

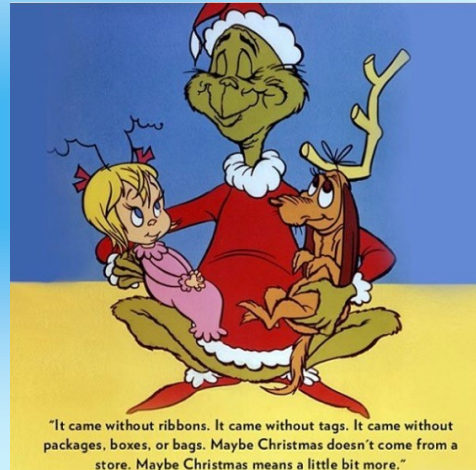
## President's Palette

*By Marti Dunn*



*Marti*

WISHING ALL OF YOU A  
BLESSED HOLIDAY  
SEASON!



Join us at 12 noon on **Mon., Jan. 4, 2016** for our monthly meeting. Whether you saw {or missed} her demo last April, you will certainly enjoy the talents of print making BVAL member, **Mirka Hokkanen!**



The subject of my art has always been animals and nature. Living inside air-conditioned boxes, with our noses buried in our lives, many of us don't take time to venture out into nature and discover what it has to offer. Little sublime moments are strangely sobering. I will never be able to capture how awesome, beautiful and varied creation is around us, but I am doing my best to make footnotes. These little studies are well-translated from my head to paper in detailed engravings, relief cuts, and sometimes drawings. Through printmaking I hope to turn the viewer's senses on to the wonderful living things around us.

**This demonstration she will be covering wood engraving.**

**Her wonderful works are currently on display & for purchase at the SEAD Gallery through Feb. 27, 2016**

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Title: Morning Bathers at Gabbard Park (Blue)  
Medium: 2-Color Reduction Engraving on Resingrave  
Size: 5" x 3 5/8"

**THE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE OF  
ENTRIES FOR THE BVAL 2016  
JUDGED SHOW HAS BEEN  
EXTEND UNTIL DEC 27TH!**

**PROSPECTUS  
& CALL FOR  
ENTRIES**



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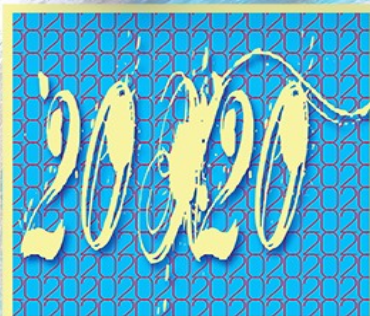
Visit the BVAL website for the complete details, prospectus and forms.

**Image Submission deadline:** December 22, 2015  
**Entry deadline:** January 4, 2016  
**Judge:** Taylor Clendennan  
**Opening reception:** January 7, 2016  
**Location:** The Texas Gallery at the Arts Center,

**Best of Show \$500**  
**First Place Professional Division \$100, plus ribbon**  
**First Place Semi-Professional Division \$100, plus ribbon**  
**First Place Non-Professional Division \$100, plus ribbon**  
**First Place Adult Student \$50, plus ribbon**  
**First Place High School Student \$50, plus ribbon**  
**First, Second and Third place Award ribbons in 8 Categories**  
**Honorable Mention Awards**  
**Special Merit Awards**

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)

*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.

**You're invited** to the BVAL 2016 Judged Show & Opening Reception, featuring the must see works of artists from across the state that will also be available for sale **on January 7th at 6:00 PM**. More information can be found on our website at [BVArtLeague.org](http://BVArtLeague.org)

### From the Arts Council

The theme this year is "Renaissance" and submissions are due by March 4th, 2016. There are generous prizes for the top finalists, as well as cash prizes for the top 3 places. First place will see their work featured on Messina Hof wine labels in 2016! Participation is restricted to Texas residents over the age of 21. It is \$25 for the first submission and \$20 for each submission after that.

Here's the link to the call: [https://www.callforentry.org/festivals\\_unique\\_info.php?ID=3149&sortby=fair\\_name&apply=yes](https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=3149&sortby=fair_name&apply=yes)

Here's a link to find out more information: <http://www.messinahof.com/artistcompetition>

### SAVE THE DATE

**Boots & BBQ** take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016. We hope you'll join us for live music, artist demos, exciting auction packages, and delicious BBQ!

Applications for the **Spring 2016 Navasota Artist in Residence** program are now being accepted! Painters, poets, potters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors - all are encouraged to apply!

### Current BVAL Members who are teaching classes

**Chris Wilson**- 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

Mirka\_hokkanen@yahoo.com, phone 832-270-8680

## BVAL ARTIST RECEIVES RECOGNITION

By Ellis Mooring

Monika Pate received recognition in the February issue of

Watercolor Artist magazine.

In an article by Jessica Canterbury entitled, "The Best Art of 2015," twenty-seven standout paintings from watercolor societies national juried exhibitions are presented and discussed.

Monika's painting, *Cannas II* (watercolor on paper, 29x20) appears on page 32, as the best selection from the Society of Watercolor Artists, Inc. In my view, it was the nicest painting of all twenty-seven shown.



## Upcoming BVAL Art Shows

An open call for Texas Artisans for...

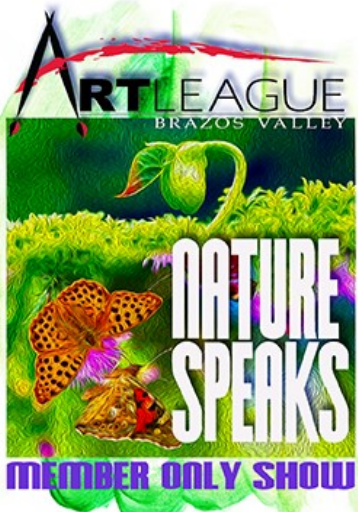


**POTTERY, FIBER ART, WOOD WORKS,  
GLASS WORKS METAL WORK,  
JEWELRY, & INNOVATIVE**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER :

Image submission deadline: Jan. 15, 2016  
Show intake: February 9, 2016  
Show reception: February 11, 2016  
Show take down: March 3, 2016

VISIT THE BVAL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS, ENTRY FORMS AND PROSPECTUS



## Prospectus & Call for Entries

### Important Show Dates:

Image deadline: February 22, 2016  
Show intake: 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

**BVAL usually meets on the 1st Monday of the month at NOON. You should always be able to get the next meeting info 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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