

# VAST ARTS

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## Visual Arts Society of Texas April News

News and Events  
April 2011

### 6th Annual 125-Mile Visual Arts Exhibition



**June 30 - August 5, 2011**

The 125-Mile Exhibition was initiated in 2006 to establish a regional, high-quality juried art exhibition for artists living within a 125-mile radius of Denton, Texas, to compete and show their work.

#### **ENTRY DEADLINE**

May 10, 2011

#### **Opening Reception and Awards Presentation**

June 30, 2011, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fine Arts Building  
Texas Woman's University  
Texas and Oakland Streets  
Denton, Texas

#### **JUROR**

John Hartley's body of work includes paintings, prints, and sculpture. A graduate of Texas Christian University, Hartley's work has been exhibited throughout Texas and the United States and is included in collections across the country. His exhibitions include shows at Kidder Smith Gallery in Boston and Martha's Vineyard; the Arlington Museum of Art; The Barth Galleries in Columbus, Ohio; and galleries in Fort Worth, Dallas, and Houston, Texas. In 1990, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth purchased two of his monoprints for its exhibition, Forty Texas Printmakers.

In 1995, Hartley opened Gallery 414 in Fort Worth, an alternative art gallery exhibiting local and regional contemporary artists. Hartley's art reflects his many interests including the human figure, toy collecting, and social issues. A teacher and a professional art handler, Hartley actively promotes art education and encourages young people to develop creative talent and thought.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All artists residing within a 125-mile radius of Denton, Texas.

#### **AWARDS**

Best of Show \$400; Total awards \$1,600 +

You can download the prospectus here:

<http://vastarts.org>

The online entry form will be available on the website on Monday, April 18.

### VAST Member's Exhibition

### May Meeting



**Brenda McKinney**  
artist's books

Thursday, May 5  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Center for the Visual Arts,  
400 E. Hickory, Denton,  
Texas  
Free for members  
\$3 for visitors

Please join us for the May VAST meeting. Our speaker will be Brenda McKinney.

Brenda McKinney is a painter, photographer, experimental artist and Professor of Fine Arts. She holds degrees from a number of universities and has attended classes and workshops in a variety of mediums. Her work is represented by the Haley-Henman Gallery, Dallas, Texas and is included in several private collections. She consistently is included in local, regional and national juried exhibitions. Brenda is a member of several local art associations and has been designated a Signature Member of the Texas Visual Arts Association.

### 2011-2012 VAST Membership Levels

The dues for the 2011-2012 membership year are due in May.

## JOIN AND ENTER!

June 12 - July 28, 2011

VAST sponsors this annual event to offer its members an important opportunity to enter their work in a juried exhibition that showcases members only.

The exhibit provides an excellent venue for the North Texas community to appreciate the high quality and diverse nature of art produced by area artists.

Artists may join and enter.

This year's VAST Member's Exhibition will take place at the UNT Cora Stafford Gallery.

UNT Cora Stafford Gallery  
Oak Street Hall  
1120 W. Oak St.  
Denton, TX 76201

### Take-In:

TBA

### Return of unaccepted work:

May 31, 10am-1pm and 6:30-8:30pm

### Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony:

June 12, 2011, 2-4pm

## 2012 Calendar Competition

Each year VAST produces a calendar, one of our major fundraisers, featuring juried work by our members.

### Entry Requirements:

Open to 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 VAST members  
2-D or 3-D work accepted  
2 digital images OR slides maximum per entrant  
Format may be horizontal, vertical, or square

Entry Fee: \$10.00 (for 2 images)

Deadline: July 1, 2011

### Accepted Entries:

Artists whose work is juried into the calendar will be:

- required to submit a 50-word statement regarding the process used to create the accepted piece. The statement should be written in the first person and could include information on the artist's background and/or experience creating the entry.
- asked to attend one (1) calendar signing promotional event to help facilitate calendar sales.
- requested to provide the accepted piece for the VAST 2012 Calendar Exhibition: Original Works at The Chestnut Tree (date to be determined).
- encouraged to promote calendar sales on an individual basis. will receive one free calendar.

Please contact Lynne Cox, Executive Director, if you have any questions ( [ExecutiveDirector@VASTarts.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@VASTarts.org) ).

## VADO

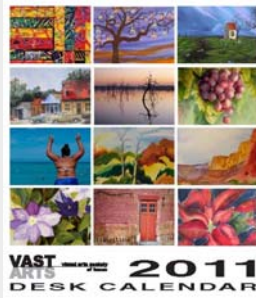
VAST Artists' Day Out (VADO) has three regular meetings remaining in the 2010-2011 VAST year:  
4/21

\$15 - Student  
\$25 - Educator\*  
\$35 - Individual  
\$45 - Family  
\$50 - Mary Cassat  
\$125 - Rembrandt  
\$250 - Georgia O'Keefe  
\$500 - Picasso  
\$750 - Leonardo  
\$1000 - Michelangelo  
\$3000 - Renoir  
\$5000 - Van Gogh

Make checks payable to VAST; mail to VAST, PO Box 1281, Denton, TX 76202

\*Educator level of membership entitles teachers to bring students with them to any monthly meeting with guest fees waived. Teachers planning to bring more than 5 students to any meeting are requested to contact Lynne Cox [ExecutiveDirector@VASTarts.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@VASTarts.org) so the Hospitality Committee can plan to have enough refreshments on-hand at the meeting.

## VAST 2011 Calendar



If you have not purchased a calendar yet and would like to, contact Lynne Cox ([Lynne.Cox@verizon.net](mailto:Lynne.Cox@verizon.net)) or Deanna Wood ([deanna.wood@verizon.net](mailto:deanna.wood@verizon.net))

## Merging Visions

April 1 - May 14, 2011

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Denton's Emily Fowler, South Branch, and North Branch Libraries will host the Merging Visions exhibit throughout the month of April.

Through mutual agreement, VAST artists have "paired" their 2D and 3D works with poetry by members of the Denton

5/5  
5/19

The group will continue to meet during the summer this year from 9:15 am to 12:30 on the following dates:

6/2  
6/16  
7/1  
7/21  
8/4  
8/18

You can paint, draw, create jewelry, or...simply come join us for conversation and laughs. The group usually goes out to eat afterwards.

If you would like to be a permanent part of the group, the new VADO year will begin in September, 2011 with a cost to our members a mere \$10 for the entire year.

The limit for artists to join VADO is 20 members, so be sure and sign up when you pay your dues and take advantage of this fun time. There will be a sign up sheet at our first VAST meeting in September, or you can contact Mary Emerson (maryem@cebridge.net) or Darla Bostick (darlabostickart@yahoo.com) for more details.

## Arts & Jazz Fest

April 29, 30, and May 1, 2011



Each year at the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival, VAST volunteers provide breaks for participating fine artists, distribute materials to festival attendees and answer their questions, and distribute VAST print literature.

In return for this service, the DAJF Foundation provides one of the awards in our members-only exhibition.



Our table is generally located inside of the Civic Center nearest the exit which faces the main stage.

The music is exceptional and the artists always appreciate the service we provide.

If you would like to serve as the volunteer coordinator of this event or can help on any of the following days, please contact Lynne Cox (lynne.cox@verizon.net or 972-966-0096) with your contact information and availability:

Friday, April 30 - 5-8pm  
Saturday, May 1 - 9am-8pm  
Sunday, May 2 - 11am-7pm

## Art Around Town

### University of North Texas Art Gallery

51st Annual Voertman Student Art Competition  
April 12 - April 30

CVAD MFA Exhibition  
May 17 - August 6  
Opening Reception Tues, 5/17, 4:30-6:00 pm

more information: [gallery.unt.edu](http://gallery.unt.edu)

### Texas Woman's University Art Galleries

Voertman's Juried Student Exhibition  
April 5th - April 20th

BFA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Chad Duckworth, Whitney Hack, Nathan Madrid, Elizabeth Pierce,  
Christina Reedy & T Vasquez  
April 25 to April 30

Poet's Assembly.

We hope you will visit the libraries to see the art and read the poems.

For hours and locations:  
[www.cityofdenton.com](http://www.cityofdenton.com)

## Giles Critique Group

Remaining Dates:

April 23  
May 28

This event is for Critique Group Members only.

If you are interested in joining the Giles Critique Group, contact Jackie Haugen at [waterjourney@verizon.net](mailto:waterjourney@verizon.net)

## Richard Kiracofe

It is with great sadness that we report that Dick Kiracofe, 85, died on April 12, 2011. Dick was very active in the Denton community and served as president of VAST from 1999 to 2001. Dick and his wife Jean were the first recipients of the VAST Lifetime Membership Award.

A memorial service for Dick will be held at 2:30 pm, Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the DeBerry Funeral Home, 2025 W. University, Denton. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to Good Samaritan Village, Ann's Haven Hospice, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society; or any charity or church of choice.

A full obituary is available in the April 14 issue of the Denton Record-Chronicle (available online: <http://www.dentonrc.com>)

If you would like to contribute to a VAST award in memory of Dick, please contact Lynne Cox, ExecutiveDirector@VASTarts.org

or 940-367-7714.

## It's in the Bag

Reception: Friday, April 29th, 6-9pm

MFA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Jessica Spore  
May 2 to May 7  
Reception: Saturday, May 7th, 6-8pm

MA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Tammy Wascovich  
May 2 to May 4  
Reception: Tuesday, May 3rd, 5-7:30pm

MA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Helen Zoubi  
May 5 to May 7  
Reception: Thursday, May 5th, 5-7:30pm

MFA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Elizabeth Claffey  
May 9 to May 14  
Reception: Friday, May 13th, 5-8pm

MFA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Arthur Fields  
May 9 to May 14  
Reception: Friday, May 13th, 5-8pm

more information: [twu.edu/visual-arts](http://twu.edu/visual-arts)

### **A Creative Art Studio**

First Friday Denton at the Studio  
May 6, 7-9 pm  
Live Music

TWU BFA Graduating Student Exhibition  
Nancy Crandall, Gerardo Gaona, Natalie Kent, Monica Miller, Tabitha Salazar  
May 13 to May 15  
Reception: Friday, May 13th, 6-9pm

[acreativeartstudio.com/](http://acreativeartstudio.com/)

## Opportunities/Calls for Entries

### **City of Denton Public Art Opportunities**

#### ***Mural***

The City of Denton through the Public Art Committee is requesting proposals from artists for a mural to be painted on the exterior stucco wall on the east side (north end) of the Center for the Visual Arts. The wall measures 12' tall by 22' wide and will face toward the new train station. "The mural should be reflective of the dynamic city of Denton and any aspect of its cultural heritage."

The Request for Proposal (RFP) form is attached, but it can also be downloaded from the Greater Denton Arts Council website at [www.dentonarts.com](http://www.dentonarts.com), or picked up from the City of Denton office of the Purchasing Agent, 901-B Texas Street, Denton.

Submissions are due by April 28. Read the RFP carefully and follow the instructions.

The total estimated project budget is \$19,500, which includes artist design fees, cost of material, and execution of mural.

#### ***Visual Interpretation of Poems***

The City of Denton through the Public Art Committee is requesting any Denton County artist to submit a representative sampling of your work for consideration. A jury committee will select the artists and will assign a poem to the artist for completion of a visual interpretation. Any media, two-dimensional (2D) or three-dimensional (3D) including but not limited to painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, textiles, graphics, sculpture, ceramics, and metal-working, will be considered.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) form can be downloaded from the Greater Denton Arts Council website at [www.dentonarts.com](http://www.dentonarts.com), or picked up from the



Tuesday, May 3  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us at the Center for the Visual Arts for our annual fun fundraiser, **It's In the Bag!**

Enjoy wine and cheese with friends while viewing the wonderful creative creations by our local artists and artisans.

It is twenty dollars at the door or before! Take home one of these exquisite or just plain fun creations by bidding high for the arts.

Grab a friend and come on by for a fun event!

### **UNT Print Workshop**

Color Woodcuts  
May 21-22, 2011  
9:30 - 5:00

Presented by Professor  
NancyPalmeri.  
\$150

(UNT Alumni/Sr. Citizen  
discounts available)

[www.art.unt.edu/print/](http://www.art.unt.edu/print/)

City of Denton office of the Purchasing Agent, 901-B Texas Street, Denton. Submissions are due by April 28. All you have to do is submit 5 examples (slides or digital images) of your work for consideration along with the Application Form, resume, and an artist statement, but read the RFP carefully and follow the instructions.

Each accepted artist will receive a \$500 stipend.

### **Oxide Gallery**

New Artist Open Call

Saturday, April 30, 2011 11:00p - 2:00p

We are looking for new artists working in all mediums and genres to add to our list of artists to feature in our Main Show which runs 4 months at a time. If you are already one of our Approved Main Show Artists, you do not need to attend this event. Although we are looking for artists working in all forms and media, we are particularly interested in seeing Sculpture, Glass, Pottery, Assemblage and other 3-D artists. [www.oxidegallery.com](http://www.oxidegallery.com)

### **Trinity Arts Guild 2011 Open Juried Competition and Exhibition**

May 17 - June 21, 2011

April 30 - deadline for entries

[www.trinityartsguild.org](http://www.trinityartsguild.org)

### **Strictly Functional Pottery National**

September 24 - November 6, 2011

June 1 - entry deadline

Market House Craft Center, East Petersburg, PA

Juror - Mary Barringer

[www.strictlyfunctionalpotternational.net](http://www.strictlyfunctionalpotternational.net)

**Can You See Me Now: Photos Made on Phones**, a juried exhibition of photographs made on cell phones open to local, regional and national artists. The entry fee is \$25 and the deadline to submit work is May 2, 2011. A trio of nationally known photographic professionals will select a single image from up to 50 photographers and the announcement of the selected photographers will be made June 6. It will be the responsibility of the individual photographers to supply a high resolution file of a single designated image from which an exhibition print can be made. The exhibition will premier on July 29 at [Artspace] at Untitled with an opening reception and will continue through Oct 1, 2011. <http://www.artspaceatuntitled.org>



Please feel free to forward this on to anyone who might be interested.

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