

Die Künstler von Fredericksburg

September 2024



We are meeting THURSDAY, September 5, 6:30.

As usual, the doors open at 6:00 so you can visit with friends and peruse the DVD library. We will meet you in the sanctuary of the Historical Society at 312 W San Antonio Street. Follow the sidewalk to the side entrance. Sometimes the front door is unlocked. The meetings are free, and all are welcome.

CRITIQUE September 10 is held at

**The Golden Hub Community Center
1009 North Lincoln Street
in Fredericksburg.**

Please call the Hub (830) 997-7761 if you wish to eat lunch there (\$5). Call the day before or before 9 am the day of to reserve a space.

Bring a piece of art to our critique session and discuss how to make it better. This is a stress free environment. Everyone is always helpful.

Visit your favorite gallery on Friday, September 6 – **First Friday Art Walk!** Be sure to check out Blue Oak Trading Company, where four DK artist will be displaying their art. Put in your application for next month! We will be changing the artists monthly.

Artists of Fredericksburg seeks to support all artists and hosts art demonstrations or other relevant speakers to grow the skills and understanding of artists or those interested in art. All artists or those interested in art are welcome



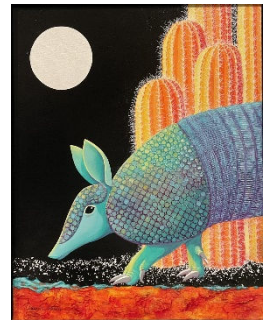
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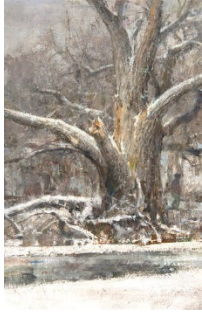
grew up in San Antonio, TX near her grandmother, who was a porcelain painter and a huge influence on her life. Dura began her artistic career as a graphic artist. Later, she became an elementary teacher and taught art to children from pre-K through 6th grade.

Dura lived near the Texas coast for many years and is greatly influenced by the bright, bold summer colors, which she used to paint tropical plants and sea creatures. After retiring and moving to the Texas Hill Country, to her husband's hometown of Fredericksburg, Dura applied the energy of those vibrant beach colors to a series of armadillo paintings and sculptures, because turquoise armadillos are fun to make.

She enjoys a variety of media. She paints with acrylic, watercolor and porcelain paints. She draws with graphite, ink, colored pencil, and chalk pastels. She has made sculptures from ceramics, papier-mâché, and air-dry clays. She also enjoys fusing glass and silversmithing to make jewelry.

Her work has been in several juried art shows, and she has earned Signature Member status with the National Society of Artists. Two of her most rewarding artistic experiences include designing & painting cow statues for "Cow Parade Houston 2001" and painting children's furniture for "Chairs for Children". Both were fundraisers for Texas Children's Hospital.





Two Perspectives: Scott Christensen & Quang Ho

July 20 – Sept. 21, 2024

This
exhibition
at the

Museum of Western Art in
Kerrville will feature the
work of two of the top
landscape artists in the
world. This two-man
exhibition brings together
the genius of Christensen and Ho, each
providing a different and yet complimentary look
at the landscapes of the American West.



Visit the Museum of Western Art in
Kerrville: 1550 Bandera Hwy.

Art Retreat

October 11-17

Do you enjoy spending time with other artists? Would you like to sketch or paint or visit museums with other creative people? Norah Dempsey and Debra Keirce have finalized a 2024 art retreat itinerary Oct. 11-17. Fredericksburg-based Norah Dempsey is your local contact. All are welcome, and there is no RSVP required. Come to as many or as few of these “meet-ups” as you prefer. Bring your sketch pads, cameras, paint, and smiles. Plan to interact with other artists and art lovers as you have fun and conversation at some of the Hill Country’s most beautiful and art-rich locations.

There will be Texas artists as well as artists from out of state participating in these adventures. If you want to share this information with friends, please ask them to email Debra Keirce Deb@DebKArt.com, so they are added to the list of interested people. As Norah and Debra move from one event to the next, they will send out a group email with the confirmed location, so that everyone can join the activities as they progress during the week.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 DK Meeting 6:30	6	7
8	9	10 Critique Golden Hub 1pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 1pm Figure Drawing Golden Hub	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Theater Company Update from Donna Lafferty

5 original framed paintings from DK artists were sold at the Fredericksburg Theater Company's 2024 summer musicals. 3 were landscapes in oil and 2 were mixed media creations that had thematic references to The Wizard of Oz production. In all, 14 artists participated and 4 artists sold their framed works. The gross sales totaled \$1225, with \$306.25 (25%) going to FTC for their commission/administrative costs. Many thanks to Jeanne Rothberg and Ann Douzat for their continued interest in helping me hang the art in the lobby for the past 9 years. We have had 37 displays over that period of time, and we're still going strong!

The next show will be a 2 weekend offering of the comedy "The Odd Couple", but with a twist! The new play has been totally updated and the 2 roommates are female, with lots of comedic action and fun. After I get back from an early September vacation, I will send out a call for artists through the regular email channel. If you are considering showing, the hanging period is from October 15 to October 29, and we will limit the artist to 1 painting. More details in the actual call for artists. PS, We do not show unframed "studio extras" anymore, so save that for the DK show at St Joseph's Halle!

Figure Drawing is from 1:00-3:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Golden Hub. Cost is \$10 to pay for the model. Attendance has been good – about ten artists.

Paint KVL (paint Kerrville) is a competitive outdoor painting event. It is offered through KACC. The date is October 14-18. Call (830) 895-2911 for more information. There is a fee for participation.

Fall Show and Sale is November 8,9,& 10. A few newsy items:

- Louise Murphy, Nan Henke, and Truby Hardin will be in charge of the sales committee (Chris has a wedding to attend to).
- Updated forms and prospectus will be available at the September meeting.
- Sign up for working the sale begins at the September meeting.
- Deadline to turn in Auction forms is September 19. The auction committee will select 12 pieces for the auction.
- Food for the reception will return to our usual platters of goodies instead of bags. Please plan on non-messy items!
- Once again, we need TABC wine servers.

Blue Oak Trading Company is an opportunity for DK artists to display their art for a month at this new shop in Fbg. Four different artists will be chosen per month. Send in your application form. There is a 20% commission fee, as the shop will handle the sales. You will owe a fee of \$35 to DK to cover cost of snacks (for Art Walk) and extra marketing incurred by DK. For additional details, consult the handout about BOTC.

The Art Display at the **Gillespie County Fair** was extremely hot! Visitors were not numerous. If you participated, please talk to Board members about your experience. The Board is considering the pros and cons of participating in the future. The decision will be a membership vote, not a Board vote (in January)