



Newsletter

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**President's
Palette**

“Art is both the taking & giving of beauty; the turning out to the light the inner folds of the awareness of the spirit. It is the recreation on another plane of the realities of the world; the tragic and wonderful realities of earth and mankind, and of all the inter-relations of these.” Ansel Adams

Aesthetics: The branch of philosophy dealing with the nature of beauty, art, and taste, and with the creation and appreciation of beauty.

We've often heard, “one man's trash is another man's treasure” or “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” Well where aesthetics are concerned there definitely seems to be some truth to those sayings.

Our judgment of aesthetics or beauty in a piece of art seems to be linked to our emotional responses to it. Also, aesthetic judgments seem to be culturally conditioned to some extent. For example, Victorians in Britain often saw African sculpture as ugly, but just a few decades later Edwardian audiences found the same sculptures beautiful. Even our color choices are influenced by our cultural upbringing.

Aesthetic values are also linked to judgments of economic, political, and moral value. For example, we may find an expensive diamond necklace a thing of beauty partly because of its desirability as a status symbol or repulsive because it represents over-consumption and offends our political and moral values. So of all the disciplines, I would say that aesthetics is one of the most difficult to define simply because of the very personal emotional basis from which it comes.

As a member of the Art League you are choosing, to some extent, to expose yourself to different artist's points of view and often to learn more about the art world by your association. We are learning from each other new ways to approach the world of art, and in this process, we have the opportunity to grow in our knowledge, experience, and aesthetic responses.

As we begin a new year in the Art League here's wishing you all a beautiful year as you produce beautiful artwork in an effort to make our community a beautiful place to be!! 😊

Keep Creating,
Nancy

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BVAL News and Events

January 3rd—BVAL General Meeting at noon
Our own Dmitri Kostav will be the demo artist.
No Board meeting on January 3rd

January 10th—BVAL Board Retreat 11:00 a.m.
at Nancy's home

December 30th or January 3rd—Pick up art work
from the Kept Animal exhibit.

January 17th & 18th—Carol Martin Oil Workshop
This workshop is currently full but another is already planned. Space is limited so contact Cynthia at cynthie@chgraphicsstudio.com asap.

January 9th – February 5th—Dreaming of Russia
Painting activities with children for the Russian Season at ArtBAC with BVAL artist Sky Chevalier
sky.chevalier@yahoo.com for information.

February 11th & 12th—Recitals and Art Shows to finalize the Fine Arts Focus Festival, Russian Season, and presentation of gifts donated by BVAL artists

February 17th—19th—**Bob Rohm** Pastel Workshop. This celebrated artist lives in the Texas Hill Country. The paintings of Bob Rohm have been included in exhibits all over the world and can be found in both corporate and private collections. Contact Cynthia for information

April 7th—9th—**Nicholas Simmons** Water Media Workshop. Spaces are limited for instruction from this internationally acclaimed artist so reserve your spot early by contacting Cynthia Hanks soon at cynthie@chgraphicsstudio.com. It is anticipated that this workshop will be quite large and will take place at a location other than the Art Center.

Exciting News from Janene Pratt:

I was accepted in the "Best and Brightest" 2011 competition at the Scottsdale Art School. In addition to displaying my work there it will be shown in the Celebration of Fine Art in Scottsdale Arizona which is considered one of the highest profile shows of the season. The work that was accepted is a charcoal of a young art student and is called Meagan's Hat.
<http://www.janenepratt.com>

Local and Member Exhibits

Texas Gallery

January 5th-11th

James Nowak & Frank Stanford

February 14th—26th

Becky Eddy-Phillips & BVAL Artists

Art Center Studio

January—Memories of Russia
Special Houston exhibit with Vladimir Frumin

February—Barb Starner and Students

Brazos Center

January/February

Monika Pate

C.S. Conference Center

January—Coleen Bradfield

February—Open

Frame Gallery

216 N. Bryan in downtown Bryan, TX
BVAL member Greta Watkins
Exhibits work by many **BVAL Artists**

Art C's Gallery

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

Marketplace on the Square

102 W. Fox St in Caldwell
Hosts several BVAL artists

ArtBAC

Bryan Artist Collective

425 Main St. in south downtown Bryan
bryanartistcollective@gmail.com
www.artBAC.com

Check out the web site for BVAL members
who are already part of the collective

Nature's Art Studio

101 S. Main St. Calvert, Texas
BVAL artist Shelley Harris-Janac
www.naturesartstudio.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Arts Council of Brazos Valley Junior School of Art to Open in January

January 10 through May 21, the Arts Council of Brazos Valley will partner with professional artist **Dmitri Koustov** to offer the first ACBV Junior School of Art.

The weekly schedule includes:

Monday: 6—8 year olds
Wednesday: 9—12 year olds
Friday: 13—15 year olds

All classes will be held from 4:00—5:30 p.m. in the Boone & Plass Studios in the Arts Center at 2275 Dartmouth in College Station.

The \$255 registration fee includes tuition and supplies for the 17 week class. Register by calling the Arts Council of Brazos Valley at 979-696-2787.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS in 2011

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

Adult Water Color Classes with Barb Starner meet Friday mornings 9:30—12:30 p.m. Call 220-7231 for information and to register.

The Frame Gallery in downtown Bryan offers a variety of classes. Contact Greta at the Frame Gallery, 822-0496 for information on these upcoming classes and Wednesday afternoon portrait painting.

Wednesday Morning Paint Days at the Art Center. Bring your own supplies—no instructor available



CLASSES FOR CHILDREN in 2011

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

Children's Art with Kay Watkins Tuesdays 4:00—5:30 p.m. Ages 9-15. Contact Kay at kaysartquest@gmail.com or 739-5782 to be placed on a waiting list. Class is currently full.

Children's Art with Amanda Dominguez at A&M UMC. 2 sessions fall and 2 in spring, 8 weeks long. Meeting on Tuesday and Thursday 4:00—5:30. \$145 tuition, \$25 pastels or you can bring your own,. No oil pastels please. Maximum of 10 students per class. 1st grade-high school. For additional information contact www.doublecrossheartstudio.com





BVAL Art Opportunities



Gallery at Dartmouth OpportunityThe ACBV staff is in the process of converting the Gallery at Dartmouth into a full consignment function. If you are interested in this opportunity to sell your work at the Arts Center, contact Craig at craig@acbv.org or 696-2787. There is limited space and all applications are juried.

New Art Opportunity for Our Members

Beginning this year we will be giving members an opportunity to have a show in the Texas Gallery as the feature artist of one of our Member's Shows with a theme of your choosing. You will also be bringing in additional member's pieces as part of your show and generating ideas for your art reception.

All artists interested will submit an application through the ACBV application submission process for shows in the Texas Gallery found on their website at ACBV.org. A selection committee will review applications and notify members in August.

Our first such show will be held this February 12th through 28th featuring Becky Eddy-Phillips and "Pink Evolution". A call for entries will be for submissions with the theme "The Look of Love" open to all members. See call for entries.

We believe this is an exciting opportunity for member artists in addition to our existing shows and sales for artwork. **Please see information below for the first show opportunity.**

Call for Entries

Upcoming Member's Show, February 12th through 28th featuring the work of Becky Eddy-Phillips in "Pink Evolution" (see her artist's statement below). Members are asked to submit up to 3 pieces for a Valentine show with representations of romantic love. Pieces will need to be submitted by February 2nd at the Art Center or online via email to ledaegg@yahoo.com.

Artist's Statement

"PINK EVOLUTION"

BECKY PHILLIPS

AN INSTALLATION OF PAINTINGS 2009-2011

OIL ON CANVAS

You will see the impression of the human upon the land and sky scapes. The eyes were a studied copy of the Native Americans from the photographs of Edward Curtis. Now I paint the eyes of my mind. The atmospheres are Earth and beyond. They are space.

THERE ARE SIGNS OF ALL WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US. THE WORLD IS CHANGING AS WE COME AND GO.

TRUSTING INSTINCT AND IMPULSE, unearthed artifacts, migrations & battles over resources are repeated allusions.

Pink is sooo "POP", I just succumbed to the trend.

Artists Needed:

Contact Elena Reece, elerece@gmail.com or if you are willing to contribute time or art work to Focus Festival III, Russian Season, which annually **combines performing and visual arts** with students presenting both art forms based on the current year's theme at the end of the festival

ArtBAC opening. There is currently an opening at the Bryan Art Collective (ArtBAC) in downtown Bryan for artists interested in studio and exhibiting space. Please contact Sky Chevalier for information on ArtBAC at sky.chavelier@yahoo.com or visit ArtBAC at 425 S. Main St. in Bryan.