

VAL November 2023 Member Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER

Monthly Members' Meeting



Thai Nguyen
Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
Meeting at the Lewisville Grand

As our November speaker, Thai will be taking us through both his personal and artistic journeys as well as showing us how his work comes into being. Thai has a background in graphic design which is very evident in the clean accuracy of his work. He recently had two sculptures on display at the State Fair of Texas and will be talking about that experience as well. Please join us to hear from this St. Louis artist with North Texas ties.

BIO:

Thai Nguyen's personal journey to Texas began in April of 1975 aboard a C-130 Hercules aircraft as his family was airlifted out of Saigon, where his father had worked as an ambassador and interpreter for the American Embassy.

His artistic journey began as a non-English speaking 10 year old who spent many classroom hours sketching and drawing at his desk, since he could not understand his classmates or instructors. His artistic talents were recognized by a teacher who submitted his work to a national contest, leading to a scholarship and degree from the Art Institute of Dallas.

He initially honed his skills by imitating the styles of his idols, such as Picasso and Matisse, and by drawing photographs that interested him. His own artistic voice evolved to reflect a somewhat minimalistic perspective, along with a sharp, linear presentation. His wife remembered his apartment as all white, a scarcity of furniture, with the major color and texture additions being supplied by his cat and Thai's oil paintings of nudes superimposed on impressionistic backgrounds, often creating multiple images in one painting. Thai now wants his artistic voice to be expressed in a visual language that is his own and that allows the audience to have their own individual emotional responses to his work.

His current works use complex and intersecting lines to project energy, flow, shifting balance, and contrasting backgrounds. The viewer is free to have a gestalt experience: something that is made of many parts and yet is somehow more than or different from the combination of its parts. Thai will use simple colors and lines, with soothing shades, while some of his works have sharp color contrasts, or subtle use of texture and even glitter.

Find his work on FaceBook @Thai Nguyen Arts and Instagram @thainguyenart

Lewisville Grand: Call for Artists

Call for Artists: The Gift of Art exhibition

Submissions Deadline: Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, 5 p.m.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Help us bring local art to the public as the perfect gift for that special someone that can be enjoyed year-round.

The Gift of Art is a holiday art sale exhibition intended to encourage local art purchasing by the public*. Show run dates will be Dec. 2-22. Although this is a holiday art sale, the subject of the works included do not have to be holiday themed.

Artists wishing to exhibit/sell art in the Gift of Art at the Lewisville Grand Theater may submit up to three pieces for consideration. Number of pieces permitted per artist will be determined by total number of submissions and available gallery space. All types of art will be considered.

The size limit for 2D works is 16x20 inches. 3D works will be considered on the basis of space and must be no taller than 16 inches. All 2D works must have wire installed on their backs at the time of intake, so that they may be hung. Submissions of jewelry and other wearables are allowed. Please note, accepted pieces may be housed in a non-locking case.

Artists do not need to be affiliated with an art group to participate in this show. Groups which artists are affiliated with will be noted on each wall label if that information is shared through the submission form. Artists need not be a resident of Lewisville to participate. Artworks of all price points will be considered but past Gift of Art Exhibitions have seen the most sales in works priced under \$300.

[Click here to read more details about this artist call.](#)

VAL Workshops & Events





Space is limited!
Register now!

GELLI PRINT-A-PALOOZA

Have fun, explore and **play** in this hands-on workshop!



Presented by Crystal Nelson,
Mixed media artist

- Learn the art of gelli printing and unlock the creative possibilities. Prints can be used in collages, as backgrounds or stand-alone artwork.
- Make your own gelli prints using a variety of techniques and tools.
- Learn to collage the gelli prints into a child's board book. **You get to go home with an original work of art!**

For details and to register: visualartleague.org

VAL Members: \$100 • Non-VAL Members: \$125

SATURDAY
NOV 18TH
10 am - 4 pm

LEWISVILLE GRAND THEATER
100 N. Charles St.
Lewisville, TX 75057

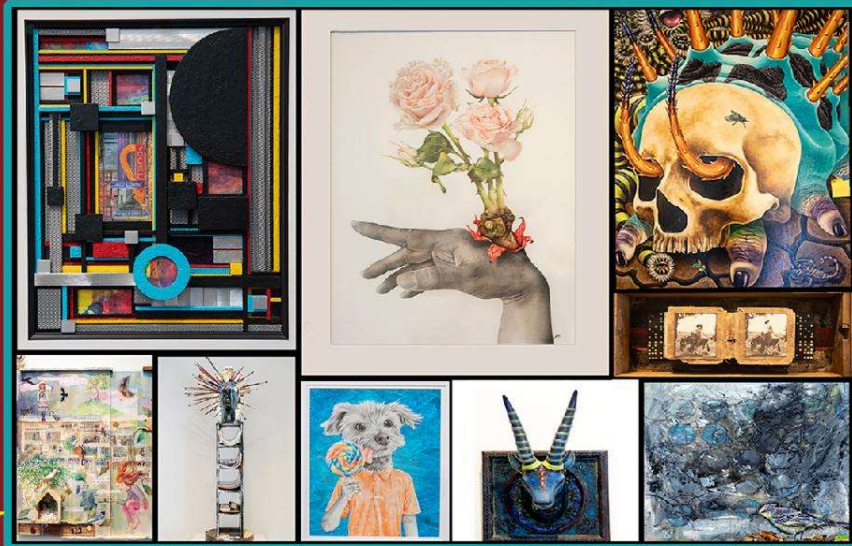




Visual Art League of Lewisville *Off the Wall*

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"Absurdity is the art of creativity without constraints."

October 7 – November 4, 2023

LEWISVILLE
GRAND THEATER
ART GALLERY

100 N. CHARLES ST. LEWISVILLE, TX 75057
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CONGRATULATIONS

1st. Place - Anna Mikhaela Reyes
2nd Place - Lisa Chittenden * 3rd Place - Jon Patrick Neumann

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Charles McDowell, Rebecca Jones, Daniele Jones, and Tara Holl
Lola Dupuis Award - Denise Lindgren
Dick Blick Award - Christine "Tiny" Irizarry

Curated by Tara Holl and Judged by James Neiswender
contact tarashollart@gmail.com for purchase of artwork

www.visualartleague.com

VAL Holiday Party

It is not too soon to get the VAL Christmas party on your calendar. It will be held the night of our regular December meeting as we don't have a members meeting in December. The date is Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at Salerno's in Highland Village. We will have our usual fun and exciting gift exchange, so keep that in mind for fall too. More info to come.

For questions about either event email Jackie Haugen at waterjourney@verizon.net or call 972.672.0188

Area Events

Professional Critique Group

The Visual Art League of Denton has maintained a professional critique group for over 20 years. Jackie Haugen has been the organizer for almost that long. The group meets once a month in Corinth and participants may bring two paintings. We have space for four new members.

Laurie Weller, a long-time College art teacher at UNT who recently retired, leads the critique, helps with relaying what the artist is doing well, and areas that may challenge the artist to grow and produce even more exceptional art. Laurie has a degree in print making but has taught all mediums. It's a great learning experience.

For more information, contact Jackie by email Jackie or at (972) 672-0188.

VAST 2024 175-Mile Exhibition

VAST created this exhibition to reinstate our long tradition of showcasing 2D and 3D juried artwork from DFW to southern Oklahoma. Artists living within 175 miles of Denton, TX are eligible to enter this exhibition. This exhibition currently takes place at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center. (note that the specific gallery changes each year and will be listed in the current prospectus)

Dec. 8, 2023 – Feb. 17, 2024

Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

Awards Presentation Feb. 7, 2024 6-6:45pm

Deadline: Mon., Oct. 30. All images due online to vastexhibitions@gmail.com

(please note this is a new email address for VAST Exhibitions)

[Click here](#) for complete details and to download prospectus.

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

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