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## Member News & Notes

To have your information included in "Member News" please email to [VALMemberNews@gmail.com](mailto:VALMemberNews@gmail.com) no later than the 25th of the month.



### Wanda Grice

Wanda's artwork was selected and is currently on display at College and Garden Ridge in Lewisville as part of an ongoing public art program. She joins a group of talented artists whose artwork is a visual delight throughout Lewisville. This program will coincide with the current traffic signal box wraps that are aesthetic in nature showing local flowers, historical photos, and other treatments. The board plans to complete 3 to 4 boxes this year. Please stop by if in the area to view "LIVELY TRANSFORMATION".

### José Ángel Hernández

José Ángel Hernández received an Award of Excellence for his work of art titled "Pivot Point" from the Visual Arts League of Allen Thankful for the Artists Art Exhibition.



Joe Conner

Joe has new art at Vantage Point Art Gallery in Gainesville for December including my collaged "awesome" balls. Also, he has art on display for December at Edward Jones-Financial Advisor: Morgan Henderson's office in Gainesville.

### **Benjamine Lester**

Benjamine won the Merit Award at the CCAN Arts Exhibition in Abilene Texas for his piece "Reading." The show's juror was Liz Trosper, artist and educator at The University of Texas in Dallas.



### **Karen Somoano**

Karen had a painting accepted in the Frisco Art Gallery's 2021/2022 Winter Art Show. The show will run from December 19, 2021 through January 9, 2022 at the Frisco Discovery Center.

### **Murthy Mantha**

Here are Murthy's current on-going landscape paintings (acrylic water media on canvas) exhibitions through the end of 2021:

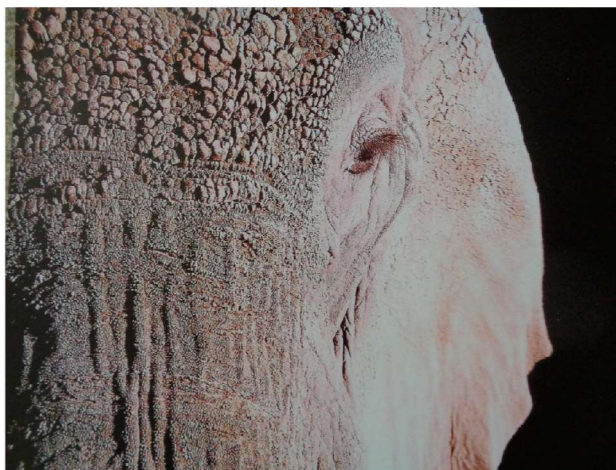
- Mainstage Theater, Irving, Texas
- Thrive, Lewisville, Texas

Also, Murthy is excited to announce the starting of a Solo Art Exhibit Dec. 5-Jan. 10 at Irving Art Association, Puritan Drive, Irving, Texas.

### **Tina Alvarez**

Tina had her photograph, "Gentle Giant", accepted as one of 53 (out of 300) entries in the "Ageless Passion" Art Exhibition at the Bath House Cultural Center on White Rock Lake in Dallas. Show will be Dec. 4-Jan. 29.

Tina will also have an exhibit of her handcrafted Raku pottery in the Main Lobby Display Case of the Lewisville Grand Theater Dec. 3 through Jan. 2022. The exhibit will include iridescent luminaries, towers, card holders, small dishes, ornaments, and small pendants. All are available for purchase as great holiday gifts.



### **Darla Bostick**

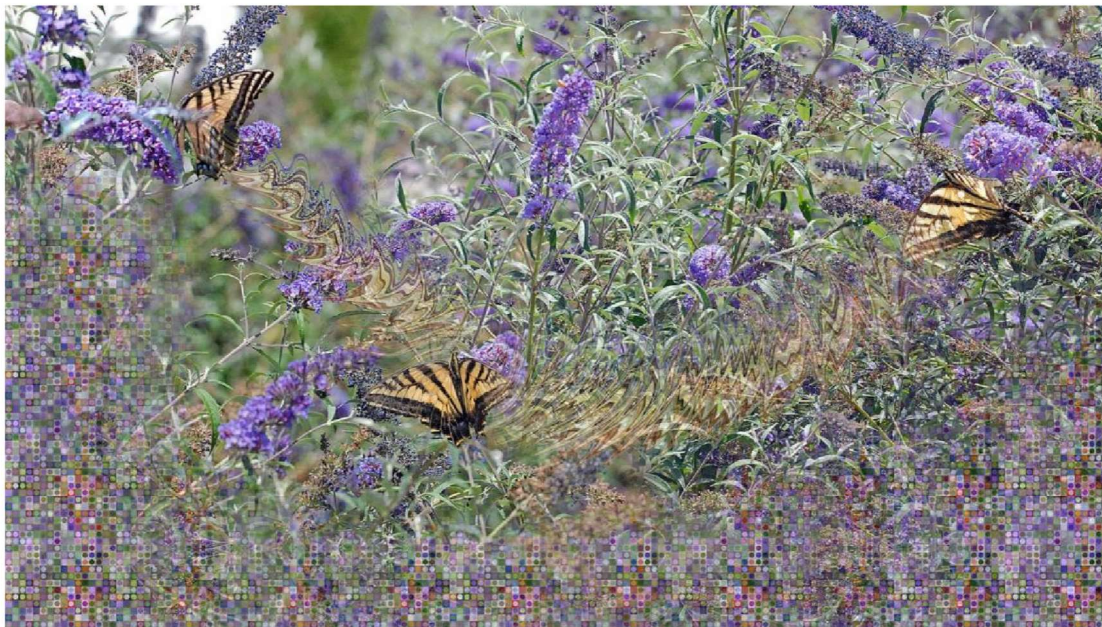
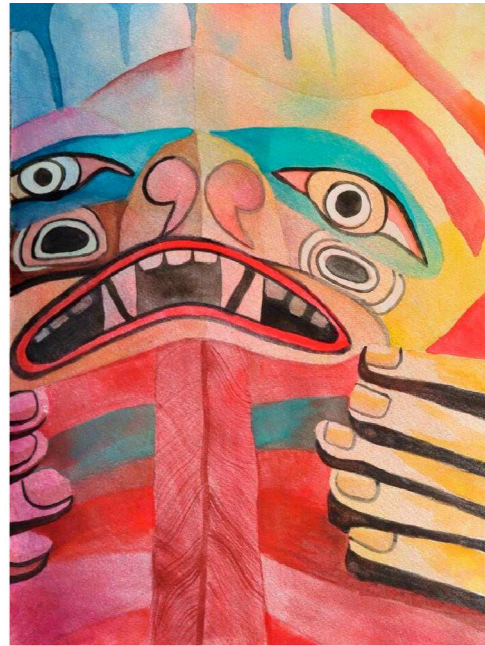
"Dressed in Her Best, Jordan" was part of the Society of Watercolor Artists' Membership



Show, celebrating the 40th birthday of SWA in Fort Worth.

"Totem Talisman," a watercolor (pictured), is part of the Visual Arts Society of Texas ' Membership Show running through Dec. 11 at the Patterson-Appleton Center of Arts in Denton.

Two other watercolors, "Afternoon in Cambodia" and "Not Your Ordinary Cabbage" are included in the Visual Arts League of Allen exhibition in the VALA Gallery in The McKinney Cotton Mill through Dec. 12.



### **David Blow**

David's work "Spirit Lives" has been included in "Ageless Passion" exhibition at the Bath House Culture Center, 521 E. Lawther Dr. Dallas, TX (White Rock Lake). The show is Dec. 4-Jan. 29.

His work "Glorious Morning" has been included in the 14th Annual 175-Mile Exhibition, Gough Gallery. Show is Jan.5-Feb. 19 at the Patterson-Appleton Art Center. 400 E Hickory Street, Denton.



### Cathy Shepherd

Cathy received two awards in the **Art Comes Alive** show for Art Design Consultants in Cincinnati on Nov. 6. She received the "Glass Artist of the Year" award as well as the "Greg and Andrea Klein Purchase Award."

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