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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lynn Kessel, President lynn.president@wcagtx.org



Happy summer, everyone!

There are several things I want to point out for you for this month. First, keep your eyes out for the 'call for art' for our Members' Juried Art Exhibit which will take place August 2025 at the gallery! Submit your best for a chance to win a free month as Gallery Artist of the Month in December 2025. Unlike normal juried shows, most all submissions will be accepted unless space prohibits that; however, all submissions will be judged for places and the big prize. Let's make that show shine this year!

Second, I have received lots of feedback from you all that you are so grateful for the numerous exhibit opportunities and other activities and events we have going on in the guild now. It is certainly a vibrant organization and we are all benefiting from that. But please remember that people are volunteering their time to make these things possible. And we need some help please! Take note on the website of the various board member positions and reach out to the person overseeing the area you

might have interest in... they will help explain the needs they have and how you can help. Volunteer opportunities are also listed in the newsletter. Patti with Exhibits is in great need of help please. We want to maintain those exhibit opportunities for you but we need help to do so.

Lastly, please attend my meetings on the WCAG 50 year anniversary if you are interested in helping us pull off an exciting year. Plans are shaping up and getting set. We'd love your ideas!

Thank you everyone! Get lost in creating!

Lynn

Lynn Kessel, President
Williamson County Art Guild

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REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The grace period is over at the end of June

The new WCAG fiscal year started June 1st. If you haven't yet done so, please renew your membership dues!

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

There is a grace period during June to allow all members time to renew their dues before they are removed from

the active member list. Note that while June is a grace period for membership purposes, participation in any guild exhibit will not be allowed until payment is made for the current season.

The most efficient way to renew your dues is through the [Membership page](#) on our website. Choose your membership level, fill in the applicable information on the form, and submit. It's just that easy!

Don't miss these upcoming events!

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| July 4 | 5-7pm | Rock Street Gallery July Reception: Member Exhibit |
| Aug 1 | 5-7pm | Rock Street Gallery August Reception: Member Exhibit |
| *Note, there are no member meetings in July or August. We will resume in September. | | |
| Sept 2 | 6-8pm | Member Meeting (Hewitt Room, Georgetown Library)
Brent Howard, ArtDirect VP: The ArtDirect Experience
Participation Theme*: "Morning Inspiration" |
| *formerly known as the Challenge | | |

WCAG PARTNERS WITH ART SPARK TEXAS

16th Annual Distinguished Artist Veterans Exhibit to be held at the WCAG Gallery

Read on about an exciting opportunity for current or prior military members!

WCAG has partnered with Art Spark Texas to host their 16th Annual Distinguished Artist Veterans Exhibit! We will hold the exhibit at the WCAG gallery in November 2025.

If you are a current military member or veteran and are interested in submitting your artwork for this event, follow this link to apply: [Veterans - Art Spark Texas](#). WCAG members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Art Spark Texas is handling the call for art, submissions, and jurying process. We are simply blessed to be offering them the venue to host their event!



**Art Spark Texas
Veterans**

Art Spark Texas provides services for current and prior military members and family. The arts are important to veterans because, for many military personnel, the arts are a way to express what they saw, heard, and experienced during service. Additionally, our programs offer veterans a chance to interact with other veterans and expand their support networks.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US THIS SUMMER

No meetings? No problem! Let's meet on Facebook and Instagram!

As the summer heats up, WCAG is taking its usual seasonal break from member meetings-- but that doesn't mean we have to lose touch! Our First Friday receptions at the Rock Street Gallery continue through July and August, and we have plenty of other exhibits as well to keep us creating.

Don't forget, also, to connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! We'll be sharing artist spotlights, local art events, and more. Be liberal with your "likes"... the more thumbs up, the broader reach we have; and that helps support our guild, attract new members, and showcase the amazing talent in our community!

Mesquite Creek Outfitters FEATURED ARTIST

This month, we feature Patricia Turner and her distinctive mixed-media art.

Patricia Turner is a Texas-based abstract and mixed-media artist with three decades of professional experience. Her large and small abstract and mixed media artworks invite viewers to engage with her distinct visual style, built over years of creative, intuitive exploration.

Patricia's artistic journey has been marked by solo exhibitions at notable venues like The Hollow, The Vineyard at Florence, and 2020 Scratch Kitchen. She has also showcased her work in group exhibitions including the 570 Gallery in Laguna Beach, CA and the Gallery of Salons, Austin. Patricia's work may be found in private collections across cities such as Austin, Houston, and Los Angeles, as well as in Arizona, New York, and Washington, DC.

Her artistic foundation includes education from institutions like the University of Houston and the University of Texas, and private instruction from Central Texas and Los Angeles artists.

Patricia's exhibit as the MCO Featured Artist for July will be on display from July 7th to August 4th at Mesquite Creek Outfitters, 704 S. Austin Avenue in Georgetown.

Cheri Freeman is our new MCO Coordinator! Our previous coordinator, Sandy Keil, had to step down due to her move out of the area. Thank you to Sandy for a coordination job well done. And thank you to Cheri for stepping into the role and helping us continue to exhibit at MCO!



KELLER WILLIAMS ARTIST SERIES Featuring art by Holly Glenn



Thanks to everyone who submitted art for the final six months of the Keller-Williams Artist Series postcards. The winners have all been notified. Congratulations to those who were selected!

Congratulations also to Holly Glenn, whose beautiful image, *Ocean Scene 1*, was selected by Keller-Williams for their July Artist Series postcard.

Each month, Keller Williams selects one image from a WCAG artist for their monthly postcard mailing to more than 3000 households in Williamson County. The next call for art for this series will be held in November.

JUNE MEMBER MEETING: A LOOK BACK

We enjoyed a presentation on Golden Paints and the installation of our '25-'26 Board

Justin Burns brought a plethora of Golden products for us to try!

Our speaker for the June meeting was Justin Burns of Golden Artist Colors, Inc. Justin brought with him paints, mediums, pastes, gels, and grounds from Golden Paints and allowed us to jump in and try them out! It was a fun and informative presentation about many of the products Golden has to offer and the varied ways they can be used.



WCAG members engaging in the hands-on portion of the demo



Justin Burns



After Justin's presentation, we installed our new 2025-2026 WCAG board that we voted in during our May meeting. You can find names and photos of our board members on the [Organization](#) and [Legal](#) page of the WCAG website.



Nine of the thirteen board members installed during the June meeting



Six WCAG members share their artwork for June's "Look Up" theme



When we meet again in September...

Don't forget to bring a piece or two of your artwork that fits the theme, "Morning Inspiration!" Every member who participates each month, starting in September, will be entered into a raffle. The prize? A free \$10 entry into the next month's member's exhibit at WCAG's Rock Street Gallery! Can't wait to see your work!

MEET WCAG'S SUMMER INTERN!

We are so pleased to have Megan Holcomb as our intern this summer!

Megan joins us this summer from the Pratt Institute in New York where she is working on a 2D animation degree. She will graduate in May of 2026.



Megan Holcomb

Prior to college, Megan attended Vista Ridge High School in the Leander school district where she received the highest score on her AP art portfolio. She also received the Scholastic Gold Key Award for Illustration and Graphic Design as well as Animated Short Film.

Megan works in a variety of media, including watercolors, gouache, acrylic, colored pencil, charcoal, and linocut. She strives for vibrant colors and hues in her work since, in her words, "color gives life and beauty to the world."

As our summer intern, Megan will be helping us out with a variety of things to help keep our organization running smoothly. When you see her, be sure to say hi. We are delighted to have her with us!



Planning continues for WCAG's 50th anniversary year of celebrations!

We've generated great ideas for how to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2026, and we've begun to decide on the details. We are planning for events like community outreach, special exhibits, publicity, and art classes. We plan to keep the celebration going with numerous events throughout 2026!

On Monday, July 7 from 2-4 pm in the Georgetown library, we will hold another planning meeting to continue the process of refining the details. Please join us to add your thoughts to the mix. This is getting exciting!

CREATIVE ENERGY SOARS AT THE HACIENDA'S ART WALK-A-BOUT

WCAG partners with The Hacienda in Georgetown to bring interactive art experiences to Hacienda residents

The Hacienda at Georgetown hosted an "Interactive Artistic Expressions Walk-a-bout" on June 26th with the goal of empowering their residents with the confidence that they can create art.

Residents of The Hacienda recently enjoyed a vibrant and hands-on celebration of creativity thanks to a special collaboration with WCAG artists. The event invited artists to set up interactive booths where they demonstrated their art and encouraged residents to join in and create something of their own.



WCAG artist Carolyn Todd teaches colored pencil techniques (left), and residents show off their work

For two hours on Thursday June 26th, The Hacienda came alive with the excitement of creative expression. Residents rotated through various artist-led stations, exploring art forms such as acrylic painting, fiber postcard making, and colored pencil techniques. Residents also got their faces painted and enjoyed art-themed refreshments that added a playful and festive touch to the day.



WCAG artists from left to right: professional face painter Mary-Ellen Thomas; Susan Hoppenworth; Ruth Gamble; Jessica Snowden (at her booth with Hacienda residents)

In addition to providing these enriching art experiences, The Hacienda extended an invitation to WCAG artists to teach art classes at the community. Artists were also asked to consider contributing to The Hacienda's charitable fundraiser, "Watermark for Children," by donating original artwork with a suggested donation amount.



From left to right: WCAG artist Susan Hoppenworth teaches a fiber postcard-making workshop; a resident shows off her work; Susan poses with a resident; Residents view artwork donated for silent auction to benefit The Hacienda's charitable fundraiser, "Watermark for Children"

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the WCAG artists who contributed their time, talent, and energy to The Hacienda's Walk-a-Bout event: Jessica Snowden, Carolyn Todd, Susan Hoppenworth, Karen Limbaugh, Lynn Kessel, Ann Yakimovicz, Anca Thomas, and Ruth Gamble. Whether by hosting a booth, donating artwork, or committing to teach, your generosity helped make this event a meaningful and joyful experience for all involved.



Hacienda residents walk-a-bout, visiting the many different booths set up with interesting exhibits and demonstrations



A colorful Artist Palette Signature Cocktail flight (above), and tasty treats to nibble (below)



In the foreground, Carolyn Todd at her booth with Hacienda residents, while in the background, residents visit additional booths



Senior Community Life Coordinator at The Hacienda, Katlyn Fitzgerald, poses with Hacienda residents

WCAG'S ROCK STREET GALLERY

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown, TX 78626

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

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

WCAG'S JULY GALLERY RECEPTION

Creative sparks fly this July!

This Independence Day, dodge the mosquitoes and the crowds. Come celebrate creativity with us!

On July 4th, the Williamson County Art Guild invites the community to experience more than just fireworks...



come see an exciting new collection of artwork by our talented local artists!

Guests will enjoy light refreshments while mingling with artists and fellow art enthusiasts. So stop by, take in the art, enjoy a treat, and help us celebrate both artistic freedom and community connection!

The July First Friday reception is **July 4th from 5-7pm.**



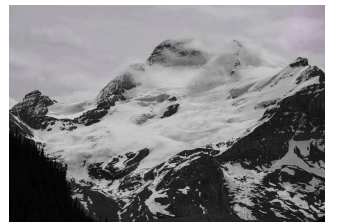
NATURE THROUGH HER LENS

Karen Limbaugh: WCAG's Featured Artist for July

Photographer Karen Limbaugh reveals nature's quiet beauty in every frame.

Karen Limbaugh says of her work, "My connection to nature drives my photography. I am thankful to be able to share the beauty that I experience in my travels both near and far with others."

You can view Karen's work on Instagram at Photogaltexas and on Facebook at Karen Limbaugh. Her exhibit as the July WCAG Artist of the Month will be on display from **July 1st to July 29th** at WCAG's Rock Street Gallery.



Karen Limbaugh's photography. "Watchdog of the Sea" (left) and "Glacier at the Top of the World" (right)

**Don't miss July's
First Friday Gallery Reception**

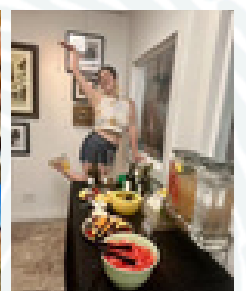
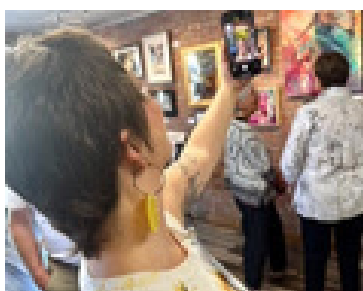
July 4, 5:00-7:00 pm

Refreshments will be served

JUNE RECEPTION RECAP: AN EVENING OF LOCAL CREATIVITY

WCAG members and guests gathered to celebrate the work and spirit of our creative community.

The WCAG Gallery was abuzz during our June First Friday reception. The evening offered more than just visual inspiration—those who attended were treated to live music, lively conversation, and a strong sense of creative community. With beautiful artwork on view in a variety of styles, a memorable time was had by all!



CURRENT EXHIBITS

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

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "Fiddler on the Roof"

For more about the play:

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

Exhibit dates: May 8-July 10

Performances: May 30-July 6

Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz, patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

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

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

Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz, patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

The Palace Playhouse Lobby

216 W. 8th, Georgetown

Production/theme: "Proof"

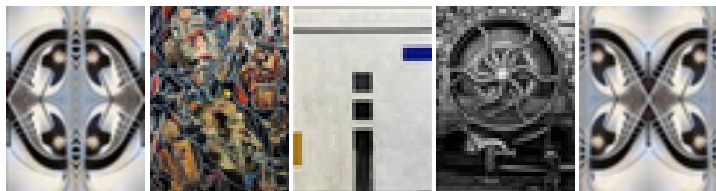
For more about the play:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proof_\(play\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proof_(play))

Exhibit dates: June 10-July 29

Performances: June 20-July 20

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,
patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org



Artwork on display at The Palace Playhouse Lobby for "Proof"

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Music and Rhythm"

Exhibit dates: June 26-July 23

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

WCAG's Rock Street Gallery

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown

Theme: Member's choice

Exhibit dates: July 1-July 29

Coordinator: Maria Magaldi,
maria.wcagrockstgallery@wcagtx.org

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

Solo Exhibit by Kathleen Stafford

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Enjoy Kathleen's watercolors and collagraphs
created from real life experiences

Exhibit dates: July 3-August 7

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

UPCOMING EXHIBITS/CFAS

Put your art on display!

The Palace Playhouse Lobby

216 W. 8th, Georgetown

Katrina King has agreed to be the Exhibit Coordinator for this space.
We will let you know about upcoming calls in the next newsletter!

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery

Group Exhibit

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Theme: Artist's Choice

Exhibit dates: August 7-May 4

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

The Palace Theater, Springer Lobby

Look for Call for Art email in early July!

810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown

Production/theme: "In the Heights"

For more about the play:

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

We would love some Latin, African-American, and island-themed pieces for this production. Life, music, friendship, landscapes, etc.

Submission deadline: September 4 or until space is full

Exhibit dates: September 11-November 13

Performances: October 3-November 2

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz, patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

Framer's Gallery

Call for Art emailed May 27th

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Music and Rhythm"

Submission deadline: Submit early to ensure acceptance

Exhibit dates: June 26-July 23

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

Art Direct: 2-Month Juried Member Exhibit

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

Theme: Artist's Choice

Submission deadline: July 20

Artist confirmation: July 30

Install/drop off date: Friday, August 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Exhibit dates: September 2-October 30

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

Strike/pick up date: Thursday, October 30, 1-2 pm

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Patti Wojtowecz,
patti.exhibits@wcagtx.org

WCAG's Rock Street Gallery

Call for Art Coming Soon!

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown

We are planning an upcoming juried member exhibit to be displayed in August at the WCAG Gallery. The winner will receive a free "Artist of the Month" exhibit in December 2025!

Watch your email inbox for the call for art.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved and support the arts in Williamson County

For a rewarding experience, volunteer with our art community!

Grant Writer

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 be on the lookout for an email from Lynn Kessel about the upcoming 50 year celebration planning meeting, or contact Lynn at lynn.president@wcagtx.org.

Present at a meeting! Teach a class!

Interested in teaching an art class or 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.

THE ART WORLD

Interesting resources for artists

artdirect.com

Offers services to artists as well as opportunities to submit artwork to be exhibited in their online gallery

embracingourdifferences.org

The Embracing Our Differences organization is calling on all artists and writers to contribute to their 2026 Annual Outdoor Art Exhibition. If you're interested, act fast... this year's submission deadline is July 1st.

Know of a web resource that would interest the art community?

Let me know so I can post it here!
karyn.newsletter@wcagtx.org.

Your Input is Requested!

This newsletter is for you, the WCAG members, to inform you about events, opportunities, and any other newsworthy WCAG goings-on. Is there anything you'd like to see in these pages that is not already being covered? Please reach out to Karyn at karyn.newsletter@wcagtx.org.

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