



Newsletter

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www.bvartleague.org



**President's
Palette**

"Education is the movement from darkness into light."

ALLAN BLOOM

As the weather is turning a little bit cooler, kids and college students are going back-to-school, and friends are getting new teaching positions, it takes me back to my years of teaching art. One of the sources I encountered in my art education training was a notebook put out by the Getty Institute. It was the basis for how I developed my teaching program and curriculum through the years.

It concentrated on teaching discipline-based art education. The Getty Institute promotes the concept that there should be four main areas of art development for students: art history, art production, art criticism, and aesthetics. Which means, basically, art history is learning about the art that has come before and production deals with our own creation of artworks. They are pretty straightforward. Art criticism and aesthetics, however, are not. Art criticism is the ability to evaluate whether a piece is good or bad and aesthetics deals with what we perceive as beauty. Art criticism and aesthetics are a little more vague and can be subject to cultural interpretations.

Over the next few months I will concentrate on a discipline each month and how we are approaching them as a group of artists in BVAL in what is "not always an art friendly" world. My hope is that we will better understand what our purpose is and where each of us can "fit in". We continue to be a diverse group of people with one common thread running through our veins – our love of art.

Keep creating,

Nancy

"For education does not give only knowledge, but taste: it qualifies the feelings as well as the judgment."

JOYCE CAREY

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BVAL News and Events

October 1st—Art Step in downtown Bryan BVAL will be exhibiting downstairs in the **The Forsythe Gallery**. Work will be displayed there for the month of October. Contact Nancy for Information and to help during Art Step.

October 1st—3rd—HWY6Art, A Road Trip (BVAL studio sale being postponed so artists can participate in *the Road Trip*) Information available on web site www.hwy6art.com. See page 4.

October 4th—Board Meeting, 10:30 am
General Meeting, Noon-Sorry, No refreshments.
Demo Artist—Doug Box will present *Photography for Artists*

October 7th—Jill Maxwell Artist Reception 6:00 p.m. Please make every effort to come meet the artist and enjoy music and refreshments.

October 8th-9th—Nellie Kress Watercolor Workshop. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from this award winning artist. See page 5. contact Cynthia for information at cynthie@chgraphicsstudio.com

October 15th—Intake for BVAL Judged Show
Entries received 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Interactive Entry form is available on the web site bvartleague.org. A copy of the on-line form that you may also use is on page 3 but it is NOT interactive.

October 15th—Last day to join BVAL and have your name & information in the BVAL directory.

October 16th—Reception for BVAL Judged Show 12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Exhibit will be open to the public and awards viewed when judging done.

October 29th—Removal of all art work during Texas Galleries hours of operation.

Coming in November—Artisan Show Nov. 1st and November 13th is the 5th annual **Empty Bowls** to benefit the BV Food Bank. Check out the web site for ways you can help.

<http://framegallerydowntown.com/events/special>

Local and Member Exhibits



Texas Gallery
October 1—15th
Paintings by Jill Maxwell
(Iron Apron Strings)

October 16—29th
BVAL Judged Show

Brazos Center
Sept/Oct—Janice Drees
Nov/Dec—Lisa Hughes

C.S. Conference Center
Sept/Oct—Magda Zietsman
Nov/Dec—Shelley Janac

Art Center Studio
Sept/Oct—Monica Pate
Nov/Dec—Jeanne Price
and Coleen Bradfield

Frame Gallery
216 N. Bryan in downtown Bryan, TX
BVAL member Greta Watkins
Exhibits work by many **BVAL Artists**
Lisa Hughes will exhibit during Art Step

Art C's Gallery
Located on Hwy 36 in downtown
Somerville is operated by two
BVAL members, Cheryl Wooten and Cathy
Schuster. www.artcals.com

Marketplace on the Square
102 W. Fox St in Caldwell
Exhibits work by 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



Brazos Valley Art League Juried Art Show Entry Form

Entry Labels: Fill out two labels for each entry (maximum of 3 entries). The Art League will keep the labels on the left. You will attach the labels on the right to the back of each corresponding piece you are entering. **NOTE:** You can type in this PDF. Type in spaces on the left. The corresponding spaces on the right will automatically fill in. Then save the PDF, print it out, and bring it with you the day you enter your pieces in the show.

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Terms of Entry and Release Form

I understand that the BVAL will take extra care in the handling of my artwork, but that the BVAL cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to said works before, during, or after the exhibition.

I understand that BVAL will receive a commission on all sales of my work in the Texas Gallery during the exhibition (15% for BVAL members, 40% for non-members).

I understand that I must pick up my artwork in a prompt and timely manner on the day the show ends, unless I have made prior arrangements with a BVAL board member (with the understanding that the BVAL does NOT have adequate storage space for artwork).

Finally, I have read and understand the rules and requirements for entry into this juried show, and certify that I have fully complied with these rules and requirements.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: This form is not interactive. Hopefully the form on the web site will be and the instructions above will work for it. See more information about the judged show on page 4. No division or category changes yet.



www.hwy6art.com

55 miles of art, culture & chocolate

October 1-3, 2010

Highway 6 A.R.T. is planned as a way to promote fine art/fine craft and showcase other cultural offerings along Texas Highway 6 from Calvert through Hearne, Bryan, College Station to Navasota. The event will draw attention to the artists and artisans, artist studios, public art, galleries/museums, and yes, handcrafted chocolates, all within a 5 mile range of this 55 mile stretch of Highway 6. You may pick up a map at many of the designated locations and from there, stop at as many locations as you like along the way, visit with the artists, tour studios and galleries, watch demonstrations, explore local museums and cultural centers, and of course, purchase art (and chocolate). Visit www.hwy6art.com for maps and lists of participants.

BVAL Rules for Judged Show. Visit www.bvartleague.org for complete information. **No changes to divisions and categories has been established yet by LSAG so BVAL will continue to use current guidelines.** All entries must be original in concept - NO copies from either published materials or original works of art. ONLY the artist may work on a submission of art work. Submitted work is to have been completed within 24 months of the show. Art work previously entered in a BVAL or LSAG show is not eligible. Submissions will be judged by the show committee for appropriateness.

DIVISIONS - ARTISTS

I - Professional; II - Semi-Professional; III -Non-Professional - After two years of college art (4 courses), or three years as an Adult Student, any LSAG member will automatically be placed in the Non-Professional division. (Rule #9a)IV Adult Student - One who has painted, sculpted, etc., for less than three years, (self study), or under the direction of a teacher. The teacher may give any and all verbal assistance needed; however, the teacher may not touch the artwork to be entered in a show. Artists may compete in this division only three years.

CATEGORIES - ART WORKS

A Oil/ Acrylic/ Porcelain (used in the manner of oils)

B Watercolor/ Acrylic (used in the manner of watercolors)

C Pastel/ Drawing (including pencil, pen & ink, charcoal drawings)

D Abstract/ Experimental (includes abstract, collage, mixed media, two or three dimensional work, etc. - determination to be made by the artist whether to enter an artwork into A, B, C, or D)

E Photography

F Sculpture / Fine Jewelry

G Pottery / Porcelain: the entire work made by the artist. Note: in the event of an unusually large show, a member art league may further break down Art Categories; HOWEVER, the eligible entries must be placed back in the above Art Categories for the LSAG Convention show. General Note for A, B, C, and D. Whether it has glass over it or not, consider rather, the techniques and medium being used to produce the artwork rather than the frame and/or covering.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

All work to be hung shall be framed, complete with wire, ready for hanging. An exception is made in the Other Art Category. This work may be unframed if it is finished to the edge. No work over 15 pounds or larger than the width of a flat (38 inches - measured to the outside of the frame) is allowed. Those competing in the *PROFESSIONAL Category* will have the option of submitting ONE over-sized 60" width painting or the three standard sized paintings.

ENTRY FEES:

\$8.00 per entry for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for school students, and \$20 for oversized entries.



BVAL Art Opportunities



FOR ADULTS

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 Starnier 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.

Market Place on the Square in Caldwell offers beading and art classes. Contact mrktplacesquare@aol.com for information.

FOR CHILDREN

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

Nellie Kress Watercolor Workshop October 8th and 9th

Arts Center Studio, 2275 Dartmouth St., College Station, TX 77845

Nellie Kress is an accomplished watercolorist and teacher. You will not want to miss this workshop!! Hurry and sign up and reserve your spot by contacting Cynthia Hanks at cynthie@chgraphicsstudio.com or 979.229.6242. A deposit of \$50 will reserve your spot. This deposit will apply to the total cost of the workshop which is \$125. Make your check out to BVAL and mail your deposit to Cynthia at: 4833 FM 2446, Franklin, TX 77856. Or you can mail it to the Brazos Valley Art League, Attn: Cynthia Hanks at 2275 Dartmouth Street, College Station, TX 77840. Check www.artbynelliekress.com to see her gallery and additional information.



Upcoming: November 17th & 18th Drawing with V...Vaughan www.v-vaughan.com. Possible oil workshop at a later time. **Carol Martin** is scheduled for an **oil workshop in January**, date to be determined.



Help the Arts Council of Brazos Valley (ACBV) celebrate 40 years of making the arts accessible to citizens and visitors of the Brazos Valley by *BenchMARKING the Arts*. Program proceeds will support the operations and programs of the ACSV and local artists. Check out the opportunity to be involved in this community project and support the Arts in Brazos Valley by visiting the ACSV web site at www.acbv.org or email Chris at chris@acbv.org.

More Art Opportunities and Information



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.

BVAL Fund Raiser....Start the new year in BVAL with a new **Artist's Apron** and support the fund raiser for the art league. The 3 pocket, black aprons are 65% polyester, 35% cotton, washable and have either an artist palette \$20 or BVAL logo \$25 both in "bling." Sign up at the meeting or send a request to reserve your apron to sunnyscb@gmail.com. There will also be a sign up sheet on the BVAL Information Board in the studio room of the Arts Center. Checks are made out to BVAL with "apron" in memo line and may be given to Coleen at a meeting or mailed to the Arts Center Attn: Coleen Bradfield or to Coleen Bradfield, 2945 Chaco Canyon Dr., College Station, TX 77845.



DECEMBER MEMBER'S SHOW-Call for Entries

Our Member's Show, held during the month of December will have the theme of "The Kept Animal". All mediums are accepted with the exception of large installation art. Those kept within the space of 40" w x 10'h will be considered. In the unusual case that we have more entries than space available, a small selection committee will be appointed to choose pieces that best represent the theme.

A reception and Christmas party will be held on the evening of December 9, and groups with a connection to the theme, such as The Humane Society and the SPCA will be invited. Keep watching for more information in the upcoming newsletters and on our website.

Signing in at the Arts Center

Please sign in at the front counter any time you visit the Arts Center. The sign in sheet will be available even if there is not a receptionist present. This will help document the usage of the Arts Center as there are those in the community who do not realize how frequently the center is used or the number of individuals who access the facility. Thank you for this consideration in documenting the usage of the Arts Center.

Wednesday Paint Days

Learn from one another.

Remember that you can come and join your BVAL friends on Wednesday mornings at the Arts Center for painting time.

Wednesday afternoons you can join a group for portrait painting at the Frame Gallery in Bryan.

1:30-4:30, price is ~\$50/month, easels provided

There is also the opportunity to be the model for one of these sessions.

No teacher is provided for either of these sessions.

Scholarship Student Thanks BVAL for Generosity—Beth Taylor wrote to advise BVAL that Fredericko Burch who received a scholarship from BVAL (she believes two years ago) came by the center and said that he had such a good learning experience at school last year (TAMU Viz Lab), that he felt strongly that it was important to say thanks again for helping to make it possible. He said that he got A's in all of his courses and is looking forward to a more involved curriculum this year.

Did You Remember to Renew Your BVAL Membership?

Please print and fill out the form below, and then mail your check of \$35.00 for annual dues with the form to: (October 15th is the last day to pay dues and still have your information in the directory)

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 meeting on October 4th. 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

Nancy Elliott - President
Email: elliottdesign@gmail.com

Mary Burkhalter -Membership Chairperson
Phone: 979-279-3853 Email: marysart413@aol.com

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 each month except July and August when there are no meetings

Art Medium _____

Signature _____