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NEWSLETTER

Member's Meeting

Monthly Speaker

David Blow, Photographer and Printmaker

Each month in conjunction with the general meeting, VAL produces an "Art Talk" series of known speakers and art demonstrations. This month's presenter is David Blow, a photographer/printmaker and Professor Emeritus of Art at University of North Texas. He has been a printmaker for 40 years and exhibited his work in numerous national and international exhibitions. His awards and acclaims are numerous, and he has recently completed a book entitled *Birds* with photographic prints by David Blow and poems by Christine Irving. His current projects involve his interest in "Nature's Vibrations."

Feb. 14, 7 p.m. • MCL Grand Theater

VAL Shows

Attention New VAL Members!

Have you been a member of the Visual Art League for 3 years or less? Then we need your art for the North Display Case!

Theme: New Members' Exhibit

Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, February 28 – Saturday April 29, 2023

Intake Date: Monday, February 27

Strike: Monday, May 1, 2023

Art should be no larger than 16" x 20"

Ideas:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Photographs
- Assemblage art
- Collages
- Jewelry

- Ceramic bowls
- Small sculptures
- Wooden boxes
- Small quilt blocks
- Felted art
- Stained glass

Advantages of Participating:

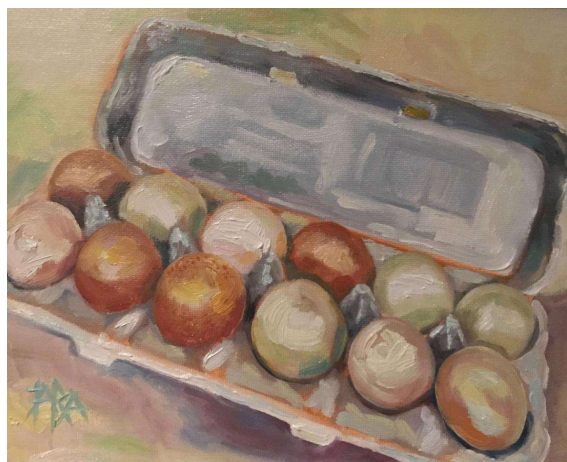
1. The North Display Case has convenient shelves to display your 3-D pieces without any risk of damage.
2. Small space but great impact! You don't have to make a mural-sized piece of art!
3. We want to show the community as well as any visitors beyond Lewisville how active and creative VAL members are! An empty Display Case will not inspire. Let's fill it up!
4. New members, this is a great opportunity to ease in to participating in the VAL! The North Display Case is free to participate in and doesn't require any special wiring on the back of your framed art pieces. It's super easy! (We have easels!)
5. Visitors often want something small they can purchase whether it's for themselves or a gift. Think "impulse" buys.

Contact Denise Holguin for questions and to reserve your space!



Abstraction

VAL's "Abstraction" was held Jan. 7-Feb. 4. The show was curated by Cary Cox, Diane Wright and Buck Buchheister. The picture above is from the opening reception.



A Slice of Life

"A slice of life is a glimpse into a day or moment in a person's life, a memory from another's life, or from your own. An image that evokes the feeling of connection and understanding in a given life. "An example of what ordinary life is like: something (such as a story or movie; read artwork) that shows what ordinary life is like." - Merriam Webster Dictionary"



Whether in our own homes, while doing errands, or what we see out our windows, life is full of stimulus. Everywhere we look. Right now as I sit cozy under a "Day of the Dead" throw with a blustery gray day outside my window; brown oak leaves still clinging to the tree - I see the colors against the black of my blanket contrasting beautifully, I see the way the light hits my handmade ceramic coffee cup sitting on the edge of my chair; I see little vignettes of color, light, and shape around the room and outside my window. As artists, we are often tender tortured souls until we accept and celebrate the way we see things, the way we understand and interpret things. Something well-lit can take my breath away. Observing human touch or kindness no matter how everyday it may seem, can go right to my heart.

Everyday life. It changes every day. The neighbor feeding his chickens, the children bouncing on their new trampoline, Mango, the squirrel, sneaking birdseed, friends sharing a cup of coffee, the silhouette of the hibiscus against the window... We are constantly stimulated - often loudly, overly, but sometimes it is the daily subtle changes in our environment that we notice on some level but do not always give much attention to. The interesting shapes, colors, or light play. A slice of life. Share the everyday, share a moment in time that you have seen or experienced a thousand times.

Please send entries to tarashollart@gmail.com by Feb. 21, 2023.

Intake: Thurs., Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Fri., Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.



GLCT Panels

VAL Members Tona Svodoba painted a one panel (left) and Chuck Hendrickson painted the other panel for the Greater Lewisville Community Theater's production of "The Cake."

VAL Workshop

How to Improve Your Design

VAL will be presenting a 3-day workshop on "How to Improve your Design in all Your Work." If you've ever felt like something is wrong with your composition, but you are unable to fix it or understand the problem, this is the workshop for you. All supplies are provided by instructor.

The workshop will be led by Kay Byfield, a well-known instructor and artist from Dallas. She will provide all the supplies to practice design. It will be an in-depth learning experience mixed with a fun time. The dates are March 7-9. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the classrooms in The Grand, with 1-hour break for lunch. The cost is \$300 per VAL member or \$335 for non-members.

Payment can be made [online](#) or by mailing a check to Jackie Haugen, workshop chair at 222 Camden Dr, Highland Village, TX 75077. Note on check for design workshop. For questions, you may contact Jackie Haugen, workshop chair, at 972-672-0188.

Area Events

Main Street Cafe Rotation

Artists interested in showing art at the Main Street Cafe (on Main Street, Lewisville) [contact Darla Bostick](#). Artwork rotates every three months. The owner wants only large works for the walls at least 30".

Gouache Painting Workshop

Jackie Haugen is teaching a one-day, free workshop March 4 at Indigo Art and Framing in Flower Mound. She will demo a gouache painting and will have supplies for students to practice. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Seating is limited. Register through Indigo Art and Framing by calling **972-537-5006**.

Art Trading Cards

Come with family or friends to enjoy making a free Art Trading Card. The City of Lewisville, Color Palooza, Festival Event, will be held Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. The Art Trading Card event is planned to be in Room 3, inside the Grand Building.

Artists Encouraged to Participate in the Flower Mound's Annual Arts Festival

We know it's only January, but Flower Mound already hard at work planning the Town's third annual Arts Festival at Heritage Park on Saturday, May 13. Right now, they are searching for performing artists and art vendors to show off their talents. If you're interested in participating or selling your pieces at the festival, please [email Tish Carter](mailto:tish@flowermound.com). As the event gets closer, we'll post more information about all the fun things planned for the day at www.flower-mound.com/artsfestival.

Call for Artists - En Plein Air Frisco 2023!

In collaboration with Play Frisco – City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department, Visual Arts Guild of Frisco presents the first-ever “En Plein Air Frisco” event

The event is hosted at The Grove at the Commons, [8300 McKinney Rd Frisco, TX](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8300+McKinney+Rd+Frisco,+TX). Juried artists compete for cash prizes. Artists will paint for three days and nights at select locations within the city of Frisco. On day three, there will be an optional wet paint/quick draw competition. All art created during this event must be for sale. A percentage of sales from the exhibition benefits the Visual Arts Guild of Frisco.

Submission is open to the public; submission fee is \$45, and VAGF members receive a \$10 discount (please email info@vagf.org for the member code). If you would like to join the Visual Arts Guild of Frisco, please sign up [here](https://www.vagf.org/)!

Each artist is asked to submit three recent paintings (preferably created En Plein Air) for review. No more than 50 artists will be invited to participate; a panel of scoring judges will review the submissions and select the artists. The payment of the submission fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee final admission. Submission deadline is February 23, 2023. Please see more details and use [this link](#) for all art submissions.

The Other Art Fair Dallas (Spring 2023)

It's that time of year again! The Other Art Fair Dallas is accepting applications for its Spring 2023 edition. We are now accepting applications for the 4th edition of The Other Art Fair Dallas, happening at Dallas Market Hall from May 11-14, 2023.

The Other Art Fair is a global gathering of creative thinkers, game changers and pleasure seekers sharing emerging talent and unforgettable experiences. Set against the backdrop of the world's biggest cities, each of our fairs is different. We combine boundary-pushing

yet always accessible artworks from over 100 independent artists like you, with immersive installations, performances and a few curious encounters. The result is an inspiring, evocative, inclusive and fun event that reframes how art can be perceived and creates lasting connections between artists and art lovers.

We've been dedicated to representing independent artists since 2011 The Other Art Fair and since then have worked with over 3,000 artists from more than 20 countries. We host 11 in-person fairs each year across the UK, US and Australia. The Fair package includes a booth at a 4-day in-person event at Dallas Market Hall near the Design District (May 11-14, 2023), promotion on our e-commerce platform, The Online Studios, pre-fair mentorship workshops, and more. Fees start at \$1,850 + sales tax for the smallest booth size, which guarantees 16 linear feet of wall space. Applications are due by Jan. 29; however acceptances will be released on a rolling basis from now through late February. Application submission is free and simple at www.theotherartfair.com. Don't delay as exhibition booths are limited and will fill quickly! For more information about The Other Art Fair and the application process, please check out www.theotherartfair.com.

VAL 2023 Show Schedules

2023 Shows

MAIN GALLERY

Abstraction • Sat. Jan. 7 - Sat. Feb. 4

Fresh Ideas 2022 Winner Rebecca Jones Solo Show • Sat. June 3 - Sat. July 8

Artist Retrospective • Sat. June 3 - Sat. July 8

Fresh Ideas 2023 – Annual Premier Juried Exhibition • Sat. July 15 - Sat. Aug. 19

Off the Wall • Sat. Oct. 7 - Sat. Nov. 4

NORTH CORRIDOR (HALL)

Slice of Life • Sat. Feb. 25 - Sat. Apr. 1

Artist Trading Cards • Tues. May 2 - Sat. June 24

Botanicals • Sat. May 20 - Sat. June 24

Small Works • Sat. Aug. 12 - Sat. Sept. 16

Chaos and Order • Sat. Sept. 23 - Sat. Oct. 21

VAL DISPLAY CASE

Artist of the Year • Tues. Jan. 3 - Sat. Feb. 25

New Members' Exhibit • Tues. Feb. 28 - Sat. Apr. 29

Angel Award Solo Show • Tues. June 27 - Sat. Aug. 26

The Collaboration Project • Tues. Aug. 29 - Sat. Oct. 28

Whimsical World • Tues. Oct. 31 - Sat. Dec. 30

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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R'Lene Winters handles all of our press releases. Please contact her with your newsworthy items by calling 972-874-3919 or email win86f@yahoo.com.

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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