



Newsletter

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Art Center of Brazos Valley 979-696-2787
www.bvartleague.org



President's Palette

"Nature made Texas rich, time will make her powerful. Only the Arts can make her great."
JOHN ANKENEY AND JAMES CHILLMAN, JR.

I would like to welcome everyone back to our new year in BVAL. Hope you all had a great summer and are coming back refreshed and ready to go. We have such an exciting year planned so far and I can't wait to share everything that is going on with our membership.

We have many interesting demos planned for our monthly general meetings, many new workshops, one with a water media artist of international reputation, and lots of events and exhibits open for your participation.

The first event on the horizon is HWY6Art, a road trip. In conjunction with the October Art Step, the event has been expanded to include a road trip for October 1 -3 in which several art venues, galleries, museums, and artist's studios will be open from Calvert to Navasota and Bryan/College Station being the in-between destination. The Art League will be having a studio yard sale at the Art Center on Friday and Saturday of art and art supplies under \$100 each. We have called this the Starving Artist sale in the past. We will also have an art display and sale during Friday night of Art Step in the basement of the Forsyth Gallery from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Next will be our Judged Show held on October 16-29. Check next month's newsletter for possible changes to divisions and categories which are currently under revision. And in December we are going to have our Member's Show with the theme "The Kept Animal." Details are in the "call for entries."

These are just a few of our upcoming events that guarantee this to be one of the best years ever for the arts. And what great timing.

*"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

PABLO PICASSO

Keep Creating,
Nancy

*favorite quote from Greta Watkins

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BVAL News and Events

September 2nd—Artist Reception 6:30—8:30 pm
for “Origins” *A Special Event...* Schueckler Sculpture, Singleton Photography..see page 6

September 13th—Board Meeting, 10:30 am
General Meeting, Noon
Demo Artist Carol Martin will present techniques using oils

Refreshment committee: Beth Goyen, Michele Wertz and Monika Pate.

Please plan to sign up at this meeting to help with refreshments at future meetings.

October 1st—Art Step in downtown Bryan

October 1st—3rd—HWY6Art, A Road Trip with Studio Yard Sale at the Art Center on Friday and Saturday, **Oct. 1 & 2.**

October 4th—Board Meeting, 10:30 am
General Meeting, Noon
Demo Artist—Doug Box will present *Photography for Artists*

October 7th—Jill Maxwell Artist Reception

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

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. Checks made to BVAL.



Local and Member Exhibits



Texas Gallery

September 2nd—30th
“ORIGINS”

A Special Event

Sculpture of **Larry Schueckler**
&

Photography of **Tanner Singleton**

Brazos Center

Sept/Oct—Janice Drees

C.S. Conference Center

Sept/Oct—Magda Zietsman

Art Center Studio

**Sept/Oct—Jeanne Price and
Monika Pate**

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
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

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 13th. 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 _____



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.

Portrait Painting There is an ongoing portrait group on Wed afternoons, 1:30 - 4:30 at the Frame Gallery. Cost varies by how many have signed up for the month. Upcoming at the Frame Gallery: There are Plans for **collage and watercolor workshops** but no dates yet. There is a **jewelry workshop** scheduled, taught by David Pugh, organized by the Jewelry Guild with focus on **earrings**. Contact Greta at the Frame Gallery, 822-0496 for information on these upcoming classes.

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

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.



***BenchMARKING the Arts* program.... from Chris Dyer, Arts Council Director**

This project offers supporters of the arts the opportunity to purchase a bench and work directly with a Brazos Valley artist to create their own unique work of art. The artist is in turn paid for their services through a portion of the sponsorship and the bench is displayed in a public location with the purpose of making functional art accessible and visible to the citizens of the Brazos Valley. We'd like to offer a special word of thanks to Nancy Elliott, President of the Brazos Valley Art League, who is in the process of painting our first "*BenchMARKING*" bench in a 1940s theme in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Arts Council. See the picture above for a sneak peek at Nancy's handiwork. Nancy's bench will be auctioned off at our upcoming Celebrating the Arts event on September 21. There are a limited number of bench sponsorship opportunities available, so if you are interested in becoming a project sponsor or hosting a bench at your location, contact me, at chris@acbv.org or call (979)696-2787.

More Art Opportunities and Information



The **Lone Star Art Guild** (LSAG) was formed in April of 1961 and is made up of art clubs within a 200 mile radius of Houston. BVAL is one of the member clubs which means that your membership dues for BVAL also make you a member of LSAG. This also means that you can compete in any other LSAG Member Club's open art show. Winning specific ribbon levels in club competitions can make you eligible to participate in the annual LSAG show held in conjunction with the annual convention held in May of each year. Visit LSAG on Facebook or at www.lonestarartguild.org for more information.

Karen Vernon with the Gallery at Round Top invites you to attend workshops and conventions in Florida and Oregon this fall. kvernonart@aol.com for information.

Florida Watercolor Society—September 24 & 25 www.floridawatercolorsociety.org, 80 lucky artists will be able to participate in **FREE** mini workshops offered by **Karen Vernon**. Discover the fun and freedom of Aquabord! Contact the society or Karen Vernon at kvernonart@aol.com for more information.

Art C's Gallery presents

Painting from Life in the studio with Judy Crowe

September 29, 30, & October 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Cost \$305

Location: Art C's Gallery, 17442 Hwy. 36 South, Somerville, TX 77879

This workshop will focus on the essential elements of the fine art representational painting: value, color, edges, drawing, and composition. We will talk about how to see as an artist sees and how to take every day objects and to make them come alive on the canvas. My goal is not to teach students to paint the way I do, but to find their own vision and voice, to learn to see and paint planes of light and shadow. When you learn to see and apply these ideas, you can paint anything! We will also talk about personal painting style, impressionism vs. photo realism, and how to simplify your work. We will paint in the alla prima way - all in one sitting. This fun and informative class will hopefully give the student a few skills to build on in their own time in their own studios. The teacher will do one demonstration the first day of class at the beginning of class and then during our second day while the students have lunch. (a bag lunch that day will be encouraged)

RSVP: by SEPTEMBER 20th . Limited seating available. Please mail your \$55 deposit to: Art C's , P. O. Box 573, Somerville, TX 77879 to secure your space. Due to last minute cancellations in previous workshops, no deposit refunds after September 20th.

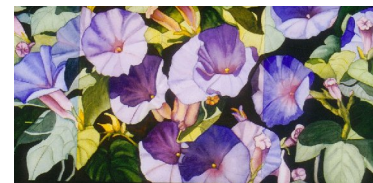
Nellie Kress Watercolor Workshop

October 8th and 9th

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

Nellie Kress is a Texas native who paints in both watercolor & oils. She resides in Katy, Texas. Nellie studied art at Southwest Texas University in San Marcos, the University of Houston, & the University of St Thomas in Houston. In 1984 she received a teaching certificate in art from the University of St. Thomas.

Nellie has taught art in the public schools, at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch, in the Art After School Program for Creative Alternatives, in her studio, the Art League of Ft. Bend Gallery in Rosenberg, TX, and at the Watercolor Art Society Houston. In October 2005, she taught a workshop at the Botanic Gardens in Memphis TN. She has also juried a number of art shows in the Houston area . Check www.artbynelliekress.com to see her gallery and list of awards and additional information. Sign up at the September meeting or contact Cynthia for class information cynthie@chgraphicsstudio.com



ACBV presents "ORIGINS" A Special Event
Artist Reception September 2, 2010
Texas Gallery, 2275 Dartmouth Street
Refreshments by *Veritas*, classical music and much more...
Kindly *RSVP* 979-696-2787

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A Note from Nancy, our BVAL President, about receptions: We have a very exciting exhibit coming up for the month of September. Two of our own, Larry Schueckler and Tanner Singleton will be having an exhibit in the Texas Gallery for the month. They are going to have a very special reception on the night of Thursday, September 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 with music by Jirong Ye and others, a dance performance, and food catered by Veritas. I would like to encourage all to attend.

I would like to take this moment to address a problem we have in the BVAL. Our attendance to receptions for the Texas Gallery is often very, very poor. Even when it's a Member's or Judged Show not all of the artists show up for the receptions. The purpose of the reception is to encourage and support the artists and to allow others to meet and greet the artist. It's a great time to make connections, not just for sales, but to also further the arts in our community. I hope we will take the opportunity this year to attend as many receptions as we can. I think we have a very exciting year of exhibits, with music performances and additional participation from groups in our community. Please make this a time to show that you are a supporter of the arts!

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.

Look for more information in the upcoming newsletters and on our website.