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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lynn Kessel, President

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You will also see a healthy change in artists exhibiting at the gallery effective October 1. Come see the new exhibitors and new styles of art!

And we are 4 months away from the beginning of our 50 year anniversary. I figured we'd do a bit of celebrating all year, so we'll announce our activities quarterly for you. And watch for our July 2026 exhibit at the gallery and at Framers - we'll be celebrating with our country's 250 year birthday!

I hope to see you at our first meeting this month! Let's have fun reconnecting and creating!

Lynn

Lynn Kessel, President
Williamson County Art Guild

Happy September, everyone!

For many, the summer is coming to a close, but our warm weather will press on for a while longer, as always! The WCAG begins its new year this month and we have lots for you to enjoy!

Our new line up of programs at our monthly meetings is spectacular! See them both in this newsletter and our website! Thank you to Ruth Gamble, our Programs Chair, for her hard work on this!

Our numerous exhibits are changing out every 1-2 months, so check them out. We are seeing incredible artwork!

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| Sept 2 | 6-8pm | Member Meeting (Hewlitt Room, Georgetown Library)
Brent Howard, ArtDirect VP: The ArtDirect Experience
Challenge Theme: "Morning Inspiration" |
| Sept 5 | 5-7pm | Rock Street Gallery September Reception: Member Exhibit |
| Sept 16 | 1-3pm | 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting (Friends Room, Georgetown Library) |
| Oct 3 | 5-7pm | Rock Street Gallery Reception: Member Exhibit |

WCAG'S FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Explore new ideas, techniques, and community with us!

We have some great programs this fall! Join us as we learn, grow, and socialize together. Here's the lineup:

- September 2nd: Brent Howard, the ArtDirect VP, will discuss services at ArtDirect (Hewlitt Room, Georgetown Library)
Challenge Theme: "Morning Inspiration"
- October 7th: Drew Hendrix, president of Red River Printing, will present Inkjet 101 (Friends Room, Georgetown Library)
Challenge Theme: "The Press"
- November 10th: Kim Flor of Art Spark Texas will speak about Veterans in the Arts (Friends Room, Georgetown Library)
*This is a **Monday** Challenge Theme: "Patriotism"
- December: Our December members gathering will be a holiday party. Place, time, and date are TBD.
Note, there will be no presentation in December.

Mesquite Creek Outfitters FEATURED ARTIST

This month, we showcase Joe Toth and his unique photographic perspective.

Joe's interest in photography dates back to when he received his first camera as a child. In high school, he upgraded to a 35mm camera and took photos for the yearbook. His early photos were family trips and events, and when he started a family, taking photos of the kids was always enjoyable. When his wife's health declined significantly and Joe became her caregiver, photography helped him relieve the stress and stay focused on her healthcare. When she lost her battle with cancer, photography again helped Joe not to dwell on his loss and keep moving forward with his family and friends.

Joe's photography interests are wide-ranging. His favorite subjects include classic cars, old buildings and structures, rusty bridges, and other rusty things. He finds Texas wildflowers to be great subjects, as well as landscapes and cityscapes. He also enjoys the challenge of street photography.

Originally from northeastern Ohio, Joe has been a



resident of Georgetown for 15 years. He has helped out at Georgetown's annual Texas Photography Festival and frequently brings his camera with him wherever he goes—especially when he's visiting the iconic Georgetown Square.

Joe's artwork will be on display at Mesquite Creek Outfitters starting **September 8th**.

WCAG MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!

Join us Sept 2nd from 6-8pm in the Georgetown library's Hewlitt Room.

Brent Howard, the Vice President of ArtDirect, will tell us about the services ArtDirect provides for artists. ArtDirect, in Cedar Park, offers art-related services such as custom framing, canvas stretching, fine art printing, and artist support and promotion, just to name a few.

New in September: prizes for participating in the monthly challenge! Don't forget to bring a piece or two of your artwork that fits September's challenge theme, *Morning Inspiration*. Every member who participates will be entered into a raffle. The prize? A free \$10 entry into the next month's member exhibit at the WCAG Gallery!

NEW SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY!

We need a gala theme. Help us choose!

We plan to hold a celebratory gala next year to commemorate our golden anniversary. Our 50th anniversary planning committee has come up with a number of ideas for the theme. Here are the ideas being considered:

- Roaring 20s/Gatsby/Downton Abbey
- Big Band Era/30s-40s
- An Evening in Paris
- Oktoberfest
- Woodstock: Celebrating the 60s & 70s

Look for a survey to be sent out via email after our September member meeting to let us know which idea you think would be the most fun! Responses will be accepted until September 17th. We look forward to seeing what you all decide!

KELLER WILLIAMS ARTIST SERIES

Featuring art by LaWann Tull



The Keller-Williams Artist Series winner for September is LaWann Tull with her beautiful Texas landscape, *Quiet Passage*. Lawann's artwork will appear on more than 3000 postcards sent by Keller-Williams to the Georgetown/Round Rock area, along with information about how to see more of LaWann's work. Congratulations, LaWann!

Each month, Keller Williams selects one image by a WCAG artist for their monthly postcard mailing. The next call for art for this series will be held in November.



Join us to help plan WCAG's 50th anniversary year of celebrations!

We've come up with some fun and interesting ways to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. Now we're refining the details. Plans are underway for a variety of events, including community outreach, special exhibits, publicity, and art classes. Our goal is to keep the momentum going with events happening throughout 2026!

On Tuesday, September 16th from 1-3 pm in the Georgetown library's Friends Room, we will hold another planning meeting to keep shaping our ideas. We'd love to have your input—come join us!

WCAG's ROCK STREET GALLERY

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown, TX 78626

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

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

VIBRANT COLOR AND CREATIVITY

Leslie Urbanovsky: WCAG's September Featured Artist

Leslie Urbanovsky applies her love of color to landscapes, abstracts, and everything in between.

Leslie Urbanovsky has always loved all things creative. A self-taught artist, she enjoys exploring many different mediums—from acrylics and pastels to the playful flow of alcohol inks. Color is at the heart of Leslie's art, and she has fun using it in surprising ways. Her work is guided by mood and imagination, which means you might find her painting a peaceful landscape one day and a bold abstract the next.



A native of the Austin area, Leslie has been married for 30 years and is proud of her two wonderful children. In fact, she named her creative space, Mason Lynne Studio, after them. Through her art, Leslie shares not only her love of color but also her love of expression, family, and the beauty of everyday inspiration.

Leslie's exhibit as the September WCAG Artist of the Month will be on display starting **September 1st** at WCAG's Rock Street Gallery.

We have NEW OPPORTUNITIES at the Rock Street Gallery!

For more information, contact Gallery Chair, Evie Walberg, at evie.gallery@wcagtx.org

SEPTEMBER GALLERY RECEPTION

Fine art and friendly faces

Don't miss our September reception—where art and community come together.

On September 5th, the Williamson County Art Guild invites the community to celebrate an exciting new collection of artwork by our talented local artists!

Refreshments will be served, along with beer provided by Austin Beerworks. The evening's festivities will also feature music by "The Faux McCoys."

The September First Friday reception is **September 5th from 5-7pm.**

A LOOK BACK AT AUGUST'S JURIED MEMBER EXHIBIT

What an amazing show!

Our August Juried Exhibit was filled with an incredible variety of artwork created by our talented members. The show was both inspiring and memorable. Ribbons and prizes were awarded to first, second, and third place winners. We also named two honorable mentions, recognizing the outstanding artistry on display. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the event!

The award winners were:

1st place: Sonja Kever, *Ballerina Dreamin'*

Prize: December Gallery Artist of the Month

2nd place: Jessica Cook, *At a Crossroads*

Prize: 2 free entries into a monthly exhibit

3rd place: Mary-Ellen Thomas, *Tubing*

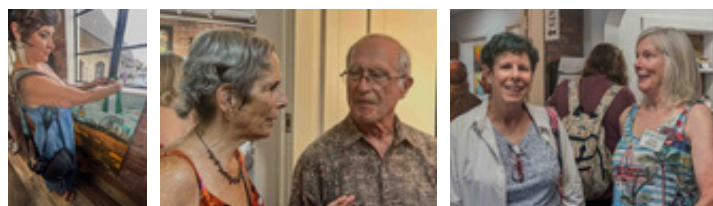
Prize: 1 free entry into a monthly exhibit

Honorable mention: Allison Eve Walker, *Far Up North*

Honorable mention: Lynn Kessel, *Randazzo's Bubbles*

Congratulations to these exceptional artists!

Votes for the People's Choice award will be tallied at the end of the month and the winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.



People's Choice Award is here to stay!

August's People's Choice Award was so popular with our gallery visitors and artists that we have decided to continue it each month! The monthly winner will receive a ribbon, a prize, and acknowledgement in the newsletter. Come by the gallery anytime in September to vote for this month's People's Choice!

CURRENT EXHIBITS

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

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Theme: Artist's Choice

Exhibit dates: August 7-September 4

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

And, same venue, coming later this month...

Solo Exhibit: *Florals* by Evie Walberg

Exhibit dates: September 4-October 2, 2025

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "Beautiful: the Carole King Musical"

For more about the play:

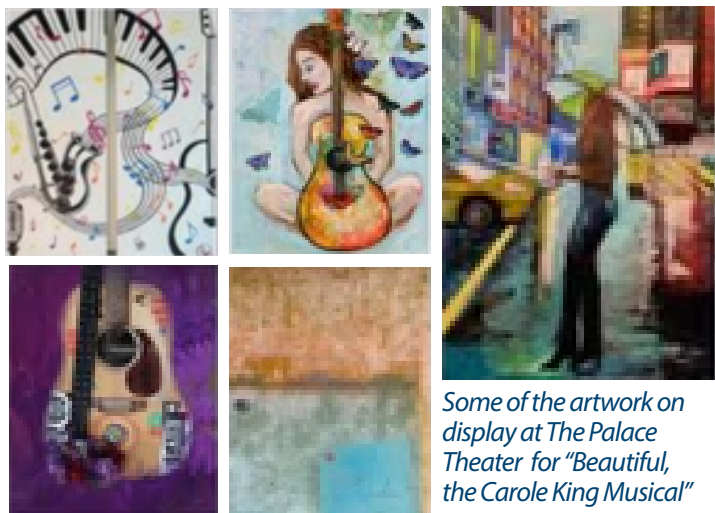
<https://tinyurl.com/2pszz45r>

Exhibit dates: July 10-September 11

Performances: July 25-August 31

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

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Some of the artwork on display at The Palace Theater for "Beautiful, the Carole King Musical"

And, same venue, coming later this month...

Production/theme: "In the Heights"

For more about the play:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_the_Heights

Exhibit dates: September 11-November 13

Performances: October 3-November 2

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

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Some of the artwork in the upcoming display at The Palace Theater for "In the Heights." From left to right, "New York Living" by Ted Keller, "Street Dancers" by Mary-Ellen Thomas, and "Reverse" by Jessica Cook

ArtDirect: Juried Member Exhibit

720 S. Bell Blvd., Bldg 9, Cedar Park

Theme: Artist's Choice

Exhibit dates: September 2-October 30

Artist reception: Friday, September 12, 6-8 pm

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org



Some of the artwork in the ArtDirect Juried Member Exhibit. Clockwise, from left to right, "Buzzing Around" by Debbye Watson, "Touch the Sun" by Lesley Bradstreet, and "Wild Things" by Shirley Patxot



Don't miss out! Come to our Juried Member Exhibit Reception

Friday, September 12, 6:00-8:00 pm

There will be music, wine, and snacks.

ArtDirect, 720 S. Bell Blvd., Bldg 9, Cedar Park

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Metamorphosis & Life Cycle"

Exhibit dates: August 28-September 25

Coordinator: Lisa Dickson, lisa.framersgallery@wcagtx.org

The Palace Playhouse Lobby

216 W. 8th, Georgetown

Production/theme: "Baskerville"

For more about the play:

<https://www.georgetownpalace.com/shows/2025-season/>

Exhibit dates: September 23-November 18

Performances: October 10-November 9

Coordinator: Katrina King, kinggirlsmom@aol.com

"The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web."

Pablo Picasso

UPCOMING EXHIBITS/CFAs

Put your art on display!

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "In the Heights"

For more about the play:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_the_Heights

Submission deadline: **Exhibit has been filled!**

Exhibit dates: September 11-November 13

Performances: October 3-November 2

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

Also at the Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

Call for Art to be emailed mid-September

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "Disney's Frozen" (Regional Premier!)

For more about the play:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frozen_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frozen_(musical))

Submission deadline: November 6 or until exhibit is full

Exhibit dates: November 13, 2025-January 15, 2026

Performances: November 21-December 30

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,

patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Other Worlds, Dreamscapes & Imagination"

For this month please create an art piece centered around the surreal or fantastical world inspired by dreams and imagination. Blend reality with whimsy by combining colors, texture and depth to create a fantasy world far, far away.

Submission deadline: Submit early to ensure acceptance

Exhibit dates: September 25-October 30

Coordinator: Lisa Dickson, lisa.framersgallery@wcagtx.org

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Also at the Palace Playhouse Lobby

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216 W. 8th, Georgetown

Production/theme: "Dashing Through the Snow"

For more about the play:

<https://www.georgetownpalace.com/shows/2025-season/>

Submission deadline: November 11 or until exhibit is full

Exhibit dates: November 18, 2025-January 13, 2026

Performances: November 28-December 30

Coordinator: Katrina King, kinggirlsmom@aol.com

Please welcome our new Exhibit Coordinator for the Palace Playhouse!

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

Group Exhibit

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Theme: Artist's Choice.

Exhibit dates: October 2-November 6

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

"An artist cannot fail; it is a success to be one."

Charles Horton Cooley

ART SUPPLIES FOR SALE

Gently used tools, materials, and equipment available from fellow WCAG members

Standalone Metal Grids for Exhibit Display

Three standalone metal grids that also have custom-made black felt coverings, plus all of the hardware required for hanging pictures. Asking \$150. If interested, please contact Susan Hoppenworth at susan.hoppenworth@yahoo.com.

Logan Graphic 650-1 Framers Edge Elite 40 Inch Mat Cutter

This cutter has been lightly used for several years. Includes all the bits and pieces, except for the Logan branded screwdriver. The Framer's Edge is for the serious volume artist or framer who has production repeat cuts to make, and for education environments with multiple users. Asking \$500; 20% discount for guild members. If interested, please contact Mary-ellen Thomas at (979) 236-2660 or maryellenbthomas@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved and support the arts in Williamson County

For a rewarding experience, volunteer with our art community!

Fundraising/Grant Writing

Our ability to go after suitable grants can make a strong difference in the impact WCAG can make in the art community and beyond. To do this, we need people with experience in grant writing and/or fundraising to join the committee being formed. If interested, please contact Lynn Kessel at lynn.president@wcagtx.org.

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.

50 Year Anniversary Volunteers

WCAG is celebrating 50 years in 2026, and to celebrate, we are planning a whole year of art-related fun! We need volunteers to help make our year-long celebration a success. A variety of volunteer positions are available. Please come to the upcoming 50 year celebration planning meeting, or contact Lynn at lynn.president@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 Lynn at lynn.president@wcagtx.org.

THE ART WORLD

Interesting resources for artists

www.arts.texas.gov

Browse Calls for Texas Commission on the Arts

Glasstire.com

Lots of art news, podcasts, calls for art, art receptions and exhibits statewide with a special Austin section. Free subscription.

ChateauGallery.com

Interesting online exhibits. Explore other opportunities and expand your reach.

Know of something that would interest the art community?

Let me know so I can post it here!

karyn.newsletter@wcagtx.org.

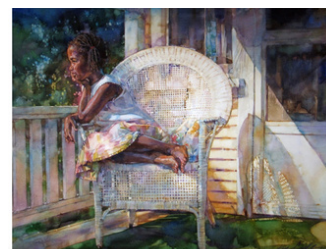
ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Take advantage and sharpen your skills

Free Watercolor Demo by Renowned Watercolor Artist, Ken Call

The Waterloo Watercolor Group of Austin is hosting a demo with watercolor artist Ken Call. You are welcome to meet Ken, visit with the Waterloo Watercolor members, and see the free demo on **Sunday, October 12th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church**, 1500 North Capital of Texas Highway in Austin.

Ken graduated from the American Academy of Art and went on to create more than 500 illustrations for books and numerous print media. He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, and a Master Signature member with the Transparent Watercolor Society. In June, his painting won first prize at the Texas Watercolor Society annual exhibition.



For more information about the demo, email Kathleen Stafford at stafford333@gmail.com.

Three-Day Watercolor Workshop with Renowned Watercolor Artist, Ken Call

The Waterloo Watercolor Group of Austin is also hosting a workshop with Ken Call. This previously sold-out workshop has recently had 3 spaces open up. It will be held **Monday, October 13th to Wednesday, October 15th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church**, 1500 North Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, TX. Tickets are \$400 each. To register, please visit <https://waterloowatercolor.org/events/>.

iPhone Shuffler: Creative Photography Using Your iPhone

WCAG member Carol Schiraldi will be teaching some **online workshops via Zoom** through the Colorado Photographic Arts Center. The first of these is "iPhone Shuffler: Creative Photography Using Your iPhone," which is all about making art with an iPhone, and "shuffling" through different apps. The dates for this workshop are **9/10, 9/17, and 9/24 from 7-9 pm MST (8-10 pm CST)**. For more information and to register, please visit <https://cpacphoto.org/iphone-photo-sept-2025/>.

From Portfolio to Platform, Getting Eyes on Your Photography

This is the second of two workshops being led by WCAG member Carol Schiraldi this fall, and is all about artist marketing. This workshop will be offered **online via Zoom** through the Colorado Photographic Arts Center on **10/7, 10/14, and 10/21 from 7-9 pm MST (8-10 pm CST)**. For more information and to register, please visit <https://cpacphoto.org/portfolio-to-platform-october-2025/>.

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