



Newsletter

August-September, 2011

Art Center of Brazos Valley 979-696-2787

www.bvartleague.org



**President's
Palette**

"At age six I wanted to be a cook. At age seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing ever since".

SALVADOR DALI

Some would say artists are crazy, weird, at the very least, a little bit different. Personally, I get a lot of mileage out of that belief. It's kind of nice to have a built in excuse for unusual behavior. But we know the pursuit of something in the face of overwhelming odds is strange to a world that pursues money, status, and prestige. And as an artist there is competition around every corner.

It's nice to have a group of people to commiserate with, plan with, and share in all the crazy fun.

Welcome back BVAL members. We have assembled a great team on the board this year and we're looking forward to one of our most dynamic years ever.

August 1st was the start of the new year's membership drive. Forms for renewal will be on our website and available at the art center. We are making an effort to be more "technology friendly" as well with the opening of a pay pal account for your convenience.

We look forward to a year of art education, creation, planning, exhibits and support for the arts. We hope you will be a part of it too!!

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BVAL Calendar

August 1st—Membership drive for 2011-2012 begins. See application form on page 5. Forms are also available on the BVAL web site and at the Arts Center.

August 5th—1st Friday in downtown Bryan

August 11th—Reception for Susan Sheets and Carol Ziegler Exhibition 6:00 –7:30 p.m.

September 2nd—1st Friday in downtown Bryan

September 12th BVAL Board meets 10:30 a.m.

BVAL General Meeting—Noon

Demo Artist—Annette Kinslow, nationally known for her wire-wrapped cabochons, wire-enhanced collage, and other wire applications will demonstrate her technique. *See page 3* for more information on Annette and the 1/2 day workshops beginning immediately after the noon meeting.

Sept. 12th—wire-wrapped jewelry session (earrings)

Sept. 13th—*morning* session creating a pair of salad servers (bead and wire/sculptural applications)

Sept. 13th—*afternoon* teaching fine art collage that incorporates wire and beads.

Refreshments for the September meeting will be supplied by members of the BVAL Board. If you would like to take charge of a refreshment sign up sheet for future meetings please let Nancy or a BVAL Board member know. Without someone to organize refreshments there will not be snacks at future meetings.

Planning Ahead...

Oct. 3rd—28th—Member Show “*Second Nature*”
In “*Second Nature*” you are asked to submit up to 3 pieces in any medium depicting this theme as **described in detail on page 4** of this newsletter.

October 7th & 8th—The Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival is a two-day event held in Historic Bryan, Texas. One feature of the festival, the artist showcase, is a venue for artists to market their creations to the community and its 20,000 visitors -- it is a great opportunity for local artists to gain visibility. Artists wishing to showcase art at the event must be residents of, living, and working in Texas. For more information or to apply email craig@acbv.org or call 979-696-2787.

Local and Member Exhibits

Texas Gallery

August 12th—September 29th
Susan Sheets, Paintings
& **Carol Ziegler, Sculptures**

Art Center Studio

August
Mary Burkhalter
September/October
Shelly Janac

Brazos Center

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September/October
Mary Burkhalter

C.S. Conference Center

August
Nell Bednarz
September/October
Coleen Bradfield & Sylvia Colwell

Frame Gallery

216 N. Bryan in downtown Bryan, TX
BVAL member Greta Watkins
Exhibits work by many BVAL Artists
October 7th—Lisa Hughes
One Woman Show
“Layers of a Woman’s Life” opening

The Village Café

Through the month of August
Paintings of Barbara German

Cenare Restaurant

Paintings of Janene Pratt and Ceci Luepnitz

Art C’s Gallery

Located on Hwy 36 in downtown
Somerville is operated by two
BVAL members,
Cheryl Wooten and Cathy Schuster.

(If you are not able to display your art work at the time and in the location you signed up for then please contact Sylvia Colwell, 979-774-0938 so another artist may have that opportunity.)



BVAL Art Opportunities



Adult Water Color Classes with Barb Starnar will meet in the Arts Center Studio 9:30 a.m. til 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays **beginning September 8th** and will continue through the year (unless she's out of town). All levels of ability are welcome. For information contact Barb Starnar 979-220-7231 or bjstarnar@yahoo.com
See her paintings at bjstarnar.blogspot.com

Dmitri Koustov oil/acrylic classes will continue to meet on Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Contact Dmitri at dkoustov@yahoo.com for information. All levels welcome.

Returning to the Frame Gallery in September—Each Wednesday artists are assembling at **The Frame Gallery** for **two distinct opportunities** to study the human form. Easels and lighting provided. Following are descriptions and contact information for both **Portrait and Figure Drawing/Painting from a model**:

Portrait Drawing/Painting from the model : 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Work with a clothed live model with focus on the portrait and long sittings. Use these sessions to hone your skills. This is not a class with an instructor, rather it is a chance for you to share in the cost of a model, learn from each other, and work in the medium of your choice in a creative environment. All interested artists welcome.

Cost: Varies somewhat by number of participants any given month

Contact Ceci Luepnitz [979-693-7248](tel:979-693-7248) or Greta Watkins [979-822-0496](tel:979-822-0496) with questions

Figure Drawing/Painting from the model : 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Expressive and complex full figure poses performed by a live male or female model, clothed and unclothed. Poses range in length from one minute to twenty minutes as well as occasional movement studies. Each model has been screened and selected for their ability to bring drama and excitement to the studio. As always, photography is not permitted during the life drawing session. Ten dollars per session. Contact Larry Schueckler [979.777.3230](tel:979.777.3230) with questions

Lisa Hughes Mixed Media Collage Workshop at the Frame Gallery

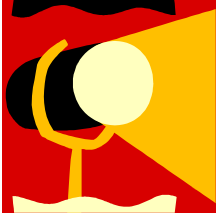
The Workshop will be held at The Frame Gallery, 216 N. Bryan, Bryan Texas, [979 822-0496](tel:979-822-0496). The Workshop dates are October 14th and 15th. The hours are 10am till 3pm both Friday and Saturday. 2 day Workshop cost is \$145. 1 day Workshop is \$75. Please contact Greta at The Frame Gallery for enrollment and supplies information. Read more about Lisa **“In the Spotlight” on page 4** of the newsletter.

Annette Kinslow, Wire-Wrapped Cabochons Workshops will begin immediately after her **demo at the September 12th meeting (p.2)**. Each workshop of 2 1/2 to 3 hrs is priced at \$50, plus the cost of materials. Annette has said that kits will be available online from her website and typically run about \$15. <http://kinslowart.com>

Samples of wire wrapped jewelry



Nell Bednarz has taken a wire-wrapped cabochon (pendant) class with her, and immediately experienced a good deal of success with this type of sculpting in sterling silver with precious or semi-precious stones. Nell's first sale was 11 days after learning Annette's technique. Annette works with a glass art studio where she makes her own glass cabochon stones. Anyone interested in these workshops should contact Nell Bednarz, [281-352-8057](tel:281-352-8057) or by e-mail mike-nell@consolidated.net



BVAL Member Spotlight on..... Lisa Hughes

BVAL member Lisa Hughes has been chosen as the featured artist for Flair Magazine - Fall Issue. Her work will be presented on the cover as well as other pieces within the magazine and also an article about her life. The Fall issue theme will be "Layering". Lisa is a mixed media collage artist and teacher who specializes in adding many layers to her work. She feels that using acrylics, watercolor, craypas, pastels, colored pencils, embellishments, hand-painted papers, found objects and surprise elements adds not only depth but also mystery to her work.

Lisa has traveled to many different countries and studied other cultures. The patterns, symbols and colors of Morocco, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Hungary, Mexico City, and across the United States have influenced her work. She invites the viewer into the story-telling of mixed media collage.

On Friday, October 7th Lisa Hughes' mixed media collage one-woman show opens at The Frame Gallery- 216 N. Bryan, Bryan Texas- [979 822-0496](tel:9798220496). The show is titled, "Layers of a Woman's Life". Her work will appeal to both women and men as she unfolds the stages of a woman's life from child to Crone. She invites everyone to come see the show and enjoy First Friday as well as The Texas Red Festival that weekend!

Also Lisa will be conducting an exciting Mixed Media Collage Workshop in October. She will be teaching new techniques that will include lots of different materials that you already have, used in a different way of art making. Lisa's Workshops are always filled with fun and lots of information for all artist no matter what medium they use. The Workshop will be held at The Frame Gallery, 216 N. Bryan, Bryan Texas, [979 822-0496](tel:9798220496). The Workshop dates are October 14th and 15th. The hours are 10am till 3pm both Friday and Saturday. 2 day Workshop cost is \$145. 1 day Workshop is \$75. Please contact Greta at The Frame Gallery for enrollment and supplies information.

Member Show "*Second Nature*"

October 3rd—28th

In our world today many have taken a new interest in the natural world around them. We have come to realize how fragile nature is and the need to preserve what we have as an essential life force. In "Seond Nature" we are asking artists to reinterpret nature. Your interpretation can be anything from depicting natural environments and objects, to using natural materials in your work, to creating art from objects found in nature, etc. You are asked to submit up to 3 pieces in any medium depicting this theme. Your pieces will be paired with objects found in nature for the exhibit by the curator (Larry Scheuckler). If there are a large number of entries, pieces will be juried into the exhibit.

BVAL Opportunities for Children

Children's Art with Daniel Xiao will meet **Saturdays** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Classes will meet in the studio at the Arts Center. Call 820-4087 for information and to register.



Children's pastel classes with Amanda Dominguez—www.doublecrossheartstudio.com
Her fall classes will begin in August on **Tuesday and Wednesday** 4-5:30 at A&M Methodist Church.

Thank you to Carla Quigley for directing our Summer Art Camp this year, as well as our teachers. We had our best year yet despite overcoming some obstacles.

Membership Renewal Time

Please print and fill out the form below, and then mail your check of \$35.00 for annual dues with the form to:

Brazos Valley Art league
C/O Membership Chairperson
2275 Dartmouth, College Station, TX 77840

(You may also bring your check and the form below to the September meeting on September 12th. There is also a form on the BVAL web site www.bvartleague.org)

We invite you to be a part of the Brazos Valley Art League (BVAL) by renewing your membership or becoming A NEW MEMBER. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month with the following exceptions. The September meeting is the second Monday. There are no meetings in July and August. The Meetings begin at 12:00 Noon and are held at Arts Center Brazos Valley, 2275 Dartmouth, College Station.

Thank You

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Check one: New Member Renewing Membership

Enclosed please find \$ _____ Cash or Check (Payable to BVAL)

Date _____ Check # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Website (Please print clearly!)

Email (please print clearly) _____

You will receive an electronic newsletter monthly or bi-monthly except July and August when there are no meetings.

Art Medium _____

Signature _____