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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Evie Walberg, President

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I am honored to be your President, thank you!

Let's welcome and congratulate the new board members, all of whom I look forward to working with to serve this wonderful guild.

Since becoming a guild member 4 years ago, I've seen us grow in membership and opportunities. This is an incredibly vibrant and active guild with so many amazingly talented artists.

Bear with me as I begin to understand and undertake my new job and to prepare myself I reread our mission/purpose: **We are organized and operated for educational and charitable purposes to stimulate interest in art in Williamson County, Texas and beyond.**

In support of this, we continue to offer art classes to members and the public, we've hosted a plein air event around downtown, and we've sponsored several charitable art shows for groups like the NEST project, Veteran Artists, and local African-American artists. We regularly sponsor exhibits at the Palace Theater, Truewood senior living center,

local hospitals, and libraries; and we've exhibited in conjunction with National Crime Victims Rights Week and more.

It was an honor and fun adventure serving as past Gallery Chair. Both Framers and the Rock Street galleries continue to offer wonderful opportunities to all WCAG artists. This brings awareness of your guild, of your talents, and of art itself to new visitors from Williamson County, Texas and all around the US and other countries. This is such an important mission!

I look forward to seeing what great things this guild continues to do!

Evie Walberg, President
Williamson County Art Guild

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REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Annual membership dues cover June through the following May

June 1st starts the new WCAG fiscal year, and that means membership dues need to be renewed!

The WCAG fiscal year runs June 1st through May 31st. What this means is that annual dues are due at the start of the fiscal year, June 1st, and they expire the following May 31st.

To give everyone time to renew, the Guild offers a grace period during June and July before unpaid memberships are removed from the

active roster. Please keep in mind, however, that members must have current dues paid in order to participate in guild exhibits, even during the grace period.

Renewing is quick and easy through the [Membership page](#) on the WCAG website. Simply select the membership category that applies to you, complete the renewal form, submit your payment, and you're set for another year!

Don't miss these upcoming events!

June 5	5-7pm	Rock Street Gallery June Reception: Member Exhibit
Monday June 8	6:15-8pm	Member Meeting (Friends Room, Georgetown Library) Board Member Oath of Office /Summer Break Reception Challenge Theme: Summer Fun

**Meet and Greet at 6:15pm; Presentation starts at 6:30pm*

**After June 8, member meetings pause for the summer. We will resume on September 1st.*

CONTINUING OUR 50 YEAR CELEBRATION, ONE MONTH AT A TIME!

The year is moving fast—here's what to know about what's ahead!

Our 50th anniversary year is flying by, but there's still much to look forward to. We have several special events ahead, including our September Peace, Love, and Art Affair, along with exhibits, gallery activities, and other opportunities to gather and celebrate the arts. We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us. As always, check our website, newsletters, and event flyers for the latest details as plans continue to evolve.

June

- Gallery reception on **June 5th**
- Enter the free drawing for a photograph by Patrick O'Brien (drawing held during July gallery reception)

July

- Gallery reception on **July 3rd**
- Theme for WCAG gallery exhibit: America's 250th birthday, patriotism, etc.
- Enter the free drawing for a painting by Sue Bishop (drawing held during August gallery reception)

August

- Gallery reception on **August 7th**
- Enter the free drawing for a numbered print by Dalhart Windberg (drawing held during September gallery reception)

September

- Gallery reception on **September 4th**
- Special exhibit: The Art of Us 2026: Celebrating African American Creativity in Williamson County
- Enter the free drawing for a painting by Kathleen Stafford (drawing held during October gallery reception)
- Peace, Love, and Art Affair (WCAG anniversary party) on **September 26th** for members and friends

October

- Gallery reception on **October 2nd**
- Special exhibit: Waterloo Watercolor Society
- Enter the free drawing for a photograph by Karen Limbaugh (drawing held during November gallery reception)
- Autumn Art Stroll on **October 16th**
- Plein air event on the Square (Date TBA)

November

- Large member juried art show at library and gallery
- Gallery/library receptions on **November 13th**
- Enter the free drawing for a painting by Jennifer Polnaszek (drawing held during December gallery reception)

December

- Gallery reception and holiday party on **December 4th**
- Large member juried show continues
- Enter the free drawing for a painting by TBA (drawing held during January gallery reception)

Old paintbrushes (up to 3") and paint cans (quart or gallon only) requested:
We will repurpose these into decorations for the Peace, Love, and Art Affair!

Our goal: 200–300 brushes and about 30 containers.

Drop off donations at member meetings or at the WCAG Gallery during regular hours (Thu–Sat 11am–7pm, Sun 1–5pm) and help us make something fun and festive!

GETTING READY FOR THE PEACE, LOVE, AND ART AFFAIR!



Work is underway on WCAG's Peace, Love, and Art Affair, a celebratory centerpiece of our 50th anniversary year. We're continuing to develop plans for this special September event and welcome anyone interested in helping. Creative input and helping hands are always appreciated at our planning meetings. This month we'll gather on **Tuesday, June 9th, from 1:30-3:30pm at the Rock Street Gallery.**

ART GIVEAWAY, EVERY MONTH!

Come see June's featured artwork

A featured artwork is displayed and given away each month during our anniversary year.

A new featured piece is now on display in the gallery's front window as part of WCAG's 50th Anniversary celebration series. June's selection is *Floral 3* by W. Patrick O'Brien. This photographic print measures 16" x 20" and is valued at \$300.

W. Patrick O'Brien was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He gained professional experience in several graphic arts including commercial photolabs, lithography, aerial photomapping, and motion graphics.

Patrick strives to create photographic images that are much more than straight documentations, but are personal and surreal interpretations, transformations and abstractions.

His images have been published and shown at a multitude of international competitions, juried groups, and solo exhibits throughout the United States and in the UK.

As we continue our anniversary year, this month's featured artwork will be given away through a drawing **at the First Friday reception in July.** Be sure to stop by, take a look, and add your name for a chance to take this beautiful piece home.



W. Patrick O'Brien's "Floral 3" will be given to the winner of the drawing held at the WCAG Gallery's First Friday reception in July.

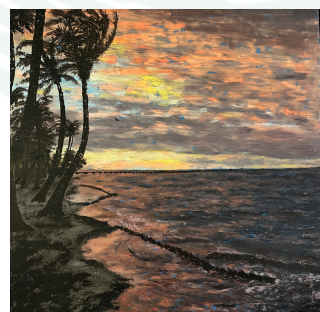
We're also pleased to share that April's raffle winner of Theresa Wayne's *SCREAMING RED* was Kim Whitehead. Congratulations, Kim!



Mesquite Creek Outfitters FEATURED ARTIST

Balancing Impressionism and Expressionism, Evie Walberg paints the world with energy and joy.

Evie Walberg's love of nature's glorious colors, shadows and textures is evident in her lively creations. She's a born and raised Texan and outdoor enthusiast. She has traveled extensively throughout her life and uses her photos of a wide variety of landscapes, objects, buildings, fauna, and flora as



inspirations for her art, then captures light and color in her spirited style of painting. This style lies between Impressionism and Expressionism and is always bold and energetic.



Evie says of her art, "I want people to FEEL the energy of each of my creations, not to just see them. I LOVE color and

texture in life around me and I endeavor to bring that into my paintings and prints. But mostly I believe art should be fun; fun for me and those who view my works."

Evie's artwork will be on display at Mesquite Creek Outfitters starting **June 8th to July 6th**.



THE MAY MEETING IN REVIEW

Web Design for Artists with Kyle "Cubes" Wright

In May's meeting, Kyle Wright showed how a strong website can do more than display art—it can tell an artist's story.

Our speaker for the May member meeting was WCAG member Kyle Wright. In addition to being a cube artist, Kyle is also a website developer, and he shared valuable insight into how artists can maximize their impact—and their sales—through effective websites and social media presence.

Kyle explained that a website should serve as a way for customers and potential customers to get to know the artist behind the work. He discussed the use of a "Link in Bio" page as a simple introduction that can provide visitors with quick access to information about the artist, current exhibitions, and contact details. While not as comprehensive as a full website, it can still be an effective tool.

Kyle emphasized that a traditional website offers far greater opportunities for connecting with collectors and selling artwork. A well-designed site allows artists to tell their story, share their mission, build trust with visitors, and ultimately increase sales.

Kyle also stressed the importance of designing websites for both desktop and mobile users. He offered recommendations on various website platforms and explained the advantages of each. Throughout the

presentation, he answered numerous audience questions, and attendees left with a stronger understanding of how to create a website that authentically reflects who they are while showcasing their work in a professional and engaging way.

Thank you, Kyle, for your well thought-out and informative presentation!



Kyle Wright

Save the Date for the Peace, Love, and Art Affair!

WCAG is celebrating 50 years with a groovy 70s-themed party, and we want to see you there!

- September 26th, 6-9pm at the Georgetown Community Center
- Live 70s music, food, and refreshments
- Silent auction + art activities
- Photo ops (including with a vintage VW bus!)
- Costumes encouraged... Prize for the best look!
- Ticket price: \$35

Stay tuned... tickets go on sale this month! They will be available at the WCAG Gallery and also online on our website.

UPCOMING MEMBERS' MEETING

Next meeting on **Monday, June 8th**

Bring your summer-themed artwork and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun.

Join us on **Monday, June 8, from 6–8 pm** in the Friends Room at the Georgetown Public Library for our June Members Meeting. Note that because of scheduling conflicts at the library, this month's gathering will be held on a Monday rather than our usual first Tuesday.

This month, we're setting aside our regular presentation format and instead gathering for a Summer Break Reception as we wrap up another successful fiscal year at the guild and celebrate the beginning of summer. Refreshments will be provided by Sweet Lemon Kitchen, giving everyone a chance to relax, visit with fellow members, and enjoy an evening together.

We'll also be swearing in our new Board of Directors and sharing important guild updates. Be sure to bring a piece of artwork depicting our **June challenge theme Summer Fun**. Participants will be entered into a drawing; several fun prizes have been donated!

We hope you'll join us for this special evening of art, fellowship, and celebration before our summer meeting break!

WCAG's ROCK STREET GALLERY

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown, TX 78626

Thursday-Saturday 11:00am-7:00pm

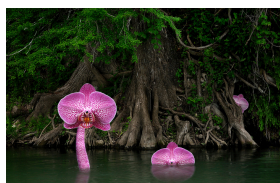
Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

TRANSFORMING THE FAMILIAR

W. Patrick O'Brien: WCAG's June Artist of the Month

Drawing inspiration from surrealism, W. Patrick O'Brien's work challenges viewers to see the world differently.

W. Patrick O'Brien was born and raised in Houston, TX. After his parents gifted him with a Kodak Hawkeye camera on his 10th birthday, he developed an interest in capturing the world through film media. However, it was his fascination with the imaginative graphics of 1950s Sci-Fi paperback covers and 1960s psychedelia that increased his interest in the visual arts.



After receiving his BA degree in Radio/TV/Film from the University of Houston, O'Brien's 45 year work resume includes experience in professional photo labs, commercial photography, lithography, aerial photomapping, audio/video

production, and forensic imaging.

Retiring from forensics, O'Brien has challenged himself to create surreal and abstract images that, to paraphrase Rene Magritte, "restore the familiar to the strange". Patrick's images are not



straightforward documentations, but interpretative transformations of his environment. He strives to be "anti-mundane" in his imagery, and credits Magritte, Max Ernst, man ray, and Jerry Uelsmann as major influences. His images have been published as well as

shown at a multitude of juried, collaborative, and solo exhibits including all three U.S. coasts and the UK.

Be sure to stop by WCAG's Rock Street Gallery this month, starting **June 4th**, to see Patrick's distinctive work in person.

JUNE GALLERY RECEPTION

See what's new this First Friday

Come enjoy art, music, refreshments, and a drawing for a beautiful piece of artwork.

Spend an evening with us at the WCAG Gallery on **Friday, June 5th from 5-7 pm** for our monthly First Friday reception. It's a great opportunity to see the latest artwork by our members, visit with fellow artists and art lovers, and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere that makes these gatherings so enjoyable. Live music will be provided by Lizette Wong.

Visitors will also have one final opportunity to enter the drawing for Nancy Brandt Brown's watercolor, *Tuscan Sunflowers*. The drawing will take place between 6-7pm during the reception, so be sure to stop by and add your name if you haven't already. You must be present during the drawing to win.

We hope you'll join us for another wonderful First Friday evening!

A FESTIVE FIRST FRIDAY IN MAY

Another successful evening celebrating local art and the artists who create it.

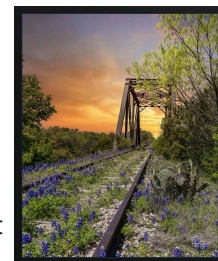
May's First Friday reception brought another lively crowd to the WCAG Gallery as members and guests gathered to enjoy new artwork, live music, refreshments, and good company. Visitors explored the gallery's special exhibit for May, The Big Picture, featuring large-format artwork, while many also stopped in to admire the work of Artist of the Month, Kyle Wright.



Lynn Kessel's painting "Poppies in Blue"

We also celebrated our People's Choice winners for the month of April. First place was awarded to Lynn Kessel for her colorful acrylic painting *Poppies in Blue*. Lynn's work was also featured on the t-shirt at the 2026 Red Poppy Festival in Georgetown.

Runner-up was awarded to photographer Peggy Swords for her *Bluebonnet Bridge* photo on canvas. Inspired by a solitary walk along abandoned tracks, where bluebonnets reclaim the path and the fading light lingers, this scene captures the quiet stillness left behind after the last train has passed. Both works were exhibited in a place of honor in the WCAG Gallery throughout the month of May.



Peggy Swords's photo "Bluebonnet Bridge"

Refreshments, beer provided by a local brewery, and live music by About the Music sets the tone for a relaxed and engaging evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, exhibited artwork, and helped make the evening such a success. Events like these continue to showcase the creativity and community spirit that make WCAG so special. Be sure to stop by WCAG's Rock Street Gallery this month, starting **May 1st**, to experience Kyle's distinctive work in person, and connect with him online at @kylecubes or kylecubes.com.



CURRENT EXHIBITS

Visit any of these venues to view beautiful art by our members!

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

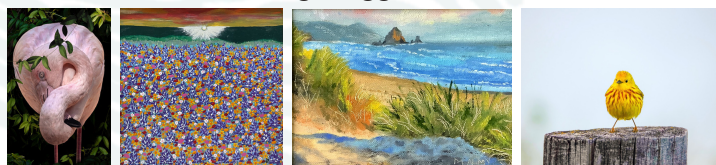
4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Group Exhibit

Theme: Artist's choice

Exhibit dates: May 28 - June 25

Coordinator: Katrina King, kinggirlsmom@aol.com



Some of the artwork on display at the Truewood Gallery through June 25th. The artists are, from left to right, Ken Johnston, Diana Estes, Mark Almy, and Rita Johnston.

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: Artist's choice

Exhibit dates: May 28 - June 25

Coordinator: Debra Soule, debra.framersgallery@wcagtx.org

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "Jesus Christ Superstar"

For more about the play:

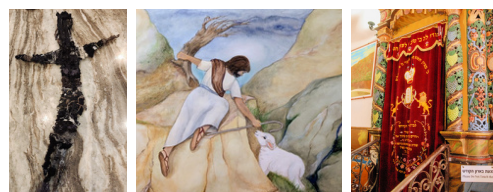
Please Google "Jesus Christ Superstar"

Exhibit dates: May 21 - July 9

Performances: May 29 - July 5

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org



Some of the artwork on display at The Palace Theater. Artists are, from left, Anca Thomas, Linda Figg, and Karen Limbaugh.

"If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."

Bill Moyers

UPCOMING EXHIBITS/CFAs

Put your art on display!

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Solo Exhibit by Allison Eve

Theme: "Travel & Landscape"

Acrylic Gouache & Watercolors

Exhibit dates: June 25 - August 6

Coordinator: Katrina King, kinggirlsmom@aol.com

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: Artist's choice

Call for art: Watch for an email the first week of May

Exhibit dates: May 28 - June 25

Coordinator: Debra Soule, debra.framersgallery@wcagtx.org

The Art of Us 2026: Celebrating African American Creativity in Williamson County

An Artistic Collaboration Between the Shotgun House History and Area Artists

What: A juried exhibit for African American Artists of Williamson County

Where: WCAG Gallery, 708 S. Rock St., Georgetown

Theme: "African American Creativity"

Call for art: Sent by email on February 26th and May 31st

Submission deadline: August 19

Exhibit dates: September 1 - 28

Reception: Friday, September 4, 5-7pm

Coordinator: Lynn Kessel, lynn.president@wcagtx.org

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "42nd Street"

For more about the play:

Please Google "42nd Street"

Call for art: Open!

Submission deadline: July 2 or until it fills

Exhibit dates: July 9 - September 17

Performances: July 24 - August 30

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

The Guild's 50th Anniversary Exhibit:

The Legacy Show: WCAG Celebrates 50 Years

A juried exhibit of about 100 pieces of 2-dimensional art. Cash awards.

Where: 2 Locations – the Rock Street Gallery and the Georgetown Public Library

Exhibit dates: November 10, 2026 - January 3, 2027

Install: November 9, 2026

Strike: January 4, 2027

For more information, submission guidelines, and a link to submit, please see The Legacy Show info on our website at <https://www.wcagtx.org/anniversary-1#legacy-show>

Submissions for this show will be done through the online platform "Entry Thingy."

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Take advantage and sharpen your skills

Expressive Birds in Mixed Media

Let nature inspire you! Bring your favorite bird photo or use one provided and create a lively mixed media bird painting. In this workshop by Jessica Cook, we'll use acrylic paint, charcoal, and a few fun extras to bring your bird to life. You'll start with some easy sketching and then build up layers of color and expressive marks. We'll focus on capturing the personality and movement of your bird rather than making it perfect, so you can loosen up and enjoy the process. By the end of the session, you'll have a small finished piece on quality paper.

Date/time: Saturday June 6th, 10am - 1pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd.,
Georgetown

Number of sessions: 1

Cost: \$60 for WCAG members or \$70 for non-members; Supply list will be sent before first class

Student level: All levels welcome, but some painting experience is helpful

Contact: To enroll or ask questions, contact Jessica Cook at jessica@jessicacook.com or 404-434-9661.



Felting Fine Fibers

Learn to felt fine fibers with Anca Thomas! Anca will provide the necessary items, and you will take home a beautiful felt piece designed by your own hands.

Date/time: Thursday June 18th; 3 - 6pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd.,
Georgetown

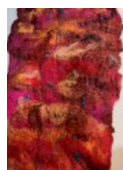
Number of sessions: 1

Cost: \$50 for WCAG members or \$60 for non-members

Includes the fibers and all the supplies

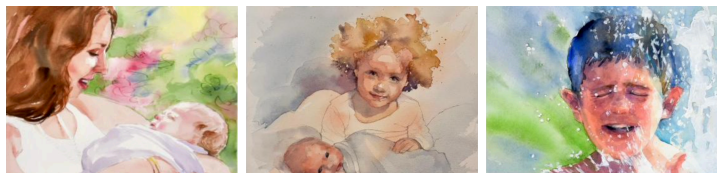
Student level: Beginner to Intermediate

Contact: To enroll or ask questions, contact Anca Thomas at ancadoruviad@verizon.net or text 972-837-8687.



Painting Faces: The Art of Watercolor Portraiture

Learn to paint portraits in beautiful watercolor with Jennifer Polnaszek! This class is for the beginner to intermediate watercolor painter. Jennifer will send a supply list to purchase before the first class.



Date/time: Wednesdays June 17th, 24th, and July 1st; 4 - 7pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd., Georgetown

Number of sessions: 3

Cost: \$175 for WCAG members or \$185 for non-members;
Supply list will be sent before first class

Student level: Beginner to Intermediate

Contact: To enroll or ask questions, contact Jennifer Polnaszek at jenniferpolnaszek@yahoo.com or 210-896-7459 (text please as her phone often blocks unknown calls)

Beginning Acrylic Painting with Helena Hatch

In this workshop by Helena Hatch, learn about brush strokes, paint consistency and how to apply to the canvas, basic color theory and color mixing; become acquainted with the basic elements of art; and apply these concepts to a still life paint-a-long.

Date/time: Saturday July 11th; 10:30am - 2:30pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd.,
Georgetown

Number of sessions: 1

Cost: \$75 for WCAG members or \$85 for non-members

Student level: Beginner

Contact: Helena Hatch at jchchatch@gmail.com or 504-913-4440.



The Value of Practice in Photography

Just like world class athletes, top professional photographers regularly invest considerable time and effort into "practice" activities to maintain and improve their skills. In this 3 hour workshop by Ted Keller, you will learn proven methods for developing a systematic and organized series of test and practice activities to gain the technical "experience" most likely needed, when the opportunity comes, to "get the shot" and produce evocative art. This class will include a demonstrative PowerPoint presentation as well as individual hands-on activities to practice the techniques discussed.

Date/time: Saturday July 18th, 10am - 1pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd.,
Georgetown

Number of sessions: 1

Cost: \$20 for WCAG members and non-members

Payment: Cash, check, credit/debit card

Student level: All skill levels, any equipment.

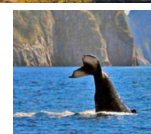
Bring a photo device you use regularly.

Class size: Limited to 20 (minimum 5)

To register: send name, email, phone #, and state payment method you prefer to use to PBTK.K100@yahoo.com with

Subject: "Practice in Photography Workshop"

Questions? Contact Ted Keller at PBTK.K100@yahoo.com.



Graphite/Pencil Drawing Masterclass

In this class by Debra Soule, learn drawing techniques that take your artwork to the next level! Pencil drawing is the basic training ground for core art skills: light-to-dark value control, textures, and composition. Elevate your drawing skills and improve your underdrawings for finished work in any medium.



Date/time: Saturdays August 1st and 8th, 1 - 4:30pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd., Georgetown

Number of sessions: 2

Cost: \$170 for WCAG members or \$180 for non-members;
Supply list will be sent before first class

Student level: Beginner to Intermediate

Contact: To enroll or ask questions, contact Debra Soule at djs2019@protonmail.com or 512-888-3895.

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ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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The Joy of Pastels Mini Workshop

This "hands on" pastel class is taught by Alora Johns, retired art teacher and lover of pastels. We will explore basic and intermediate techniques using artist-grade supplies. There will be step-by-step instruction and time for individual work.



Date/time: Saturday August 15th,
9am - 1pm

Location: The Nest, 2201 Old Airport Rd., Georgetown

Number of sessions: 1

Cost: \$100; includes all supplies plus a small set of pastes for you to keep

Student level: Beginner and Intermediate

Contact: To enroll or ask questions, contact Alora Johns at alora2000@live.com.

Want to teach a class? Want to learn a particular skill or type of art?

Contact Jennifer Polnaszek to share your ideas and she'll help make it happen! jennifer.presidentelect@wcagtx.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved and support the arts in Williamson County

For a rewarding experience, volunteer with our art community!

Exhibit Coordinator

We are always looking for exhibit help! If you would like to volunteer to coordinate or even co-coordinate a show or two for any exhibit opportunities that may come our way, please contact Patti Wojtowecz at patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org.

Monthly Presenters

Interested in presenting at an upcoming member meeting? If you would like to share your expertise with other WCAG members, we would love to have you! Contact our Programs Chair, Ruth Gamble, at ruth.programs@wcagtx.org.

Art Class Instructors

Teaching an art class is another great way to share your expertise with other WCAG members. If you'd like to offer an art class, contact Jennifer Polnaszek at jennifer.presidentelect@wcagtx.org.

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