

## President's Palette

*By Marti Dunn*



Aww! Love is in the air...the month of LOVE is coming our way! I don't know about you, but I am lovin' all the art that is being spread around the Brazos Valley!

If you haven't been in the Texas Gallery at the Arts Council building, you need to stop by and see our Juried Show. Personally, I think it's one of our best. It will only be up until February 5th, so don't miss it. Starting that same day, our 20/20 show starts at the SEAD Gallery in Downtown Bryan.

One of our members, David Sites, has a new show at the Kyle House in Downtown Bryan from January 22nd-March 28th.

Another member, Barbara German, will have her artwork in The Village Café in Downtown Bryan starting February 4th with a reception at 6 p.m.

February is a busy month and there are many great "date night" opportunities for you. Go out to lunch or dinner with someone special and then enjoy a stroll through all the beautiful art that surrounds you.

Wishing you love, happiness...and chocolate!

The next **BVAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be

# MON, FEB. 1, 2016: NOON

Our demo artist for the February meeting is **Marsha Wilson**. She's a wood burning artist. This is her facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Wood-Burning-by-Marsha-148366728515406/?ref=hl>



## Upcoming BVAL Art Shows

*A call to Brazos Valley Artists*

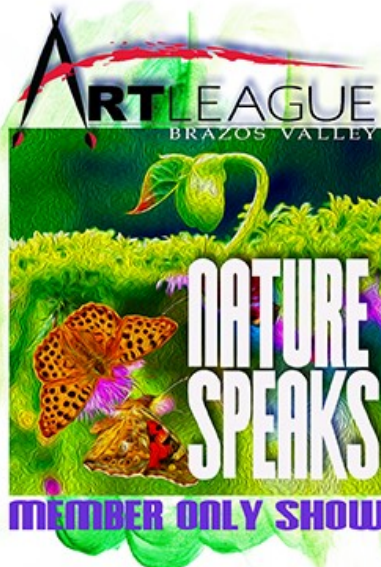


*Important dates for the Second 20/20 Show:*  
*Image submission deadline: January 20, 2016*  
*artwork intake: January 26, 2016*  
*Show opening: February 5, 2016*  
*Show closing: February 26, 2016*

**Visit the BVAL website for the complete prospectus and details.**

**Regrettably, the BVAL Studio Artisan Show has been cancelled due to the small number of entries. We regret having to cancel this show and are hoping to reschedule for a later date.**

Canvases for the Brazos Valley Art League 20/20 show with SEAD GALLERY will be available at the January 4th BVAL meeting at the Arts Center at 2275 Dartmouth for **\$20 each**. Your canvas purchase reserves your entry application to the show. The full 20/20 Show prospectus as well as other upcoming Brazos Valley Art League art show information can be found on the BVAL website at [BVArtLeague.org](http://BVArtLeague.org)



## Prospectus & Call for Entries

### Important Show Dates:

**Image deadline:** February 22, 2016  
**Show in take:** March 4, 2016  
**Opening reception:** March 10, 2016  
**Show take down:** March 24, 2016

**Visit the BVAL website for complete details, forms and full prospectus**

## From the Arts Council

It's a busy month here at the Arts Council and we've got a lot of exciting things happening!

Come mingle with **Navasota Artists in Residence**, **Andres Edwards**, **Steve Knotts**, and **Scotty Gorham**, at the Navasota Artist in Residence **Open House** on **Saturday, February 6th from 2:00-4:00 pm**. Enjoy live music by **3 AM** featuring **Mitch White** and **Misselette** and refreshments from **Mitch White** and **New Republic Brewing** while getting to know the artists and seeing their new works. The open house will be held at the **Horlock Art Gallery, 1215 E. Washington Ave, Navasota, TX**. For more information visit [acbv.org](http://acbv.org) or [navasotaair.wordpress.com](http://navasotaair.wordpress.com).

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** The **Arts Council** and **Messina Hof** are looking for an original work of art to be featured on Messina Hof Artist Series wine labels. The winning artist will receive \$1,000.00, a VIP package for the 2016 Texas Renaissance Festival, plus their name and artwork on Artist Series wine labels! The theme of this year's contest is **Renaissance** and submissions are **due March 4th**. For contest guidelines visit [messinahof.com/artistcompetition](http://messinahof.com/artistcompetition).

On **Saturday, February 28th** join the **Arts Council**, **Taste of BCS Restaurants**, **Bryan Broadcasting** and students and teachers from **Brazos Valley schools** at **Empty Bowls, Jr**. Students of all ages have been working diligently all year to create hundreds of beautiful artistic bowls for the event. All proceeds from **Empty Bowls, Jr** will benefit local student food pantries and the programs of The Arts Council. **Empty Bowls, Jr** will take place at **Crystal Park Plaza**, located at **2700 Rudder Freeway in College Station**, on from **11 am-2 pm**. For more information visit [acbv.org](http://acbv.org)

Please join us for the opening of The Arts Council's newest show featuring the work of BVAL member, **David Sites**, at the **Historic Kyle House** at **800 South Bryan Ave. in Bryan**. The show runs until **March 28th**.

### Current BVAL Members who are teaching classes

**Chris Wilson**- [iamchriswilson@verizon.net](mailto:iamchriswilson@verizon.net) – Thurs watercolors, 9:30-12:30, offering to all levels

**Mirka Hokkanen**- Printmaking Classes –Many times avail at the Arts council and Purple Turtle Art Studio

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## **BVAL Around Town & News**

BVAL member, **Monika Pate**, (& former member, Hailey Herrera) will be having their works on display in the Aloft Hotel starting the week of January 25th.

Watch for the **February** issue of **INSITE Magazine** to read about BVAL member & former President, **Nancy Elliott** with founder Jeremy Herrera's endeavors to show local artists' works with their venture, **Guerrilla Art Take Over**.

BVAL Board VP & Show Chair, **Charles Wallis**, won second place in the painting division of the Second Annual Cultural Activities Center Art Show. The show runs through Sunday, March 19th. **CHASING ONE LAST RODEO**, 16 X 20, Oil on canvas.



**BVAL** usually meets on the 1st Monday of the month at NOON. You should always be able to get the next meeting information on our webpage: [www.bvartleague.org](http://www.bvartleague.org)

We meet in the studio at The Arts Council Building  
2275 Dartmouth, College Station, Texas 7784 (979)-696-2787

**If you would like to join the BVAL, membership** applications can be found on our website or in the BVAL office at the address above. Payment can be mailed to the address above or made through the PayPal link on our webpage.

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