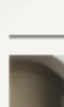


VAL Member Meetings



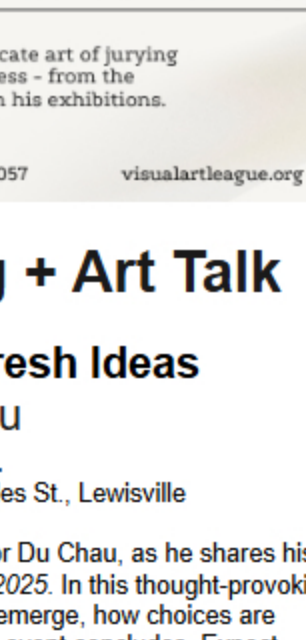
SEPTEMBER

MEMBER MEETING + ART TALK



Guest Speaker: Du Chau,
Exhibition Curator & Artist

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 7 PM



Topic: Behind the Frame: An insider's view on the delicate art of jurying Fresh Ideas 2025. Plus, a look at Du's own creative process - from the materials he chooses to curatorial decisions that inform his exhibitions.

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Sept. Member Meeting + Art Talk

Behind Frame: Jurying Fresh Ideas

Speaker: Du Chau

Tues., Sept. 9 • 7 p.m.

Meeting at the Lewisville Grand, 100 N. Charles St., Lewisville

Join us for an engaging evening with artist, curator, and juror Du Chau, as he shares his unique perspective from behind the scenes of *Fresh Ideas 2025*. In this thought-provoking talk, Du reflects on the delicate art of jurying—how themes emerge, how choices are made, and how certain works stay in his mind long after the event concludes. Expect candid stories, thoughtful dilemmas, and an insight into the emotional and conceptual layers that shaped this year's selections.

Then, the spotlight turns inward. Du opens up about his own creative process, including the materials he chooses, the metaphors he crafts, and the curatorial decisions that inform his exhibitions. Whether you're an artist, art lover, or simply curious about the intersection of vision and voice, this is a rare opportunity to hear from someone who sees art from both sides of the frame.

Biography

Du Chau, born in Vietnam and now based in Dallas, Texas, exemplifies the pursuit of passion across multiple disciplines. After relocating to the U.S. in 1981, he started his career in clinical laboratory science and currently serves as the Pathology Technical Coordinator at Methodist Hospital of Dallas. However, his artistic journey flourished after studying at Dallas College Brookhaven Campus, leading him to earn both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from the New York College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

His artwork has been exhibited across the U.S., including at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and the Amarillo Museum of Art, and featured in collections at the Curaumilla Art Center in Chile and the CRETA Foundation in Italy. Du Chau has received numerous accolades, including the NCECA International Residency Award in 2017 and the Moss/Chumley Award from the Meadows Museum in 2024. Patron Magazine also recognized him as an Art Influencer that same year.

Beyond his work, Du Chau co-founded the Goldmark Cultural Center in Dallas, which provides studio space for 170 resident artists and cultivates a vibrant artistic community.

Balancing his dual passions for art and science, he continues to impact both fields significantly.

Event Details:

- This event is free and open to the public.
- Visual Art League of Lewisville members are encouraged to bring a piece of artwork for the Artist of the Month. First and second place awards will be given. *"VAL artists who have won 1st Place in 2025 are asked to let other members have an opportunity to win. All 1st Place winners in 2025 will have an opportunity to compete for the Artist of the Year solo exhibition in 2026."*
- Non-members and guests are welcome to attend and learn more about the Visual Art League of Lewisville. Artists of all skill levels and visual art mediums are welcome.
- If you are a new member and have questions about upcoming exhibitions, hanging requirements, terminology, etc - this is your opportunity to meet a board member and ask for assistance.

Best Wishes!

VAL Board Member Retire

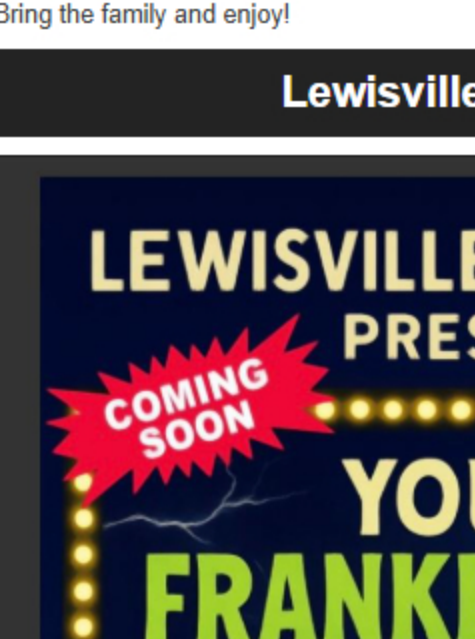
After decades of service to the Visual Art League, R'Lene Winters will be stepping down as a VAL Board Director and our Publicity and Sponsorship Chair on Sept. 30. She has served VAL in many capacities including: promoting VAL exhibitions, procuring awards for member exhibitions, and fundraising. In addition, she and fellow member, Dulce Ruqué organized a silent auction benefiting Kyle's Place, a local charity that helps homeless youth. She and Dulce also co-curated a special cultural event at The Grand.



In addition to being a talented painter, R'Lene was one of the artists who worked on the mosaic sections of the sculpture, *Earth and Beyond*, which is on permanent display outside The Grand. She has exhibited her paintings in numerous solo and group shows throughout the DFW area over the years.

R'Lene has been a long-time resident of Flower Mound since moving to Texas in 2003. The VAL Board wishes R'Lene the best and thanks her for her years of dedication to the Visual Art League.

VAL Events



Behind the Scenes with Marilyn Henrion

Sept. 6 • 12 to 5 PM

At Lewisville Grand Theatre Main Gallery

Chat with Marilyn Henrion, First Prize Winner of Fresh Ideas 2025, as she demonstrates the creative process that goes into her hand quilted mixed media works. You will have an opportunity to see the labor intensive work that can only be fully appreciated by a look at the BACK of the works.

"The innovative fusion of traditional hand quilting and contemporary digital technology reflects my lifelong passion for both craft and concept," Henrion said. "Grounded in photography—urban landscapes, architectural forms, the natural world—images are digitally manipulated and transformed into evocative quilted artworks. Whether abstract or representational, each piece is a tactile meditation on memory, place, and perception." The artist's works are included in museum, corporate, government and private collections throughout the world. She is also represented in the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art.

Bring the family and enjoy!

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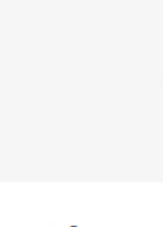
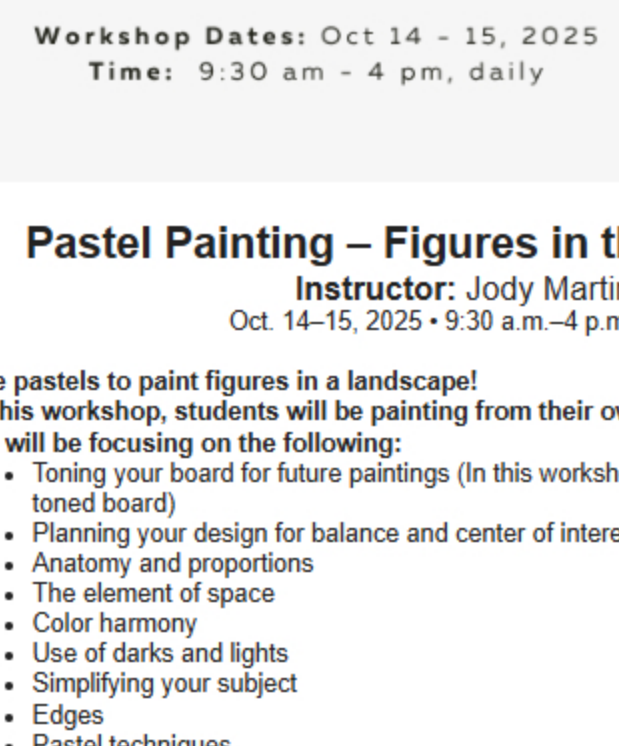
Steven Rodriguez and Ron Singleton created the promotional artwork for Lewisville Playhouse's upcoming production of *Young Frankenstein*, running Oct. 2–19.

VAL Workshops

2-Day Workshop

PASTEL PAINTING

Figures in the Landscape



Instructor:
Jody Martin

VAL Member: \$275
Non-Member: \$300

For more information
or to register:

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Workshop Dates: Oct 14 - 15, 2025
Time: 9:30 am - 4 pm, daily



Pastel Painting – Figures in the Landscape

Instructor: Jody Martin

Oct. 14–15, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., daily

Use pastels to paint figures in a landscape! In this workshop, students will be painting from their own reference photographs. We will be focusing on the following:

- Toning your board for future paintings (In this workshop you'll bring a commercially toned board)
- Planning your design for balance and center of interest
- Anatomy and proportions
- The element of space
- Color harmony
- Use of darks and lights
- Simplifying your subject
- Edges
- Pastel techniques

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Area Events

Small Works 2025 Call for Entries

Artists 'Round Texas 23rd Annual Juried Art Show

Presented by Artists Round Texas

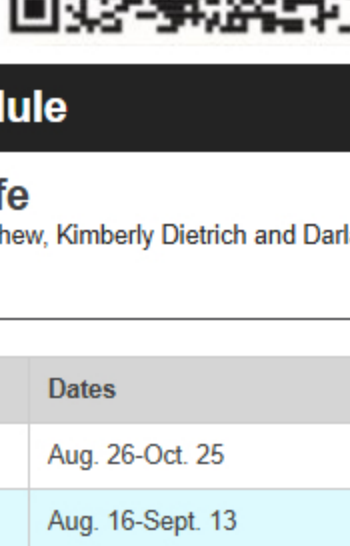
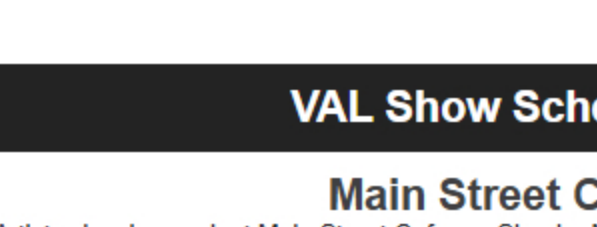
Oct. 25–Dec. 26

Open to all artists 16 years of age and older.

[Click here](#) for more details

Fall 2025 Gallery Schedule

This Fall, Dallas College Galleries proudly presents a diverse lineup of professional art exhibitions, alongside the annual Visual Art Student Group Exhibitions across our seven main campus galleries. Visitors can explore a wide array of media, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, metalwork, and more.



VAL Show Schedule

Main Street Cafe

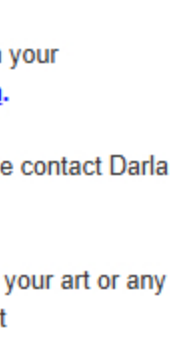
Artists showing work at Main Street Cafe are Sheeba Mathew, Kimberly Dietrich and Darla Bostick.

Exhibition	Location	Dates
Alphabet Soup	North Display Case	Aug. 26-Oct. 25
Fresh Ideas 2025-Annual Premier Juried Exhibition	Gallery	Aug. 16-Sept. 13
New Member Exhibit	North Corridor	Nov. 8-Nov. 22
Angel of the Year	North Display Case	Oct. 28-Dec. 27

About VAL

The Mission of the Visual Art League of Lewisville

The Mission of the Visual Art League is to promote the visual arts through education and exhibitions for the enrichment of the individual and the community. The Visual Art League supports the visual arts by providing the facilities for instruction in wide-ranging aspects of the arts such as drawing, painting, sculpture, and fine crafts, and providing gallery space for exhibitions in a variety of media.



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If you have news about your art - exhibits you're in, prizes you've won for your art or any other news you'd like to share with VAL members, email Ricky Sanders at VALMemberNews@gmail.com

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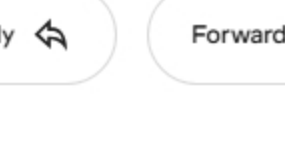
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