



Cindy Martin, President

When people here “we need volunteers,” some cringe at the thought and some are first in line.

How do you see yourself? First in line or first out the door. I have found myself in both situations.

It takes a lot of FREEEEEE talent to run any organization and the Visual Arts Club is no different.

My parents taught me early that “if you want more, give more”.

My parents volunteered a lot at our church, and they taught me that volunteering was a way to help others so that thought has carried over into my adult life.

I know that volunteering is not everyone’s cup of tea, but I think if you have a cup occasionally, you will find it very satisfying. You will meet new people, stay active in body, mind, and soul. It keeps you young and who doesn’t want that. It makes your life interesting. Visual Arts has many volunteer opportunities to choose from. Helping in the studio, helping at one of the 2 fairs or competition show that we have each year or one of the venues around Suncity for art displays. If you are a volunteer already be BOLD and invite someone to walk with you as you volunteer. This is a great opportunity to teach someone else the ropes. As we age in place, we can always use lots of alternates to help us along the way.

Your Talents might be computer skills to just being that friendly face people see when they enter the studio. No matter what your skill is there is a place for you here.

“Many hands make light work” has been around for long time. We have all heard it and probably have even used it at one time or another. I know I have. It was first published in 1546 by John Heywood in England. I was true back then and remains to be true today.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have volunteered in the past and will continue to volunteer in the future. I appreciate every one of you and know that you have something to offer to the Visual Arts Club no matter how small or big it is.

Remember this is your club and with your volunteerism you will continue to make the Visual Arts club the very best it can be.

There is **NO GENERAL MEETING IN MAY** so enjoy your month.

See you at the next general meeting **JUNE 11TH**.

Candy McMains - Fair Manager

**SIGN UP NOW! Art Fair, June 22 at the Retreat Lonestar Room.
10 A.M. till 4 P.M.**

Wow! How time flies! Mark your calendars now to attend the June Art Fair in the Retreat on Saturday, June 22. Interested in participating?

This is a first come, first served opportunity to have a table at our largest Art Fair of the year.

A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING for signing up will be Sunday, May 5 at 2 P.M. in the Studio **or on Monday, May 6 at 10 A.M.** in the Studio. You only need to attend one meeting. At this meeting will receive all the information and be able to sign your release. Questions? Fair Coordinator Candy McMains 512-943-4005.

The Visual Arts Club
ART FAIR
Art for Sale
Saturday, June 22nd
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
The Retreat
1220 Cattleman Drive
Georgetown, Texas
30 Plus Artists will show and sell their art.

Lee Ellis, Candy McMains, & Gale Shaeffer - SIG Leaders for Collage, Mixed Media & Alcohol Ink

“Pop Up” Art Fair & Sale – April 14

A BIG THANK YOU! What a great crowd we had at the Collage/ Mixed Media Fair on April 14th! Despite the smaller space we were able to accommodate the approximately 350 patrons who came to see and buy our art. With 24 artists participating and literally hundreds of pieces of art to choose from they were treated to a beautiful show by our talented Visual Arts Club members. Sales were brisk with around \$3,500 total in art sold. A huge THANKS to all who participated either as an artist, a buyer, or a loyal supporter. **Mark your calendars for the next ART FAIR on June 22, in the Lonestar Room at the Retreat from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. More room, more artists, and of course more art!!!!**

Candy McMains Fair Coordinator

The VAC “Volunteer” squad set up, hosted, and did cashier duty at the April 14th Pop Up Art Fair.



Visitors and patrons enjoying the POP Up Art Fair displays and prizes.



Linda Campbell, Membership Chair

Linda is planning a meeting with the new 2024 members in June following the General Meeting. It will be very informative so please plan on attending.


Barbara Cooper, Exhibition Chair

A few fun facts about some of our most famous artists.

- Picasso could draw before he could walk. The Spanish word for pencil was the first thing he said.
- Leonardo da Vinci spent 12 years painting the lips of the Mona Lisa!
- Vincent Van Gogh created more than 2000 works of art but sold only one during his lifetime.
- Pierre Auguste Renoir painted despite crippling arthritis.
- Jackson Pollock worked as a janitor in a primary school, and he used cigarettes as a medium in his paintings.
- Grant Wood confirmed that the characters in his "American Gothic" painting represented a father and daughter. He used his sister and his dentist as the models for the portrait.

Remember, there is a story behind every piece of art. What's yours?

Exhibit Opportunity in 2025. Impressions Gallery, located in St David's Hospital - Georgetown, is now accepting applications for Featured Artists for last half of the year and 2025. If you wish to be considered contact Dean Eisen at Deaneisensartwork@gmail.com or by text to 469.233.2679.

<p><u><i>Linda Campbell's Art</i></u> was featured in St. David's Hospital 's Impressions Gallery in April 2024.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Linda Campbell's paintings come to the Impressions Gallery</p> 
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Artists About Town & Featured Artist

<i>Artists About Town May</i>			
<i>Artist</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Location</i>
Darrell Hutchinson	St. David's Hospital, Georgetown; Baca Center, Round Rock	Cynthia Jones	Williamston County Art Guild Gallery, Georgetown; Uniquely Salado, Salado.
Linda Campbell	Williamson County Art Guild Gallery; Jester Center, Round Rock	Sigi Field	Ken'z Guitars, On the Square, Georgetown
This could be your spot in June!	TBD	This could be your spot in June!	TBD
Connie Matheny	2 Locations in Austin Community College: Military Network Center (Highland Campus); ACC Art Lab (Highland Campus)	Shirley Patxot	Williamston County Art Guild Gallery, Georgetown; Uniquely Salado, Salado; and Round Rock Downtowner Gallery, Round Rock.
This could be your spot in June!	TBD	Jan Sherer	Williamson County Art Gallery, 708 Rock Street, Georgetown

Artists About Town lets 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 nearby and want to be listed, please contact Jane Hogan. Email is: hoganjs2@msn.com

<p><u><i>Featured Artist for the month of May</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Dean Eisen</i></u> Enjoy viewing Dean's works of art hanging in the Central Office hallway in May 2024!</p>	
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Sunshine Chair - Connie Hartsfield

 <p>Thankful for you!</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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 5 SIGs who meet on a regular Saturday in the VAC Studio. We also have one Collage Study Group. 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 SIGs but not all start at 10 A.M. Come check them out. A great way to engage artists with interests in specific mediums. March schedules are:

Drawing SIG – 1st Saturday, May 4th - 10AM - Noon – Dixie Kee, Leader

- **Anyone can draw stick figures!** Kaki Bassi will give instructions on using stick figures to study movements of the human body, followed by poses by a live model. **Good for beginners, practice for advanced!** Q&A: dixiekee@gmail.com 979-255-8518

Painters SIG – 1st Saturday, May 4th - 2:00PM - Linda Campbell, Leader

- The Painters SIG meets the first Saturday of each month at 1-3. Painters SIG has painted in black and white and another in three colors only. Then we just painted whatever we wanted. This next time I would like us to paint a monochrome painting to help us learn the importance to value in a painting. But if you have a project then bring it to the meeting. Critiques are always offered if requested. Just come and paint in oil, watercolor, pastel, or acrylic. All levels of expertise are invited.

Alcohol Ink SIG- 2nd Saturday, May 11th - Gale Shaeffer and Terry Pusztai, Co-Leader

- Teresa Pusztai has an exciting demonstration planned for Alcohol Ink SIG on May 11 at 10:00 AM. You will be able to follow along and make your own art. One of the great aspects of working with this medium is the different surfaces it can be used on. We will be providing the aluminum you will be working on. Bring your own supplies or if you are just wanting to see if Alcohol Ink is for you, I'll have supplies for you. The SIG is free and a great way to try out a new medium. There is no sign up. Be sure to wear your play clothes. These inks stain. This is a fun group to attend, and we are always excited to welcome new people.



Collage SIG, 3rd Saturday, May 18th, 10AM – Noon - Candy McMains, Leader

- **Collage SIG meets every 3rd Saturday starting at 10 A.M. in the Studio.** Free and Open to all members. Join us this month as we create a simple collage with the theme of "**April Showers Bring May Flowers.**" Bring your journals or a sheet of watercolor or/ mixed media paper if you have it. Come prepared to have some fun while creating ART! Candy McMains SIG Leader

Watercolor SIG – 4th Saturday of each month, May 25th, 10AM - Noon – Leader – Kaki Bassi

- People have asked for just a painting day. Please bring your supplies, ideas, paint to finish, or to start. I will have ideas if you do not. If it is a nice day, we can sit outside and paint nature!

The Collage Study Group, 3rd Monday of the Month, May 20th, 4:30PM, Leader – Lee Ellis

- Collage Study Group will meet Monday, May 20, at 4:30 pm in the VAC Studio. The subject for the next project is to create a collage referencing a "book made into a movie." This project was extended by one

month due to the Pop Up Show that was held the day before our April meeting. Members create projects at home and bring them to the Study Group for "show and tell." We are not limited to the monthly project and may create collages of our own choosing. The Study Group usually meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the VAC Studio. This is a format to learn, create and share our art. If you are interested in this Group, contact Lee Ellis at bearlee1960@gmail.com. Visitors are welcome.

Roxanne Russell - Treasurer

Beginning Jan.1, the CA office made the decision to **stop mailing out checks**. We have two options for you to get paid (teachers & artists) and reimbursed (Board members, committee members).

The recommended and preferred way is for you to visit the CA office, complete the direct deposit form, add a voided check, and leave it with them. You can put your form, along with a voided check, into an envelope, addressed to "Megan" and put it in the slot outside the CA office, or into the locked blue box on the monitor desk at Texas Dr as well. (no need to stand in line)

You only need to complete the form one time, NOT every time you are getting paid.

When using Direct Deposit, the amount will be deposited into your checking account by end of the day Friday.

Your only other option is to submit your form as you have been doing, **then go to the filing cabinet behind the monitors desk at the Texas Dr. location, (after 4pm on Friday) and get the check from the VAC file.** A cautionary note, that cabinet is not locked or "manned" once the check is put in there, we, the VAC board will not be responsible in any manner for the check.

Again, this is a decision that was made by the CA office, not by our VAC board.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Roxanne Russell, VAC Treasurer



David King - Education Co-Chair

- "Class registrations are lagging behind last year at this time. There are some very interesting classes coming up in the next months. We invite you to look at the calendar included in this Newsletter and explore these classes on the VAC online Calendar! "
- On another subject, **David King is looking for an assistant to help him through 2024.** This position calls for computer and organizational skills.

Art Classes are offered in the VAC Studio and on Zoom. Photos from a recent class.

Jane Hogan recently taught a painting-from-observation class on "In the Style of Cezanne's Blue Vase." Artists' group and work are shown here.



- For your convenience below is the 2024 Class Schedule for the remainder of the year:

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)

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

2024 Class Schedule - Revised 4/25/24

Month	Teacher	Class	Level	Date	Time	Cost	Date Close	Medium
May	Wanda Rackett	Collage Owl	All	May 1	9:00-12:00	25	4/25/2024	Acrylic
	Lucy Oxberry	Perspective for Artists	All	May 2	9:00-4:00	40	4/25/2024	Drawing
	Garland Anderson, Jr.	Architecture, Perspectives and Shades & Shadows	All	May 7,8,9	9:00-4:00	75	5/2/2024	Watercolor
	Gale Shaeffer	Introduction to Alcohol Ink	All	May 10	9:00-4:00	35	5/2/2024	Alcohol Ink
	Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Painted Bunting	B	May 14	1:00-4:00	25	5/9/2024	Acrylic
4/10/2024	Carolyn Todd	Watercolor Eclectica	All	May 15	9:00-4:00	55	5/9/2024	Acrylic
	Dean Eisen	Watercolor 102	B,I	May 16,23	9:00-4:00	50	5/9/2024	Watercolor
	Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic Step by Step	B,I	May 17	9:00-4:00	45	5/9/2024	Acrylic
	Candy McMains	Portraits (Mixed Media)	All	May 20	9:00-4:00	25	5/16/2024	Media/Collage
	Sally Doran	Portrait/Self Portrait Class	I, Adv	May 21,22	9:00-4:00	85	5/16/2024	Oil
	Carolyn Todd	Oil Painting	B,I	May 24	9:00 - 4:00	65, + 25 supply fee	5/16/2024	Oil
	Lucy Oxberry	Drawing I	B	May 28, Jun 3,10,17,24 Jul 1	1:00-4:00	165	5/23/2024	Drawing
	Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Rooster Painting	N	May 29	9:00-12:00	30	5/23/2024	Watercolor
	Kaki Bassi	Watercolor Pencils How to Use	N	May 29	1:00-4:00	35	5/23/2024	Watercolor
Cancelled 3/26	Dean Eisen	Creating Contrast & Harmony with Watercolor	I, Adv	May 30,31	9:00-4:00	60	5/23/2024	Watercolor

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June	Dean Eisen	Colors - Seascape	All	Jun 4	1:00-4:00	40	5/30/2024	Watercolor
	Sally Doran	Color Theory/Harmony	B,I,Adv	Jun 7	9:00-4:00	45	5/30/2024	Other
	Dean Eisen	How and Where to Sell Your Art	All	Jun 12	9:00-12:00	30	6/6/2024	Other
	Lucy Oxberry	Step by Step Acrylic	B,I	Jun 14	9:00-4:00	45	6/6/2024	Acrylic
	Mary Curtis	Birds—Blue Jay	B	June 19	1:00-4:00	25	6/13/2024	Acrylic
	Carolyn Todd	Encaustic Painting	I, Adv	June 27	9:00-4:00	55 supplies	6/20/2024	Media/Collage
July	Lucy Oxberry	Drawing 2	I	Jul 8,29, Aug 5, 19,26, Sept 3	1:00-4:00	165	7/4/2024	Drawing
	Mary Smith Caldwell	Pastels	B, I	Jul 9,10	9:00-12:00	40	7/4/2024	
	Dean Eisen	Yellow Rose of Texas (Watercolor)	All	Jul 11	9:00-4:00	50	7/4/2024	Watercolor
	Wanda Backett	Acrylic paint and a credit Card	All	Jul 12	9:00-12:00	25	7/4/2024	Acrylic
	Mary Smith Caldwell	Pastels	M	Jul 15	9:00-12:00	25	7/11/2024	
	Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—American Robin	B	Jul 17	1:00-4:00	25	7/11/2024	Acrylic
	Dean Eisen	Mastering the Wash (Watercolor)	B, I, Adv	Jul 18,19	9:00-4:00	60	7/11/2024	Watercolor
Revised 1/29	Marci Boone	Watercolor Techniques	ALL	July 24, 25, 26	9:00-1:00	150	7/18/2024	Watercolor
	Judith Winter Garland	Beginner Pastel	N,B	Jul 31	9:00-4:00	70	7/25/2024	Pastels
August	Anderson, Jr.	Line & Wash	All	Aug 7,8,9	9:00-4:00	75	8/1/2024	Watercolor
	Dean Eisen	Mat Cutting Machine Training	All	Aug 16	4:00-6:00	Free	8/15/2024	Other
	Mary Curtis	Birds—Red-bellied Woodpecker	B	Aug 21	1:00-4:00	25	8/15/2024	Acrylic
	Dean Eisen	The Art of Matting & Framing	All	Aug 22	1:00-4:00	25	8/15/2024	Other

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September	Carolyn Todd	Encaustic Painting	All	,Sept 4	9.00 - 4.00	65	8/29/2024	Mixed Media/Collag
	Kaki Bassi	Black Out Poetry Colored Pencils	N	Sept 5	9:00-12:00	35	8/29/2024	Watercolor
	Kaki Bassi	Watercolor on Black	N	Sept 5	1:00-4:00	45	8/29/2024	Watercolor
	Sally Doran	Paint with 4 Colors, Using Zorn's Palette	I, Adv	Sept 6	9:00-4:00	40	8/29/2024	Oil
	Lucy Oxberry	Drawing 3	Adv	Sept 9,16,23,30, Oct 7,14	1:00-4:00	165	9/5/2024	Drawing
	Dean Eisen	Watercolor 101	N, B	Sep 11, 18,25	9:00-4:00	75	9/5/2024	Watercolor
	Candy McMains	Natures Color (Mixed)	All	Sep 12	9:00-12:00	25	9/5/2024	Mixed Media/Collag
	Gale Shaeffer	Alcohol Ink on Canvas	All	Sep 13	9:00-4:00	35	9/5/2024	Alcohol Ink
	Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Red-breasted Hummingbird	B	Sept 17	1:00-4:00	25	9/12/2024	Acrylic
	Judith Winter	Beginner	N, B	Sep 19	9:00-4:00		9/12/2024	Pastels
	Carolyn Todd	Colored Pencil	All	Sep 20	9:00-4:00	45	9/12/2024	Drawing
	Sally Doran	Fall Still life/ General Painting	I,Adv	Sep 24	9:00-4:00	40	9/19/2024	Oil
	Dean Eisen	Monochrome Watercolor Painting	I, Adv	Sep 26,27	9:00-4:00	60	9/19/2024	Watercolor
October	Garland Anderson, Jr.	Beginner Watercolor	Novis	October 2,3,4	9:00-4:00	75	9/26/2024	Watercolor
	Kaki Bassi	Add People to Paintings	N	Oct 9	9:00-12:00	25	10/3/2024	Watercolor
	Dean Eisen	Mat Cutting Machine Training	All	Oct 10	4:00-6:00	Free	10/3/2024	Other
	Dean Eisen	The Art of Matting & Framing	All	Oct 10	1:00-4:00	25	10/3/2024	Other
	Paul Taylor	Beginning Calligraphy	N, B	Oct 11, 18	1:00-4:00	75	10/3/2024	Calligraphy
	Marci Boone	Watercolor Techniques	ALL	Oct 15,16,17	9:00-12:00	150	10/10/2024	Watercolor
	Mary Curtis	Birds—Northern Mockingbird	B	Oct 16	1:00-4:00	25	10/10/2024	Acrylic
	Cynthia Jones	Collage - Bunnies & Hares	B, I, Adv	Oct 17, 18	1:00-4:00, 9:00-12:00	50	10/10/2024	Mixed Media/Collage
	Wanda Rackett	Trees for Fall...Acrylic	All	Oct 22	9:00-12:00	25	10/17/2024	Acrylic
	Donna Bland	Painting with reflections of Value and Color Mixing in Mind	All	Oct 23, 24, 25	9:00-4:00	150	10/17/2024	Oil
	Hogan/Jowers	ZOOM Fall Morning sketch, Watercolor & Pen	B, I	Oct 28, 29	9:00 - 12:00	60	10/21/2024	Watercolor
	Sally Doran	Pulling It All Together/ Important Elements in a Paintings	B, I, Adv	Oct 29	9:00-4:00	40	10/24/2024	Oil
	Sally Doran	Study of Whites	I, Adv	Oct 30	9:00-4:00	40	10/24/2024	Oil
	Dean Eisen	Watercolor Cityscapes	B, I, Adv	Oct 31	9:00-4:00	50	10/24/2024	Watercolor

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November	Wanda Rackett	Paint and a story	All	Nov 1	9:00-12:00	25	10/24/2024	Acrylic
	Sally Doran	Capturing Light in Your Paintings, Leading your Eye	I,Adv	Nov 6	9:00-4:00	40	10/31/2024	Oil
	Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic Step by	B,I	Nov 7	9:00-4:00	45	10/31/2024	Acrylic
	Hogan and Jowers	Think Color Zoom Class: Complement Paintings - Acrylic/Oil	B,I	Nov 8, 9	9:00-12:00	60	10/31/2024	Acrylic
	Gale Shaeffer	Introduction to Alcohol Ink	All	Nov 8	9:00-4:00	35	10/31/2024	Alcohol Ink
	Dean Eisen	Watercolor 102	B,I	Nov 13, 19	9:00-4:00	50	11/7/2024	Watercolor
	Candy McMains	Red & Green Joy (Mixed Media)	All	Nov 14	1:00-4:00	25	11/7/2024	Mixed Media/Collage
	Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Tufted Titmouse	B	Nov 18	1:00-4:00	25	11/14/2024	Acrylic
	Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic 101	B	Nov 20,21,22	9:00-4:00	125	11/14/2024	Acrylic
December	Garland Anderson, Jr.	Watercolor Workshop	All	Dec 4,5,6	9:00-4:00	75	11/28/2024	Watercolor
	Kaki Bassi	Watercolors Giraffe	N	Dec 10	9:00-12:00	35	12/5/2024	Watercolor
	Kerry Dashnaw	Zentangle	All	Dec 11	9:00-12:00	45	12/5/2024	Zentangle
	Lucy Oxberry	Acrylic Step by Step	B,I	Dec 12	9:00-4:00	45	12/5/2024	Acrylic
	Mary Curtis	Texas Birds—Chickadee	B	Dec 18	1:00-4:00	25	12/12/2024	Acrylic
	Dean Eisen	Themed Painting using Dry Watercolor Crystals	All	Dec 19	9:00-12:00	40	12/12/2024	Watercolor
	Sally Doran	Holiday Painting	I,Adv	Dec 20	9:00-4:00	40	12/12/2024	Oil
	Sally Doran	Portrait/Self Portrait Class - PRACTICE	I,Adv	Dec 26,27	9:00-4:00	85	12/19/2024	Oil