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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lynn Kessel, President lynn.president@wcagtx.org



Is it already August? Amazing how the summer is passing so quickly!

I hope you are all pursuing inspiring activities and creating amazing art! You'll see the numerous exhibits and activities to participate in or visit throughout the newsletter, but please visit the member juried art exhibit at the WCAG Gallery in August. Once again, our artists have brought their best to showcase!

I'd like to give a progress update on the 50 Year Anniversary activities in 2026. So far we have planned two large events. One of these events is a juried member exhibit in potentially three locations: the Georgetown library, the WCAG Gallery, and Framers. This event will be designed like a professional call for art and exhibit, complete with submission fees, streamlined submission process, special reception, and cash prizes for winners. This will be in November/December 2026.

The other large event is a themed gala-type function that includes drinks, food, silent auction, live music, and exhibits on WCAG history. The gala will likely take place in early fall, 2026. Of note, a video

is being created that will reflect the history of WCAG (thank you Gary Hook).

We'll also have numerous smaller activities going on throughout 2026, like a plein air event on the square, monthly art raffles at the gallery, art classes, etc. Please join our meetings if you are interested in helping out in some way! It will be an amazing year for WCAG to showcase its impact in the community over the years and the incredible artwork produced by its members.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. See you in September!

Lynn

Lynn Kessel, President
Williamson County Art Guild

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BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL WCAG MEMBERS

Did you know? All WCAG members are welcome to attend board meetings!

Our bylaws encourage transparency and member engagement, and your presence and input are always valued. All meetings are held at our Rock Street Gallery at 6:30pm. The dates of upcoming board meetings are as follows:

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 11th
- January 13th
- February 10th
- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th
- June 9th

**Note, no board meeting in December*

Whether you're curious about how decisions are made or have ideas you'd like to share, we invite you to join us!

Don't miss these upcoming events!

- Aug 1 5-7pm **Rock Street Gallery August Reception: Juried Member Exhibit**
**Note, there is no member meeting in August. We will resume in September.*
- Aug 5 2-4pm **50th Anniversary Planning Meeting (Friends Room, Georgetown Library)**
- Sept 2 6-8pm **Member Meeting (Hewlitt Room, Georgetown Library)**
Brent Howard, ArtDirect VP: The ArtDirect Experience
Participation/Challenge Theme: "Morning Inspiration"
- Sept 5 5-7pm **Rock Street Gallery September Reception: Member Exhibit**

Mesquite Creek Outfitters FEATURED ARTIST

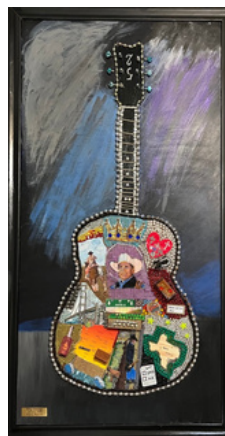
This month, we spotlight Sherry Reeves and her innovative assemblage art.

Sherry's artwork blends a variety of repurposed materials to construct detailed pieces that tell compelling stories with Austin and Texas themes. A resident of Texas for over 50 years, Sherry strives to capture the beauty and spirit of the Lone Star State through her art.



Sherry's art includes a series of guitars, featured on the Today Show, that honor Austin as the Live Music Capital of the World. Each guitar pays tribute to a specific Texas-inspired theme, such as Willie Nelson, springtime in Texas, and Sherry's hometown of Austin.

Sherry's artwork will be on display at Mesquite Creek Outfitters from **August 4th through September 8th.**



KELLER WILLIAMS ARTIST SERIES

Featuring art by Ralph Ruth



The Keller-Williams Artist Series winner for August is Ralph Ruth with his very Texas image, *Chevy and Longhorn*. Ralph's painting will grace more than 3000 postcards sent by Keller-Williams to the Georgetown/Round Rock area, along with information about how to see more of Ralph's work. Congratulations, Ralph!

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.

WCAG MEETINGS TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Our first member meeting of the fall will be on September 2nd!

Mark your calendar and join us on **September 2nd from 6-8pm in the Georgetown library's Hewlitt Room**. Brent Howard of ArtDirect will tell us about the ArtDirect experience. ArtDirect, in Cedar Park, offers custom framing as well as other art-related services, such as 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 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's exhibit at WCAG's Rock Street Gallery!

CALLING ALL VETERANS: BE A PART OF THE PANEL!

We are looking for artists who are also veterans to be panelists for our November member meeting.

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. In keeping with the theme, our member meeting on **November 10th** will feature a Veterans in the Arts presentation by Art Spark Texas.

Art Spark Texas has asked if we have any veterans in our group who would be interested in participating in a panel during the meeting. Questions will be sent to the veteran participants in advance so they can prepare their answers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Flor, Manager of Community Engagement, at kim@artsparktx.org or (512) 296-6398.

**50
years old
in 2026!**

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

Next year marks our 50th anniversary, and we've come up with some wonderful ways to celebrate. Now we're starting to shape 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, August 5th from 2-4 pm in the Georgetown library's Friends Room, we will hold another planning meeting to keep refining our ideas. We'd love to hear your input—come be a part of the excitement!

WCAG'S ROCK STREET GALLERY

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown, TX 78626

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

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

THE AUGUST GALLERY RECEPTION

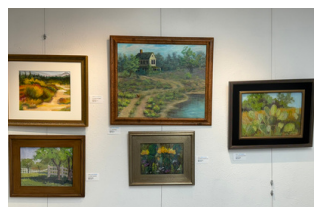
Featuring our member juried show!

August starts in style, celebrating artistic excellence with selected works from our talented members.

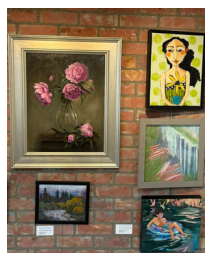
Join us for a special evening of art and music at the WCAG Gallery on **Friday, August 1** as we host our Member



Juried Show reception. This event features outstanding work by our talented guild members. The artwork will be judged, and ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and two honorable mentions. First place will receive a free "Artist of the Month" exhibit in December 2025!



Guests will enjoy live music by Crawdaddy, adding a lively soundtrack to the event. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with artists and celebrate the spirit of local art.



See our **Member Juried Show** at the **First Friday Gallery Reception**

August 1st, 5-7 pm

You won't want to miss it!

BEAUTY, ONE PIECE AT A TIME

Mindy Graber: WCAG's Featured Artist for August

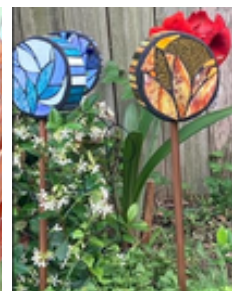
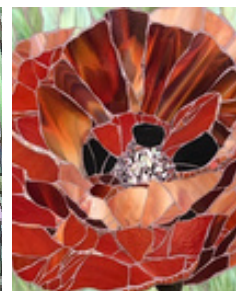
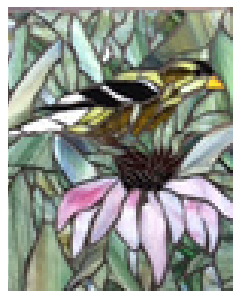
Mosaic artist Mindy Graber combines glass mosaic and mixed media to create vibrant, joyful works.

Mindy Graber is the creative force behind Mindian Designs, a name that reflects her ever-blossoming love of artistic expression. Since around 2010, her primary medium has been glass mosaics, though her passion for mixed media frequently leads her to incorporate elements such as collage, resin, photography, and oil pastels into her work.



Mindy enjoys encouraging others to explore their own creativity, offering classes from her studio in Austin. Through outdoor sculptures, commissions, wall art, and handmade jewelry, she shares joy with others when they connect with her artwork.

Mindy's website is mindydesigns.com. She is also on Instagram at mindydesigns and on Facebook at Mindian Designs and Mindy Graber. Her exhibit as the July WCAG Artist of the Month will be on display starting August 1st at WCAG's Rock Street Gallery.

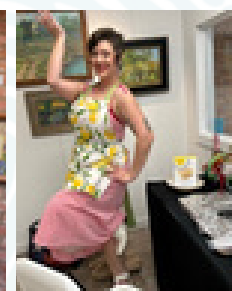
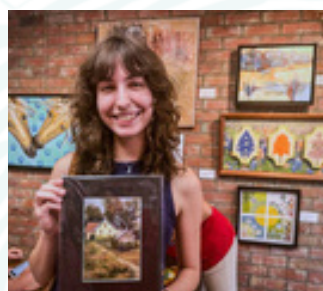
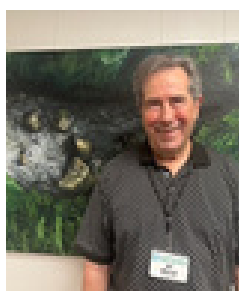
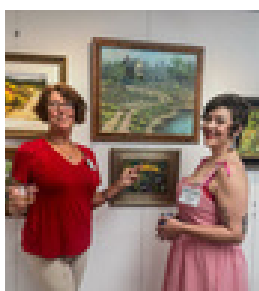
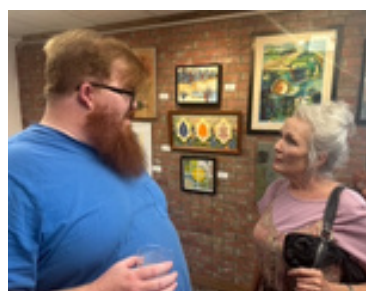


Some of Mindy Graber's glass mosaic artwork

ART AND CELEBRATION ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Creative sparks flew as WCAG members and guests celebrated the work of our artistic community.

Our Independence Day gallery reception was a wonderful celebration of creativity and community. Guests enjoyed light refreshments as they mingled with local artists and art enthusiasts. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the evening a memorable one!



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: "Beautiful: the Carole King Musical"

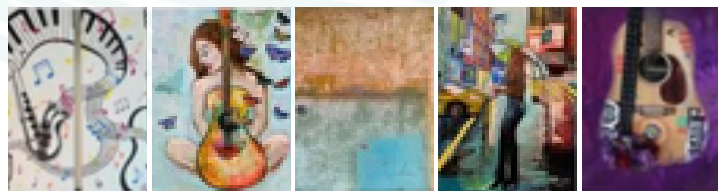
For more about the play:

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

Exhibit dates: July 10-September 11

Performances: July 25-August 31

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



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

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

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

Group Exhibit

Theme: Artist's Choice

Exhibit dates: August 7-September 4

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

Framer's Gallery

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Cultural Traditions, Identity, and Reflections"

Exhibit dates: July 31-August 28

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

WCAG's Rock Street Gallery

Juried Member Exhibit!

708 S. Rock Street, Georgetown

Enjoy this special look at some of our best work! Artwork will be judged, and the winner of this show will receive a free "Artist of the Month" exhibit in December 2025!

Exhibit dates: July 3-August 7

Coordinator: Maria Magaldi,

maria.wcagrockstgallery@wcagtx.org

We have a new Exhibit Coordinator for the Palace Playhouse Lobby!

Please join us in welcoming our new Palace Playhouse Lobby Exhibit Coordinator, Katrina King. We are grateful that she answered our call for a volunteer so that we as a Guild can continue exhibiting in that space. Thank you, Katrina!

UPCOMING EXHIBITS/CFAs

Put your art on display!

Art Direct: Juried Member Exhibit

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

Theme: Artist's Choice

Submission deadline: July 20

Artist confirmation: July 31

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

Truewood by Merrill's Truewood Gallery Group Exhibit

4907 Williams Dr., Georgetown

Theme: Artist's Choice. The more colorful, the better!

Submission deadline: August 1 or until space is filled

Install/drop off date: Thursday, August 7, 1pm

Exhibit dates: August 7-September 4

Strike/pick up date: Thursday, September 4, 1pm

Coordinator: Susan West, smwtexas@gmail.com

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

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

610 S. Main Street, Georgetown

Theme: "Metamorphosis & Life Cycle"

*This month's theme is about transformation, mutation, change, and alteration. I encourage you all to use this time in the season to create a piece that shows how things change. Many things change from one form to another. **Show the transformation. Again, please reference this in your title.** Example subjects: energy, light, heat, water, and weather.*

Submission deadline: Submit early to ensure acceptance

Exhibit dates: August 28-September 25

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

The Palace Playhouse Lobby

Call for Art to be emailed in early August

216 W. 8th, Georgetown

Production/theme: "Baskerville"

For more about the play:

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

Submission deadline: September 16 or until space is full

Exhibit dates: September 23-November 18

Performances: October 10-November 9

Exhibits Chair/Coordinator: Katrina King, kinggirlsmom@aol.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.

ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY

Artober Fest

The Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission is holding an "Artober Fest" in **Lakewood Park on Saturday, October 11th from 3-7pm**. Artists are invited to apply to be vendors and are encouraged to offer demos/workshops/and activities for the public at your booths, if possible. The event will have live music, art, beer, face painting, a bouncy house, Fairy House Trail in the Sculpture Garden, and more!

There will be two levels of 10x10 vendor booths available for purchase: a premium location for \$90 and a standard location for \$80. The premium spaces are those that tend to have higher traffic and are in limited supply. The standard spaces will be placed closer to the lake and closer to the sculpture trail. Altogether, there will be about 35 10'x10' vendor spots.

If you are interested in applying for this vendor opportunity, please request a vendor application from Sammy Panzarino, the Chair of the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission. Sammy can be emailed at sammypanzarino@gmail.com. The application deadline is September 1st.

ART CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

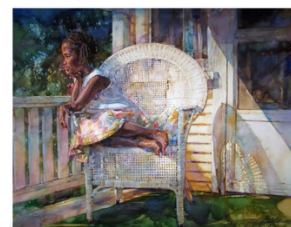
Take advantage and sharpen your skills

Free Watercolor Demo by Renowned Watercolor Artist, Ken Call

The Waterloo Watercolor Group of Austin is hosting a workshop and demo with Ken Call. The workshop is presently sold out; but 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, Austin, TX.

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.



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**. 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**. For more information and to register, please visit <https://cpacphoto.org/portfolio-to-platform-october-2025/>.

THE ART WORLD

Interesting resources for artists

blog.carolslittleworld.com/tag/opportunity-weekend/

This is a column on Carol Schiraldi's blog which is all about places like museums, galleries, publications, and awards that want your artwork right now.

Know of a resource that would interest other artists?

Email me at karyn.newsletter@wcagtx.org so I can post it here!

While we're on summer break...

Don't forget to connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Be liberal with your "likes" ... the more thumbs up, the broader reach we have; and that helps support our guild!

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