



January, 2024



**Don't forget to renew your
VAC Membership
by 1/31/2024!**



Cindy Martin, President

People have asked me “What is Art for you”? I tell them “It’s your imagination that you share with the world”. “Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is”, Jackson Pollock.

“Art is something that makes you breathe with a kind of happiness”, Anni Albers. How do you define Art, your kind of happiness?

As members we are all artists with many disciplines, but we share a command thread. We have a thirst to share what’s inside of us. As members we support, respect, and praise each other in whatever art we choose to pursue. Each person has a special talent that makes this club vibrant and every person that walks through the studio door has the heart of an artist.

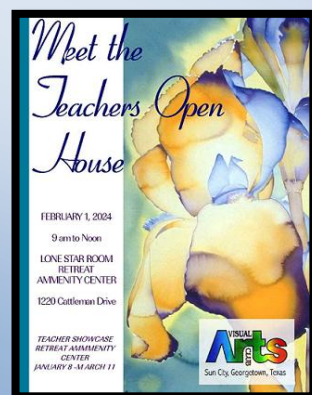
I’m very happy to be serving this club as President and look forward to a fun and exciting year.

Starting with our guest speaker at our general meeting on January 9th, from 2 - 4pm. You will not want to miss this demonstration by Virginia Maserang. She is an Abstract Encaustic and Mixed Media artist.

If you haven’t renewed your membership you have until January 31st, this will ensure that you receive the club’s newsletter, blasts, and class information.

I look forward to seeing you at events, classes, and meetings. See you around Campus.

David King, Education Co-Chair



THE VISUAL ARTS CLUB TEACHERS WELCOME OUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT ON FEBRUARY 1ST. COME SEE THEIR ART WORK DISPLAYED IN THE RETREAT HALLWAY, AND IN THE LONE STAR ROOM. THEY WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, HELP YOU ENGAGE IN THE SELECTION OF YOUR CLASSES AND MEDIUMS. MOST OF ALL ... MEETING YOU AND FULFILLING YOUR DESIRE TO GROW YOUR LOVE OF ART!

A Big Thank you to Marci Boone and her social committee for a wonderful Holiday Luncheon held on December 5th.

The Mulligan's catered lunch was absolutely delicious. We had a quick meeting with presentation from David King on the instructions for the new registering process for classes in 2024. Lots of members enjoyed catching up with each other, and toasting in the new year. For our selected charities our club collected the following:

- Georgetown Blue Santa Program – \$538
- Williamson Country Brown Santa Program - \$390
- Total Collected: \$928



Barbara Cooper, Exhibition Chair

Barbara Cooper/Exhibition

Happy New Year fellow Artists! We have all 5 of our venues having changeouts in January, so here is your chance to start the year 2024 off great!

Cowan Creek: Andice Room (Wednesday)

January 10, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Linda Campbell/New Coordinator

512-943-4141 campbellind12@gmail.com

Activities Center/Computer Cafe: Atrium (Saturday)

January 13, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Judith Winter/New Coordinator

Retreat Hallway: Studio Classrooms (Monday)

January 8, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

*Teacher's Exhibit for Meet the Teacher February 1, 2024

Barbara Cooper/New Coordinator

817-829-5631 cooper.barbara@gmail.com

Retreat Studio: Studio Classrooms (Tuesday)

January 30, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Bet Grant - 512-943-0154 bgrant11@suddenlink.net

Barbara Rogers - 502-727-3726 rogers.barbara16@gmail.com

Wanda Rackertt - 318-880-6919 wanda13friday@gmail.com

Featured Artist

Sandy Dolan/Coordinator

512-864-4359 sandydolan44@gmail.com

Our first big event is our Meet the Teacher on February 1 in the Lonestar Room at the Retreat. View the artwork of our talented teachers on exhibit now in the Retreat Hallway and sign up for upcoming classes.

Sunshine Chair - Connie Hartzfield



*Thankful
for you!*

Help keep our club connected... make someone smile today!

If you know a member who needs or would appreciate a note of sympathy, condolence, congratulations, or gratitude please contact the Sunshine Person! Email: charts303@yahoo.com, or call or text 512-913-4960 so that Connie can send some Sunshine.



Featured Artist for the month of January

Diane Henderson

Be sure not to miss viewing Diane's works of art hanging in the Central Office hallway in January and February, 2024

<i>Artist About Town - January</i>			
<i>Artist</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Location</i>
Darrell Hutchinson	Baca Center in Round Rock	Mary Watson	Milanos Trattoria Restaurant
Linda Campbell	Baca Center, Round Rock, Williamson County Art Guild Gallery, Georgetown	Sigi Field	Ken'z Guitars, On the Square, Georgetown
Violet Nicklen	Williamson County Art Guild Gallery, 708 Rock Street, Palace Theatre Black Box (on West 8th St.), Georgetown, Jester Annex, Round Rock	Sulin Best	St. David's Hospital, Framer's Gallery, Williamson County Art Guild Gallery, Georgetown
Connie Matheny	Austin Community College Veteran's & Military Center, and Students of Fine Arts show in the Highland Campus.	This could be your spot!	
Cynthia Jones, Ann Koziell	Williamson County Art Gallery, 708 Rock Street, Georgetown	Shirley Patxot	Williamson County Art Guild Gallery, Georgetown, and Uniquely Salado, Salado.

Artist About Town let's us know where our members are showing/selling their paintings. When we are out and about it's fun to drop in and appreciate their talent. If you are showing your art work anywhere and are not listed, please let me know. Thanks, Sharon Riddell , Webmaster

**VAC MEMBER NAMED FEATURED ARTIST
Williamson County Art Guild
Congratulations, Cynthia!**

There will be a reception from 5:00-7:00 pm with wine and light snacks on Friday, Jan 5th at the Art Gallery on 708 Rock Street, Georgetown

Sharon Riddell - Announcing New 2024 Visual Arts Club Newsletter Editor

Jane Hogan will be the new editor for the Visual Arts Newsletter in 2024. Jane has been a very active contributing member in our club. She has held the Education Co-Chair position for two plus years, and is currently an active teacher. She is truly a treasure to our club, and I welcome her to take my position in 2024. If you have any articles and information that you would like to contribute to a newsletter Jane will now be the person for you to contact. It's been my pleasure for many years to be the editor for the Visual Arts Club Newsletter and working with many VAC members.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

What is a **SIG**?

A **SIG** is a **Special Interest Group** formed by a group of members who share a similar interest in a particular art medium. We presently have 4 groups who meet on a regular Saturday in the VAC Studio. See schedules below. All SIGS are free and open to anyone with an interest in that medium. Just show up at a meeting. Check the VAC calendar for the times. Most but not all start at 10 A.M. Come check it out. A great way to start the year!!!! See schedules below:

Live Drawing SIG – 1st Saturday, January 6th – Dixie Kee, Leader

- The Live Drawing SIG will not be meeting on January 6th.

Painters SIG – 1st Saturday, January 6th – Linda Campbell, Leader

- The Painters SIG will meet on January 6th at 1:00 pm. Subject will be a small value study painting in grays or browns. Beginners to advanced are welcome.

Alcohol Ink SIG, 2nd Saturday, January 13th - Gale Shaeffer, Leader

- This SIG is FREE and fun. There are always new things to do with alcohol Ink. What an exciting medium! Join us in January and learn the many different ways you can enjoy painting with alcohol ink.

Collage SIG, 3rd Saturday, January 20th- Candy McMains, Leader

- **A new year brings a new start!** Come join the Collage SIG on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 A.M.- whenever we finish having fun! SIG's are open to all members and are FREE! January will find us celebrating the Chinese "Year of the Dragon ". Red, black and gold will be our color palette; with lots of opportunities to use our beautiful handmade papers (bring a few dollars with you, as I will have some of these gorgeous papers available to buy). Search your stash for items of interest but as always I will bring many items that can be shared. See you soon in the New Year! Candy McMains 512-943-4005

Watercolor SIG – 4th Saturday of each month – Leader – Kaki Bassi

- You will be receiving notification for this SIG from Kaki.

The Collage Study Group – Leader – Lee Ellis

- The next meeting of the Collage Study Group is on January 15, 2023. We will meet in the VAC studio at 4:30 pm. The subject for our main project is "figures." Members create projects at home and bring them to the Study Group for "show and tell." The Study Group usually meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the VAC Studio.
- Visitors are welcome. If you wish to attend this meeting and are not a member of the Group, please contact Lee Ellis. Lee's email address is bearlee1960@gmail.com

David King & Joy Baaklini -Education Co-Chairs

Don't forget the registering for classes in 2024 will be done using the Visual Arts Website Calendar. When you click on the "Education Classes and Workshop" page on the left hand column, the Classes and Workshop Schedule page will appear. On this page you will see the instructions for registering for a class. For your convenience below is the 2024 Class Schedule for the first six months:

Visual Art Classes 2024					
Class Descriptions & Supply Lists can be found on SCTXCA Website in VAC Calendar☒					
Note: Art Instructors' BIOs can also be found on SCTXCA VAC website calendar					
LEVELS: N= Novice (0 - 9 mo), B= Beginner (9 mo - 2 year), I= Intermediate (2 - 5 years), Adv= Advanced (5+ years)					
INSTRUCTOR☿	CLASS TITLE	Level	Date	Time	Cost
January					
Carolyn Todd	Drawing I	B	Jan 5	9:00-4:00	\$45
Lucy Oxberry	Drawing 1	B	Jan 8,15,22,29,5,12	1:00-4:00	165
Dean Eisen	The Art of Matting & Framing	All	Jan 9	9:00-12:00	\$25
Kaki Bassi	Watercolors Coffee Cups	N	Jan 10	9:00-12:00	30
Lisa Fidipaldi	Luster Reflection and Metals (acrylics)	All	Jan 10	1:00-4:00	\$40
Sally Doran	Portrait/Self Portrait Class	I, Adv	Jan 11, 12	9:00-4:00	\$85
Sherry Daerr	Dogs in Watercolor	I, Adv	Jan 16	9:00-4:00	\$75
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Lights & Shadows	N	Jan 17	9:00-12:00	30
Paul Taylor	Beiginning Calligraphy	N, B	Jan 17, 24	1:00-4:00	\$75
Wanda Rackett	Gesso for texture and More	All	Jan 18	9:00-4:00	\$40
Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic 101	B	Jan 19,23,25	9:00-4:00	125
Hogan and Jowers	Winter Morning Sketch ZOOM Class - Watercolor & Pen	B, I	Jan 22, 29, Feb 5 and 12	9:00-12:00	\$90
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds -Cardinals	B	Jan 22	9:00-12:00	\$25
Candy McMains	Collage 101	N, B	Jan 24	9:00-12:00	FREE
Dean Eisen	Take 3 Colors - Farmhouse/ Windmill	All	Jan 31	1:00-4:00	40
Sally Doran	Your Eye	I,Adv	Jan 26	9:00-4:00	\$40
Dean Eisen	Mat Cuttung Machine Taining	All	Jan 31	4:00-6:00	Free
February					
Wanda Rackett	Art Journal	All	Feb 2	9:00-12:00	\$25
Carolyn Todd	Drawing II	I	Feb 3	9:00-4:00	\$45
Cynthia Jones	Colorful Acrylic Figures using Negative Painting Techniques	B, I, Adv	Feb 6,7	1:00-4:00, 9:00-12:00	\$50
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Carolina Wren	B	Feb 7	1:00-4:00	\$25
Sally Doran	Color Theory/Harmony	B,I,Adv	Feb 8	9:00-4:00	\$45
Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic Step by Step	B, I	Feb 14	9:00-4:00	45
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Glaze Technique Tropical Fruit	N	Feb 14	1:00-4:00	30
David King	Oils - Form+Value+Color - Working together	I, ADV	Feb 15, 16	9:00-4:00	\$100
Hogan and Jowers	Think Color ZOOM Class: Abstract Value Paintings - Acrylic/Oil	B, I	Feb 15, 16	9:00-12:00	\$60
Carolyn Todd	Drawing III	I	Feb 17	9:00-4:00	\$55
Candy McMains	Paper Dolls (Mixed Media)	All	Feb 19	9:00-12:00	\$25
Lucy Oxberry	Drawing 2	I	Feb 19,26,Mar 4,11,18,25		165
Judith Winter	Beginner Pastel	N, B	Feb 20	9:00-4:00	\$70
Garland Anderson, Jr.	Beginner Watercolor	N	Feb 21,22,23	9:00-4:00	\$75
Sherry Daerr	Dogs in Watercolor	I, A	Feb 28	9:00-4:00	75
Sally Doran	Blocking in a Painting/General Painting	B,I,Adv	Feb 29	9:00-4:00	\$40

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March					
Hogan, Jane	Spring Morning Sketch ZOOM Class - Watercolor & Pen	B, I	Mar 4, 5	9:00-12:00	\$60
David King	Essential Watercolor Techniques	I, ADV	Mar 14, 15	9:00-4:00	\$100
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds— Eastern Bluebird	B	Mar 13	1:00-4:00	\$25
Bob Shepherd	Introduction to Paint Like a Venitian	All	Mar 14, 21, 28	9:00-12:00	\$120
Kerry Dashnaw	Zentangle	All	Mar 14	1:00-4:00	45
Sally Doran	Still Life-Study of Greens, General Painting	I, Adv	Mar 15	9:00-4:00	\$40
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor on Black Paper	N	Mar 18	9:00-12:00	45
Dean Eisen	Mastering the Wash (Watercolor)	B, I, Adv	Mar 19, 20	9:00-4:00	\$60
Mary Smith Caldwell	Pastels	N	Mar 21	1:00-4:00	\$25
Wanda Rackett	Secret message mixed media	All	Mar 22	9:00-12:00	\$25
Sally Doran	Paint With 4 Colors Using Zorn's Palette	I, Adv	Mar26	9:00-4:00	\$40
Hogan, Jane	In the Style of Cezanne's <i>Blue Vase</i> – Oil/Acrylic (In VAC Studio)	I	Mar 27	9:00-4:00	\$65
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Blue Bonnets/Cacti	N	Mar 28	1:00-4:00	30
Sherry Daerr	Dogs in Watercolor	I, A	Mar 29	9:00-4:00	75
Carolyn Todd	Drawing IV- Life Drawing with a model	All	Mar 30	9:00-4:00	\$65
April					
Dean Eisen	Watercolor 101	N, B	Apr 4, 11, 18	9:00-4:00	\$75
Dean Eisen	Mat Cutting Machine Taining	All	Apr 4	4:00-6:00	Free
Wanda Rackett	Palette Knife Bird	All	Apr 5	9:00-12:00	\$25
Lucy Oxberry	Drawing 3	Adv	Apr 2,8,15,22,29 May 6	1:00-4:00	165
Hogan, Jane	Think Color ZOOM Class: Warm/Cool Floral Paintings - Acrylic/Oil	B, I	Apr 8,9	9:00-12:00	\$60
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Negative Paintings of Birds	N	Apr 8,	9:00-12:00	35
Sally Doran	Pulling it All Together/ Important Elements in a Painting	B.i.Adv	Apr 10	9:00-12:00	\$25
Kaki Bassi	Add People to Your Paintings	N	Apr 10	1:00-4:00	25
Sally Doran	Still Life/Spring Flowers, General Painting	I. Adv	Apr 12	9:00-4:00	\$40
Carolyn Todd	Painting with Watercolor	All	Apr 13	9:00-4:00	\$55
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Lesser Goldfinch	B	Apr 17	1:00-4:00	\$25
Lucy Oxberry	Perspective for Artists	All	Apr 19	9:00-4:00	40
Sherry Daerr	Dogs in Watercolor	I, A	Apr 23	9:00-4:00	75
Donna Bland	Creating Beautiful Landscape Paintings	All	Apr 24, 25, 26	9:00-4:00	\$150
MAY					
Wanda Rackett	Collage Owl	All	May 1	9:00-12:00	\$25
Marci Boone	Watercolor Techniques	ALL	May 2,3,4	9:00-1:00	\$150
Mary Smith Caldwell	Pastels	B, I	May4, 5	1:00-4:00, 9:00-12:00	40
Garland Anderson, Jr.	Architecture, Perspectives and Shades & Shadows	All	May 7,,8,9	9:00-4:00	\$75
Gale Shaeffer	Introduction to Alchol Ink	All	May 10	9:00-4:00	\$35
Carolyn Todd	Painting with Oil paint	B	May 11	9:00-4:00	\$70
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Painted Bunting	B	May 15	1:00-4:00	\$25
Dean Eisen	Watercolor 102	B, I	May 16,23	9:00-4:00	\$50
Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic Step by Step	B,I	May 17	9:00-4:00	45

Sometimes it is necessary to change class dates; when this happens the class will be changed on the website calendar.

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Carolyn Todd	Plein Air Acrylic Painting	B	May 17, 18	9:00-4:00	\$65
Sally Doran	Portrait/Self Portrait Class	I, Adv	May 21,22	9:00-4:00	\$85
Lucy Oxberry	Drawing I	B	May 28, Jun 3,10,17,24 Jul 1	1:00-4:00	165
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Rooster Painting	N	May 29	9:00-12:00	30
Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Pencils How to Use	N	May 29	1:00-4:00	35
Dean Eisen	Creating Contrast & Harmony with Watercolor	I, Adv	May 30,31	9:00-4:00	\$60
June					
Dean Eisen	Take 3 Colors -Seascape	All	Jun 4	1:00-4:00	\$40
Candy McMains	Portraits (Mixed Media)	All	Jun 6	9:00-12:00	\$25
Sally Doran	Color Theory/Harmony	B,I,Adv	Jun 7	9:00-4:00	\$45
Dean Eisen	How and Where to Sell Your Art	All	Jun 12	9:00-12:00	\$30
Lucy Oxberry	Step by Step Acrylic	B I	Jun 14	9:00-4:00	45
Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Blue Jay	B	June 19	1:00-4:00	\$25
King, David	Portraits in Oil - Form+Value+Color - Working together	I, ADV	6/20, 6/21	9:00 - 4:00	\$100