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**AUGUST 2025
NEWSLETTER**

VAL Member Meetings

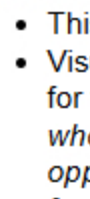


Tuesday, August 12 @ 7 pm

Member Meeting + Art Talk

Guest Speaker: Brett Dyer, M.F.A., B.F.A.
*Dean of Gallery, Theater, & Live Event Operations
Dallas College*

Topic: *From Funny Farmer to Fine Artist: One
Journey Through Art, Life, & Academia*



100 N. Charles St. | Lewisville, TX 75057

Aug. Member Meeting + Art Talk

From Funny Farmer to Fine Artist: One Journey Through Art, Life, & Academia

Speaker: Brett Dyer

Tues., Aug. 12 • 7 p.m.

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

In this heartfelt talk, artist and academic leader Brett Dyer reflects on his journey from a small Texas farm and a patchwork of early jobs—dishwasher, server, bartender—to becoming a practicing artist and academic dean. Through stories, visuals, and selected artworks, Brett explores how art became his light through dark times, and how he now uses that light to inspire and guide others. The presentation will include examples of finished and in-progress works, giving insight into Brett's layered, expressive process. Audiences will walk away with inspiration, practical insight, and a reminder of the healing power of creativity.

Bio: Brett Dyer is a multidisciplinary artist, educator, and arts leader based in DFW. He currently serves as the Dean of Gallery, Theatre, and Live Event Operations at Dallas College, overseeing 12 galleries, an art collection of over 1,300 works, and 10 theatres. Brett's personal art practice spans painting, printmaking, and mixed media, often exploring themes of resilience, spirituality, identity, and healing. His work has been exhibited widely and featured in many publications including Aesthetica Magazine and Studio Visit. From small-town beginnings to academic leadership, Brett sees art as both a calling and a gift, one he now shares through teaching, mentoring, and creating.

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.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to our new members who have joined last month!

Katelyn Ott
Tricia Seymour-Barrier
Karen Lichtenstern
Nancy Tully
Ava Nell Harris
Tammy T Morrill
Diana Fortin

Christopher Brown
Kenna Boles Prior
Corey Cherry
David Bounds
Krystin-Youngju Smith
Laurin Wilson
Caleb Carter

Daren Fagan
Cheryl Lovett
Kala Chevli
Carol S Marks
Jyoti Tyagi
Chery Russell

VAL Events

Annual Premier Juried Exhibition

FRESH IDEAS 2025

OPENING RECEPTION
Aug. 16, 7 - 9 P.M.

Exhibition Dates:
Aug. 16 - Sept. 13

Curator: Crystal Nelson
Juror: Du Chau, Exhibition Curator & Artist

Visual Art League of Lewisville

Lewisville Grand Theater
100 N. Charles St.,
Lewisville TX 75057

VAL Workshops

Painting Floral Still Life with Watercolor
Instructor: Murthy Mantha
Saturday, Aug. 23 • 10 a.m. - noon

Objectives:

- Identify possible elements to paint
- Develop studies of the subject
- Create a small painting

Description:

Create your very own floral still life painting with watercolor. Using photographs is a great way to create floral still life paintings. You will focus on selecting the elements of interest from your photograph and designing a composition. In this class you will explore practical tips, basic composition templates, and simplified color schemes.

- All necessary materials are provided
- Bring a photograph you took or obtained from a copyright free source from which to paint
- You may bring your favorite materials such as brushes, paints, even acrylic if you wish


Only 10 seats are available for this workshop. You must be at least 18 years old or with an adult. This workshop is held at the Grand Theater in Old Town Lewisville. The address is 100 N. Charles Street and we will be in Classroom 2.

To register, visit [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). If you have questions, please email VALfreeworkshops@yahoo.com.

2-Day Workshop

PASTEL PAINTING

Figures in the Landscape



Instructor:
Jody Martin

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

For more information or to register:
visualartleague.org

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

For more information or to register, visit visualartleague.org

Area Events

CALL FOR ART

OPEN SHOW

2025 FALL ART EXHIBITION

Together

SANTA FE DEPOT MUSEUM
GAVA JUDGE JOSE ANGEL HERNANDEZ

ART SUBMISSION
SATURDAY
AUGUST 30TH
11:00AM - 3:00PM
SUNDAY
AUGUST 31ST
12:00PM - 3:00PM

SANTA FE DEPOT MUSEUM
605 E. CALIFORNIA ST.
GAINESVILLE, TEXAS 76240

4 Entries Maximum GAVA members \$15 per entry
Non GAVA members \$20 per entry

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Gainesville Area
Visual Arts

CASH AWARDS • FOUR CATEGORIES
• TRADITIONAL • PHOTOGRAPHY/DIGITAL
• CONTEMPORARY • THREE DIMENSIONAL
BEST OF SHOW • LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS

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OPENING RECEPTION & ARTIST AWARDS
Saturday September 6th, 6 - 8pm

SHOW DATES: September 7th - September 14th
Open 11 - 4pm Weekends & 11 - 3pm Weekdays

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This year's theme TOGETHER, is sure to provide a wide interpretation of ART! All artists in North Texas and Oklahoma are invited to submit a maximum of 4 pieces of art to our annual art exhibition at the Santa Fe Depot Museum, 605 E California St., Gainesville. This is an open show. Original art, no artificial intelligence (AI), only - that has not been shown in the GAVA Fall Art Exhibition in the last four years.

Entry fee for GAVA members is \$15 per entry and \$20 per entry for non-members. Artists can join GAVA when they submit their art to get the reduced fee. Art submission is Saturday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 31, 12-3 p.m. Students are encouraged to enter their art. GAVA reserves the right to exclude any art deemed inappropriate. Visit our website for the Prospectus and Entry Form: www.gainesvilleareavisualarts.org.

The Art of Play

BY LEA HAMILTON

GREATER DENTON ARTS COUNCIL

Beyond the Brush

Expressive Tools for Canvas Painting

RESCHEDULED TO

AUGUST 30

\$75

Ditch the brush and dive into bold, hands-on painting! Explore texture and movement using wedges, palette knives, sponges—even your fingers. This playful workshop is perfect for all skill levels—bring your curiosity!

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VAL Show Schedule

Main Street Cafe

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

Exhibition	Location	Dates
Artist Trading Cards	North Display Case	July 1-Aug. 23
Nouveau West	North Corridor	July 19-Aug. 16
Fresh Ideas 2024 Winner (Denise Lindgren) Solo Show	Gallery	July 12-Aug. 9
All Natural	Gallery	July 12-Aug. 9
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.



The Lewisville Grand is made possible through the generous support of the Greater Lewisville Arts Council and the City of Lewisville.

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To get into the rotation for the Main Street Cafe (formerly Tierney's) please contact Darla Bostick: darlabostickart@gmail.com

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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