



President's Palette

As we embark on a new year in BVAL I am reminded of the difficult times we are facing, although our area seems less affected than many parts of the country. There have been some in our local governments that are taking away funding from many programs and it seems the arts are always among the first to be scrutinized and targeted. I've read where the arts have been referred to as "the non-essentials".

I couldn't disagree more! While it's true a roof over our heads and food in our stomachs are vitally important, the arts play a very important role as well. They are the very things we need during these difficult times. They can elevate us from the mundane and everyday. They allow us to express our struggles, hopes, joys, and passions.

Ralph Waldo Emerson separated the world into two parties, The Establishment and The Movement, the latter representing the group who would drive progress by presenting new thoughts and ideas. While both are important, we need to remember that *both* are required for things to move forward.

I would like to urge each of us to find some small way to support the arts this year. Anything from writing a letter to our city councils or making a donation to attending a theater production, music event, or gallery opening to (our favorite) buying art. By supporting the arts in many small ways, I believe we can have a cumulative impact so that everyone can continue to enjoy *"the best things in life."

"We have become a society where the artist is regarded as a self-indulgent superfluity, and the person who juggles stocks and shares is an essential part of the economy. We've gone wrong somewhere."
PAM BROWN, circa 1928

Keep creating,
Nancy

*quote by ALGERNON CHARLES SWEINBURNE

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Upcoming Events

September 3rd—Artist Reception, for Ernie Sherow
5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 4th—First Friday in Downtown Bryan

September 11th-13th—Paint Out. For information go to info@i-p-a-p.com

September 19th—Sketch Crawl—Contact Cecilia Heinrich, cheinric@suddenlink.net or Sonny Moss, claydude@mudcreekpottery.com, 979-364-3730 or Greta Watkins at the Frame Gallery, framegallery@txcyber.com, 979-822-0496

September 14th 10:30 a.m. BVAL Board Meeting
Noon: BVAL Monthly Meeting

LUNCH will be available for a small donation for those who are interested

Demo Artist: Linda Watson Stein, Oil Painting

September 15th—Renaissance of the Arts

Fund raiser for the Arts Council. The cost is \$100 for a ticket. BVAL table will seat approximately 10 people. Contact Nancy if interested in attending this event as one of our representatives via email or telephone 979-485-0470 or contact Wimberly Sharkey at wimsart@gmail.com or 979-680-8610.

September 23rd—Oil Workshop 9:30 a.m.-4:00 pm

One Day Oil Workshop with Linda Watson Stein will feature painting fall foliage using texture and palette knife. Cost of the one day workshop is \$95. For more information please contact Mary Walters at walters@tconline.net or Linda W. Stein at lws1art@aol.com

October 2nd—Art Step in downtown Bryan. BVAL will have a sales area TBA.

October 5th—BVAL Meeting with demo by Donna Sarafis of Dancing Light Fused Glass & Ceramic Studio

October 16-29—BVAL Juried Art Show. See page 4 for information and new size option for professionals

Local Exhibits

Texas Gallery

August 31st—Sept. 30th: *Hidden—Oculto, selected works by Ernie Sherow.* Reception September 3rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

October 2nd-15th—October Spotlight: Dena Petty, Oils and Watercolors. Reception Oct. 8th, 5:30 p.m.

Please make plans to attend the artist receptions to welcome and support our visiting artists.

October 16th—29th BVAL Juried Art Show

Texas Gallery Hours

Monday—Thursday	9 AM—6 PM
Friday	9 AM—5 PM
Saturday	10 AM—2 PM

Brazos Center: Sept/October—Shelley Janac

C.S. Conference Center: Sept/October—
Nancy Elliott and Anna Ketchum

The Frame Gallery in Bryan exhibits works of art done by local artists

Children's Art Class

Kay Watkins will be teaching children's realistic drawing art classes for ages 9-15. It will be on Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Art Center. Classes will begin Sept. 28. For more details call the Arts Council at 979-696-2787.



Wednesday Paint Days

Learn from one another.

Remember that you can come and join your BFAL friends on Wednesday mornings at the Art Center for painting time.

Wednesday afternoons you can join a group for portrait painting at the Frame Gallery in Bryan.

No teacher is provided for either of these sessions.

Check one: New Member Renewing Membership

Enclosed please find \$ _____ Cash or Check (Payable to BVAL)

Date _____ Check # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Website (Please print clearly!) _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Art Medium _____

Signature _____

I prefer to receive the **BVAL Newsletter** by Email U.S.mail

NOTE:September meeting will be September 14th instead of September 7th

In the Spotlight

Larry Schueckler—Sculptor/Artist

Larry has been recognized by *Art Business News* for receiving the International Art Expo. Green Artist Award for best ecological art business practice while showing in New York this year.



The award was sponsored by the Wyland Foundation. Congratulations Larry!
www.stonevoices.net

If you know of any BVAL members being recognized in any publications please send available information to the BVAL newsletter editor at sunnyscb@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's not too late to pay your dues of \$35. August 1st was the beginning of the new year for BVAL. You may complete the form above and bring it to the **meeting on Sept. 14th** or use the updated form on the BVAL web site, **bvartleague.org**

The completed form and check for \$35 may sent to:
Brazos Valley Art League
c/o Membership Chairperson
2275 Dartmouth
College Station, TX 77840

Remember, the longer after Sept. 1st the less likely you're information will make it into the yearbook.



BVAL Juried Art Show October 16th—29th



Plan ahead. Mark your calendars now.
Bring your art work to the Arts Center on October 16th—time to be announced.
The reception is currently scheduled for October 22nd.
Removal of paintings is planned for October 30th.

NOTE: Rule change for Professionals

Those competing in the **PROFESSIONAL Category**
will have the option of submitting **ONE over-sized 60” width**
painting or the three standard sized paintings.



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