

VAL April 2025 Member Newsletter

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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

VAL Events



Visual Art League of Lewisville

APRIL MEMBER MEETING + ART TALK

FREE +
OPEN TO PUBLIC

FEATURED GUEST: EILENE HOUSTON CARVER

TOPIC: FOSTERING CONTENT IN YOUR ARTWORK



MARCH 11, 7 PM



LEWISVILLE GRAND THEATER
100 N. CHARLES ST.
LEWISVILLE, TX 75057

April Member Meeting + Art Talk

Speaker: Eilene Houston Carver

Topic: Fostering Content in Your Artwork

Tues., April 8 • 7-9 p.m.

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

Join us for an evening with artist and educator, Eilene Houston Carver. She will present an open-ended discussion on “Fostering Content in your artwork”. She will highlight journaling and self-exploration to help you discover what it is you desire to express through your work.

Eilene Carver's still-life paintings are narrative in nature, featuring an evolving iconography of objects from her 'domestic landscape.' The symbols in her work play a significant role in reflecting themes of connection, vulnerability, hope, loss, and fate. Her artistic process is marked by subtle exaggeration of light and its impact on color, often resulting in a “surreal” realism.

Since 2017, she has simultaneously painted the skies and botanicals of the Texas Hill Country, reconnecting with imagery that sparked her passion for hiking and exploring nature as a young girl. This led her to initiate an ongoing collaboration in 2022 known as Texas Sisters Art with her sister and fellow artist, Nancy Lawrence.

About the Speaker

Eilene is a Dallas Ft Worth area artist, raised in South Texas, one of four visual artists in her family. She holds an MFA in Painting from UC Berkeley and earned her BFA in Design from Baylor. Her work has been included in national & regional juried exhibitions, receiving multiple awards, and resides in numerous private collections throughout the US.

Eilene has taught at Napa Valley College, The Richmond Art Center and currently Collin College where she has received the Vision Award and Outstanding Professor of the Year. As a professor she is known for her passionate student interaction and encouragement of individual creative growth. Current and past professional art organizations include Women's Caucus for Art, Texas Artist's Coalition, College Art Association, Christians in the Visual Arts, Cross Timbers Artists Guild, and the Visual Arts Guild of Frisco.

Social media // FB at Houston Carver Studio or Instagram @eilenecarverart @txsistersart

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.
- 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.

VAL Materials Swap 2025!

ATTENTION: VAL Art Materials Swap that has happened at our monthly meetings will now be its own event. STAY TUNED for details in future newsletters and social media posts. We will not be setting up a table for supplies and materials at each meeting any longer, beginning at the April meeting.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for VAL's Art Card Activities during ColorPalooza on April 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Activity will be held in Grand Theater. If interested, email davidmask1@outlook.com.



CONDIMENT DONATIONS NEEDED!
Ketchup, mustard, mayo, salsa, salad dressing, peanut butter, BBQ sauce, jelly

Donation box at the North Display Case
Feb 25 - April 26

A food drive partnership with
Christian Community Action

Donations Needed!

We are collecting the following food donations during the Food Fight Exhibition: Unexpired condiments in any size*: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salsa, relish, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly
The food will be delivered to Christian Community Action (CCA) – and will directly benefit the local

community. **Help us fill an entire van!**

Food donations accepted: Feb. 25–April 26.

Where: There will be a box labeled Food Fight near the North Display Case. Simply deposit your donation in the box.

For questions, email [Denise Holguin](mailto:Denise.Holguin).

June Workshop Dynamic & Direct Painting



Dynamic and Direct Painting
- *Alla Prima Approach*
with
Contemporary Impressionist
Robin Cheers

Instructor: Robin Cheers

Date: June 19-21, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with 1 hour lunch break

Price: VAL Members: \$450, Non-VAL Members: \$475

Location: Lewisville Grand Theater,
100 N. Charles Street, Lewisville
TX 75057



June 19 - 21, 2025
9 am - 4:00 pm

VAL Members: \$450
Non-VAL Members: \$475

All skill levels welcome!



Break free from rendering details to create painterly paintings full of light and color. Learn to quickly capture your first impression with an alla prima approach to organizing your painting and working wet on wet. Trust the power of suggestion to simplify and make more expressive, dynamic paintings.


This three-day workshop with Robin Cheers is designed for students of all skill levels. Robin will do a short presentation and demo each day and then spend the remainder working with students individually at their level.

For details including the materials list and to register, [click here](#).

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our new members who have joined last month:
Sarah Hermes, Krisit Krevzer & Brit Reed

VAL 2025 Shows

 Visual Art League of Lewisville



CALL FOR ART

Curator | Denise Holguin

upcycle recycle**Exhibition Dates:** April 29 – June 28**Intake:** April 28 | **Strike:** June 30th**Reservation Deadline:** April 12, 2025**Submission Deadline:** April 25, 2025*North Display Case Exhibition*[Review the Prospectus](#) for complete submission requirements.**CALL FOR ART**
ABANDONED**CURATOR:** DANIELE JONES**JUDGE:**

JUSTIN BURNS, ARTIST AND ART EDUCATOR

SUBMISSION DEADLINE | Friday, April 25 at 11:59pm**EXHIBITION DATES** | MAY 3 - MAY 31**INTAKE** | APRIL 30**STRIKE** | JUNE 2Main Gallery at
Lewisville Grand Theater**Call for Art: Abandoned****Curator:** Daniele Jones**Judge:** Justin Burns, Artist and Art Educator**Exhibition Dates:** May 3-31**Submission Deadline:** Friday, April 25, at 11:59 p.m.**Intake:** April 30**Strike:** June 2**Location:** Main Gallery

Theme Prompt: Come explore the surprising beauty of the forgotten and left behind. Transform your abandoned cares, ideas, and materials into artistic opportunity with painting, sculpture, assemblage, or your favorite media. Feel free to turn 'abandoned' on its head, if you'd like. It needn't be melancholy or negative. Approach this theme with wild abandon!

[Review the Prospectus](#) for complete submission requirements.**CALL FOR ART****Exhibition Dates:**

May 10th – June 7th

Submission Deadline:

May 2nd 11:59 p.m.



Call for Art: Portraits Exhibition

Curator: Shauna Brazell

Exhibition Dates: May 10–June 7

Submission Deadline: May 2, 11:59 p.m.

Intake: May 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Strike: June 9, 12-4 p.m.

Location: North Corridor

Theme Prompt:

Portraits are a classic art form that date back as far as the ancient civilizations of Egypt and the Mediterranean. Throughout the history of art, portraits have been created to capture the likeness, status, personality, and inherent essence of the subject. From symbolism to psychology, royalty to pets, the seen to the unseen, portraiture has been an enduring and evolving practice to capture and express the spirit of the subject. Artists, how can you shake up this broad genre and explore portraits in new and exciting ways?

[Review the Prospectus](#) for complete submission requirements.

Main St. Cafe

At Main St. Cafe, we have artwork hanging from artists Sheeba Matthews, Susan Coco and Sandra Tarno.

Exhibition	Location	Dates
Food Fight	North Display Case	Feb. 25-Apr. 26
Power of the Flower	North Corridor	Mar. 1-Mar. 29
Upcycle Recycle	North Display Case	Apr. 29-June 28
Abandoned	Gallery	May 3-31
Portraits	North Corridor	May 10-June 7
Artist Trading Cards	North Display Case	July 1-Aug. 23
Nouveau West	North Corridor	July 19-Aug. 16

Fresh Ideas 2024 Winner 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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