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VAL Members' Monthly Meeting



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April Meeting **Instagram for Artists**

Ariel Bowman
Tuesday, April 13 • 7-9 p.m.

Learn how visual artists can use Instagram as a social media platform to promote their work, boost sales, make professional connections, and create a community of InstaFans.

Artist Bio: Ariel Bowman was raised in Dallas, Texas where her parents are both artists. Growing up, she spent a lot of time outside with animals. The undeveloped woodlands that surrounded her childhood home inspired her to create art that focused on the natural world. As a sculptor, Ariel works in clay using a variety of mixed media techniques.



Clay is the most influential material that Ariel has worked with. She earned her Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from the Kansas City Art Institute in 2011, and an Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida in 2018. She has studied abroad at the International Ceramics Studio in Hungary, and was awarded the Regina K. Brown NCECA undergraduate and graduate fellowships. Ariel has been an artist in residence at the Armory Art Center and her work has been collected by the Belger Arts Center, the Florida Museum of Natural History, and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 842 3514 9693

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New Addition

The board has purchased a monitor to use to display videos about our artists during our gallery shows. It can also be used in our workshops and in our in-person member meetings (when we can return to that) to continue to be able to Zoom with artist speakers from far away.

Curator(s) and Volunteer Hours

VAL is in need of a curator or co-curators for our United We Stand hallway show in July. If interested, please [email VAL](#).

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Please remember to record your volunteer hours in the VAL Volunteer Binder located on the desk in the MCL Gallery. The Volunteer Point Rubric can be found on the VAL website under "Member Documents."

March 2021 Artists of the Month

First Place
"Windswept Blues"
Bala Thiagarajan



Second Place (tie)
"Tossed at Sea"
Alice Agafon



Second Place (tie)
"Yellow Rose"
Toni Wengler

VAL Members @ Grapevine Gallery



VAL currently has twelve artists exhibiting their art at the Lancaster Theater Art Gallery in Grapevine. Art will be on exhibit until May 4. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday nights and evenings during special events. Members exhibiting are: Linda Chidsey, Lisa Chittenden, Joe Conner, Lorraine Hayes, Chuck Hendrickson, Jose Angel Hernandez, Teri McRedmond, Denise McCombs, Thea Morton, Kathleen Mekailek, Bala Thiagarajan and Alfredo Santesteban.

Artist Trading Cards

Art Trading Cards, sponsored by VAL, is scheduled for the first Flower Mound festival! The event will be held Saturday, May 8, at Heritage Park in Flower Mound. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artist Pop-Ups

VAL is setting up a series of "Artist Pop-Ups" this Spring in conjunction with the Grand Theater. The plan is to have these from **11am to 1pm** on Saturdays: **April 10th, April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th**, weather permitting.

It involves having an artist "pop up" in Wayne Ferguson Plaza (across the street from the theater) and create art for about two hours. The City is offering a \$50 honorarium to the artist for each event. The type of art is open: painting, clay, collage, sketching, stamping/printing, ATCs, woodcarving, acoustic instrument, etc. It could also involve passerby participation if you want. Further, the artist(s) can display artwork for sale while she/he/they create art (10% commission to City applies).

Note that 7 Mile Cafe, Perk, and Wine House there are getting busy. There are a variety of sun or shade locations in the park for the artist to work.

If you're interested, please contact Chuck Hendrickson (chuckh816@gmail.com) so he can set up the schedule.

Chalk This Way - ColorPalooza

Lakeside Arts Foundation partners with the City of Lewisville to host **Chalk This Way at ColorPalooza, a Celebration of Spring**, on April 17 outside Lewisville MCL Grand and City Hall area, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This event will feature a professional chalk artist exhibit, Amateur Art Showcase, Scholarship Contest for high school Seniors, and a Children's Gallery, in addition to the traditional festival offerings of art vendors, food & drink vendors, musical entertainment and more.

Artists of all ages are encouraged to participate in the Amateur Art Showcase. For a fee of \$15 day of event or \$12 pre-registration discount, each artist (or group of 4 or fewer) will be provided high-quality artist-grade pastels and a designated 6 x 6' square area to work.

Younger children may participate in the free Children's Gallery where they will receive child-safe chalk and a 2 x 2' square for their art.

Guests to the festival will be able to vote on their favorite work of Amateur Art for the People's Choice award, until 3 p.m., when the art supply tent will close. Guests will be able to view and photograph the art until closing time, at 5 PM. Artists are asked to make sure that the work is appropriate for family viewing at a community event. For registration forms and more information, see our website: ChalkThisWay.org or email Christi at Director@lakesidearts.org.

June Workshop

Knife Painting with Acrylics

We will host a one day workshop on the topic of Palette knife painting with acrylics at MCL Grand. Our Instructor is Christine Sanders who is Executive Director of Greater Denton Arts Council. Christine has a degree from UNT in Visual Arts and taught middle and high school art for 15 years as well as years of teaching workshops on numerous topics in art. During the workshop, participants will complete a canvas.



Supplies you will need to bring:

- Pallet knives: one angled straight edge, one round or a spoon, one oval and one triangular. Plastic or metal is fine, but the metal is easier to clean and bends without breaking.
- Acrylic Paint: minimum of three colors, with black and white. Suggested yellow oxide or ochre crimson or magenta, your choice of blue.
- A sketchbook or 5 loose unlined pieces of paper min. 8"x11"
- A primed canvas no larger than 18"x24"
- 3 photos to choose from as references. Suggested a landscape, flower, single animal or architectural image.

Workshop will be June 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Due to the restrictions of Covid and spacing, we will only have eight students in the classroom unless the City of Lewisville lifts restrictions. More news to come on opening of registration. For other questions contact Jackie Haugen, paid workshop chair, at waterjourney@verizon.net.

Artist Bio: Christine is a married, mother of two, with one grandson, and a host mom to 15 international students, and counting. She loves art of all mediums, traveling, and helping others. Christine grew up in San Antonio Texas and graduated with a Visual Art Studies degree from the University of North Texas. She and her family reside in Denton Texas where she is the Education Coordinator for the Greater Denton Arts Council, and the Regional Coordinator for EF High School Exchange Year students and families.

- 15 years experience teaching art at the middle and high school level.
- 25 years experience painting murals
- 24 years experience in interior design and remodeling work.
- 20 years experience in teaching art camps and various workshops for all ages

Exhibit Opportunity

Main St. Cafe

208 East Main Street, Lewisville

We are happy to resume rotations on a more regular basis at the Main Street Cafe. The artists now showing their works are Darla Bostick, Kathleen Mekailek and Kimberly Dietrich. The new ownership requires large works only for the walls.

Thanks,
Darla

darlabostickart@gmail.com

VAL Show Schedules

2021 Show Schedules

Mar. 2 - May 1: Mixed Media - North Display Case

May 4 - July 3: Artist Trading Cards - North Display Case

May 8 - June 5: Lost in a Garden - North Corridor

June 12 - July 10: Fresh Ideas 2020 Winner Barbara Oliver Hartman Solo Show - Gallery

June 12 - July 10: Common Threads - Gallery

June 12 - July 10: United We Stand - North Corridor

July 6 - Aug. 28: Artists' Choice - North Display Case

July 17 - Aug. 14: Fresh Ideas 2021 - Annual Premier Juried Exhibition - Gallery

Aug. 31 - Oct. 30: Self Portrait - North Display Case

Sept. 26 - Oct. 23: Western Round Up - North Display Case

Oct. 30 - Nov. 27: Call of the Wild - Gallery

Oct. 30 - Nov. 27: Day of the Dead - North Corridor

Nov. 2 - Dec. 31: Holiday Magic - North Display Case

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 MCL 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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