reliance, vast landscapes, and good vs. evil themes are elements that can be applied to all genres of writing. She will also include writing exercises on first lines, promotion tag lines, and characterization.

Short Stuff! How to Shape, Smooth, and Sharpen Writing that Sells! Nancy Robinson Masters will share practical, proven ways to hone your writing to make it stand out in today's marketplace. Strap into the co-pilot seat with an award-winning pilot/author/speaker for a fast-paced trip of techniques you can use writing in any genre. "Mysteries or memoirs, drama or humor, fact or fiction—let me show (not tell) what I've learned earning a living as a freelance writer that will immediately help you write what you love so others will love what you write," says Nancy. Whether writing a 300-word children's story or weaving a family saga novel, you can successfully land readers by applying what Nancy has learned. Grab your cap and goggles and get ready for a fun, fast-paced trip that will keep you climbing on course toward your writing goals. Our thanks go to the 2025 judges: Dr. Moamin Quazi, Hank Jones, Walt Moore from the TSU College of Liberal and Fine Arts.

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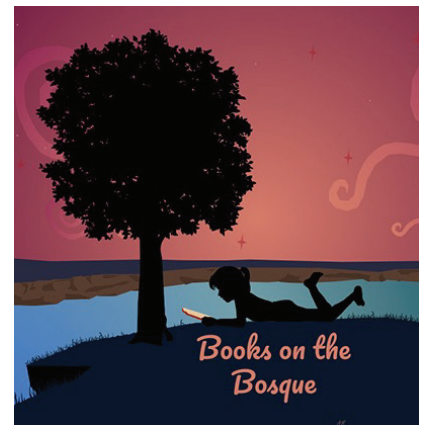
Nancy Robinson Masters

Natalie Bright



TABLESCAPES

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**Friday
November 14
through
November 29**



ART CLUB

October's meeting was lively, as members shared innovative ideas, unique supplies and "tricks of the trade" such as: a stay-wet palette system for acrylics, how to test new pigments using an art supply company's paint-dot cards, and "The Artist's Handbook" resource. Stephen Umbach shared his custom designed outdoor easel. Shannon Birchum won the quarterly ACE award (voted by members) with her beautiful collage depicting a blue titmouse. Stop by the Art Room to see it on display!

In November, member Barbara Loyd will demonstrate the art of creating gift boxes from Holiday cards. We'll also finalize plans for two exciting upcoming projects: Our annual Tablescapes creation, and the December Atrium show featuring the sale of original holiday-themed artwork from art club members. The Art Club continues to grow! Please join us on Tuesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. Inquire at the BAC (or contact an art club member) about how to join this vibrant group!~BH



BOOK CLUB

The wide Kennebec River still flows alongside the village of Hallowell, Maine. Water Street is still the center of town life, lined with carefully restored brick buildings that house cafés and pubs. Boats still navigate the river that flows towards the Atlantic, many miles away. In 2025, the mighty Kennebec still freezes, and townspeople and brave tourists huddle inside the pubs for a bit of warmth. In this unique setting, it is not hard to imagine the opening scenes of November's book selection, *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Set in 1789, the fictional story is based on the life of midwife Martha Ballard who is drawn into the aftermath of the shocking discovery of a body found beneath the frozen river's surface. In this finely crafted novel, the setting is as intriguing as the characters, and the detailed descriptions of the time, place and customs of 1789 quickly draw the reader into the harsh Maine winter, and the harsher reality of crime, cover-up, retribution, and resolution. Please note that Book Club meets on Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. in order to accommodate members' Thanksgiving plans

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PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD

The Photography Guild's latest exhibit is now on display at BAC! With a theme of "What The.....?", it features photos that are taken from a little different perspective, or of a slightly different subject. Stop by the second floor at the Arts Center and enjoy. Don't forget that we also have photos on exhibit at the Goodall-Witcher Hospital clinic.

Our next Photo Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00 pm.-RH

ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Besides our normal Guild and Club happenings, we have several other activities available from groups utilizing our facility. Taekwondo – Kids and Adults; Rise and Shine Dance – Kids and Teens; Soundbath – All ages of relaxation; along with piano lessons – Kids and Adults and Youth Choir. If you have an interest in participating in any of these activities, call us and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate instructors.~DP



BAC BINGO NOVEMBER 18

6:30pm



CULINARY CLUB

Culinary Club members are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at the BAC on November 20th at 5:30 pm.~VR

BOSQUE CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Nothing touches the heart during the holiday season quite like the annual Christmas concert presented by the Bosque Chorale in the beautiful, historic setting of Frazier Performance Hall. Tickets are on sale effective November 3 for the December 11 concert, the Michael W. Smith's contemporary classic, "Agnus Dei-Lamb of God, Born to Us," under the direction of longtime Chorale conductor David Anavitarle. Approximately three dozen singers have been in rehearsals since early September for the concert.

Anavitarle finds the music "glorious and inspiring." He noted that the variety of "sounds and colors made by the choir are astonishing," and that the evening will be a spiritual one including texts from scriptures. "Those who attend the concert will be changed by the time they leave."

Tickets are \$20 each. Make your reservations online at bosqueartscenter.org or by calling the BAC at (254)675-2724~BD



The Bosque Chorale
David Anavitarle, Music Director

A concert of contemporary worship for Christmas
featuring the songs of Michael W. Smith

agnus dei

Lamb of God • Born to us

7:30 pm—Thursday, December 11, 2025

Frazier Performance Hall
Bosque Arts Center
Clifton, Texas

Tickets: \$20

For tickets, call:
(254) 675-3724 or order online at bosqueartscenter.org



ARTS OF CHRISTMAS

Change is coming to Arts of Christmas this year. We're changing our activities for Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6.

Friday night the BAC will not be open for any activities as our efforts will concentrate on producing a great float for the downtown Christmas Parade. Plan on coming to the parade and viewing BAC creativity demonstrated with our float. Should you like to help with the float or ride on it, please let us know.

As the official stop for Quilts, on Saturday we will celebrate Arts of Christmas in conjunction with Norwegian Country Christmas Tour. We are currently working on try to secure a lovely display of quilts with Norwegian roots. These will be displayed on the second floor in the hallway galleries. The Atrium Café will have an exhibit of selected Tablescares from the display November 14 – 29. The Atrium Gallery will be showcasing artwork from the Art Club. Other Guilds and clubs wishing to participate in this Saturday event may display and purchase a table to sell items. And as always we'll have a selection of cookies and spiced cider to warm your insides.~DP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We're still looking for volunteers to assist with building a float for the Annual Christmas Parade in December. There are no plans for Friday night of NCCT/Arts of Christmas, as our efforts will be put into the float for the parade. We will need creators, planners and workers along with possible riders on the float.

The Christmas decorating committee can always use an extra pair of hands to assist with the set up and decorating of the BAC.

We need volunteers for the design and build on all of these projects. Please help us by calling Deb Phinney, 254-675-3724, and pitching in. One or two people can not make this happen, so we're asking for help. Bring friends and help us make a statement for the Bosque Arts Center.~DP

TABLESCAPES

It's TABLESCAPES TIME!! Once again the Tin Building Theatre will be decked out in the amazingly creative landscape of Tablescapes. This delightful demonstration of table decorating talent kicks off with the opening reception on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and provide a delectable journey through specialty cocktails, wine, beer and a wide selection of homemade appetizers and finger foods. Reception reservations are available online at www.bosqueartscenter.org. or by phone at 254-675-3724. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Bring your family and friends to tour Tablescapes from Friday, November 14, through Saturday November 29. The exhibit is open weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, November 15, 22, and 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 29 will be the final day of Tablescapes, in preparation for the Norwegian activities occurring at the BAC the following week.~DP

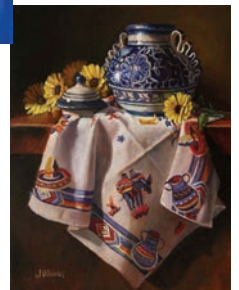
IN MEMORIAM

Scott McAfee

We offer our condolences to the family of Scott McAfee, who passed away after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer. Members of the BAC since 2014, Scott and wife Cynthia were TBT and Art Patrons as well as being members of other subgroups. They were also supportive of various BAC events and drives.

Jean Olliver

In September we mourned the loss of long-time member and popular artist Jean Olliver. Juried into the Bosque Art Classic fifteen consecutive years beginning in 2010, Olliver was also continuously supportive of the Big Event auctions. Our condolences go to Richard and the rest of her family at the loss of this sweet lady.



POTTERY GUILD

Two-Day Pottery Workshop: Designing Pottery with Custom Textures

By Kimberley Smith
November 15th, 10am to 4pm
(Follow-up date TBD)
BAC Pottery Studio
Price: \$80

Create a custom designed serving dish for the holidays!

This two-day workshop will cover the methods for creating custom stamps, utilizing textures for surface decoration and press molding. During the first session each student will hand build a platter and in the follow-up we will be glazing our pieces. Firing is free for current Pottery Guild members who have paid the yearly firing fee. **Non-members will be charged an additional \$10 for firing.** We will be using clay that can be purchased from the BAC. Minimum class enrollment: 5, maximum 7. We will be taking a short lunch break. To enroll, call Bosque Arts Center at (254) 675-3724 or for more information, call Kimberley at (817) 614-2602.~KS

Wine Pairing Dinner by Wedding Oak Winery

Take the night off! Join us at the BAC Friday, January 23, 2026, for a wonderful four-course dinner with wine pairings. Dinner will be prepared by a visiting guest chef, paired with wines from Wedding Oak Winery of San Saba. The winemaker will explain why a specific wine was paired with each course. Meet the winemaker and chef during the evening. Bring your friends and enjoy a night out beginning at 5:30 p.m.!

Seating is limited; make your reservations soon. \$125 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the BAC or online on our Tickets page.~JB



**Big Event Item
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NEEDLEARTS

Come stitch with us! Bring your needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, embroidery or mending.

Monday, November 3rd at 10:30 am in the BAC atrium.
See you there!~RAD

STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

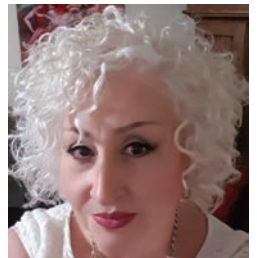
Christmas Ornament-stained glass workshops will be held at the BAC from 9am-noon in November. The first workshop, November 8th, will be creating snowflakes that would be beautiful on the tree or in a window. The second class, November 15th, will feature individually designed Christmas trees. The last class, on November 22, will feature personalized JOY ornaments. Pick one or come join all three experiences! Each session is \$75. All materials will be provided, and you will be able to make multiples of the ornaments at every session. Each workshop is an individual experience, no previous experience required! Come create something beautiful that you and your family and friends can enjoy every holiday season! Size is limited, so call the office to make your reservation! ~DY



ATRIUM GALLERY

Our Atrium Gallery artist is Yolanda Hardin. Inspired at 15 by an invitation to join a painting class she discovered a lifelong passion for art. Hardin's art reflects her desire to capture the beauty in gentle moments. Her work centers on children, pets, and county life, simple moments that capture emotional weight. Although not classically trained she has dedicated herself to learning her craft. See this special exhibit open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday's during special events all through the month of November

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Linda Lucas Hardy

**Returning with a
wonderful class
April 17 - 18, 2026**



BAC OKTOBERFEST BINGO

The BAC celebrated Oktoberfest Bingo on October 21st with great success! Adam Willmann was recognized with a “special gift” from Kathy Harr in honor of his 10th year as our bingo caller.

All games paid \$100 and the final jackpot game paid \$1,000. Mary Casstevens was thrilled to win the grand prize though she did have to share it with another lucky winner!

Under the leadership of Virginia Richards, the Culinary Club prepared a delicious German-inspired meal featuring bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, and pretzels. The dinner raised \$1,220 which the Culinary Club generously donated back to the BAC. Bingo proceeds totaled \$1,864 bringing the evening's net contribution to \$3,000 for the BAC after expenses. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Oktoberfest Bingo such a memorable event. We look forward to seeing you at our next Bingo night on November 18 at 6:30 p.m.!~AP



Christmas is right around the corner.
Visit the BAC gift shop
for some wonderful holiday gift items.



Steve Atkinson and his Plein Air workshop class

12th Annual Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic

Lee Roy Parnell and his band put on a lively show to close out the night of singer/songwriter performances by this year's talented finalists. Parnell had chosen the Song of the Year winner prior to the evening, and band member Joe Reed stepped in to judge the live performances on October 25. Reed has had a storied music career, most notably working with Merle Haggard, Randy Travis, and Keb' Mo'. Reed also worked for Sony ATV and Tree publishing in Nashville.

WINNERS

TEXAS TROUBADOUR AWARD WINNER:

Kenney Davenport of Farmersville, TX

SONG OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Tom Estrada of Camarillo, CA--“That Old Doorway”

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

Allan Peterson of Burleson, TX

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~DE*



Texas Troubadour 2025 Finalists



Lee Roy Parnell



April 10-11, 2026

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44th Annual Big Event

We will celebrate the
250th anniversary of this
great country as we
celebrate our annual
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BAC.

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Night

Saturday - April 11 –
Dinner & Dance

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NOVEMBER		
Nov. 3	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Nov. 3	Chorale Tickets On Sale	9 a.m.
Nov. 4	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 8	Stained Glass Workshop Snow Flake Ornament	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 8	Books on the Bosque Writing Conference	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 8	Quilt Guild	11:30 a.m.
Nov. 10	Piano Lab	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Tablescapes Reception	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Tablescapes Open to Public	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 15	Stained Glass Workshop Christmas Tree Ornament	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 15	Smith Pottery Workshop	
Nov. 15	Whiskey & Cigars	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Piano Lab	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Photography Guild	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Bingo	6:30
Nov. 19	Book Club	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 22	Stained Glass Workshop JOY Ornament	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 24	Piano Lab	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 27- 28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	Closed
Nov. 29	Tablescapes	10:00 – 2:00
EARLY DECEMBER		
Dec. 1	Needle Arts	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 2	Art Club	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 5	Downtown Clifton Parade	6:00 a.m.
Dec. 6	BAC Arts of Christmas	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 9	Writers' Guild	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Bosque Chorale	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Art Patrons Christmas Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15 - Jan. 2	BAC Closed for Renovations	-

“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

~Pablo Picasso

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