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Monthly Newsletter for Members of

# ART LEAGUE OF FORT BEND & FORT BEND ART CENTER



**Fort Bend Art Center:**  
2012 Avenue G  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

**Hours:**  
Tues-Sat: 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
Monday Closed

**Teaching Center:**  
2012 Ave G and 2205 Ave I  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

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Please support the Arts by donating to the Art League of Fort Bend. Your contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Here's a reminder on how this works:

On the next page you will find a Table of Contents. Just click on the event you are interested in and you will be taken to the first page of the event. Some events will have more than one page so you may have to scroll through the entire event to find the information you are looking for. To get back to the Table of Contents all you need to do is click on the month (**July**) at the top of the page and you will be taken right back to the Table of Contents.

**Deadline for submission to the Newsletter is the 25th of each month.** Anything submitted after the 25th will be put in the next Newsletter.



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### Classroom Use

Easels in the classroom have been measured and placed for social distancing. Sanitation supplies are on site for use. Please remember to follow social distance guidelines in the common areas of the gallery.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all to enjoy!

### Message from the President

### Safety Guidelines for Opening

### Mary Lynch - Art Exhibition

Art Museum TX, La Centera, Cinco Ranch

**Monthly Demos** - All demos will be held via ZOOM until further notice. You must be a member in good standing to participate. Please email your request for a link to [ArtLeagueFortBend@gmail.com](mailto:ArtLeagueFortBend@gmail.com) and reference the demo you would like to attend in the subject line. Please send a separate email for each demo you want to attend as every link is specific to a particular demo.

**July 22, 2020 - 10:00-11:30 am**  
**ZOOM DEMO "Wildlife Scratch Art"**  
**Presented by Doug Hiser**

**August 24, 2020 - 10-11:30 am**  
**ZOOM DEMO - How to Photograph and Edit Your Artwork with a Tablet or Phone**  
**Presented by Susan Giannantonio**

**September 28, 2020 - 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**ZOOM DEMO - Beaded Fantasy Jewelry**  
**Presented by Mary Lowe Lucas**

**October 20, 2020 - 1:00-2:30 pm**  
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## STATUS OF GALLERY OPENING

Effective June 29, 2020

Opening the FBAC will be by appointment only beginning July 3.

In the spirit of state and local conditions and recent local orders, The Fort Bend Art Center will open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday **by appointment only** beginning July 3. These measures are being taken in an effort to minimize exposure to our volunteers while allowing the gallery to open in some capacity. The situation will be reassessed in two weeks.

For the time being:

- Those signed up on Team Up will keep their designated work day.
- Open days will continue to be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
- Someone requesting an appointment, will arrange via email to [artleaguefortbend@gmail.com](mailto:artleaguefortbend@gmail.com) The gallery worker will be notified approximately 24 hours in advance of a request for an appointment.
- The individual on the schedule should monitor their email the day prior to their scheduled work day.
- If you **do not** receive an email, you do not need to report to the gallery.
- If you **do** receive an email, the gallery worker will need to contact the guest by phone and make arrangements to meet at the gallery. The gallery worker will inform the guest at the time of the call of the Fort Bend County mandatory mask order (order posted) and confirm that a mask will be required when entering the FBAC. (Masks are available to provide any guest if they do not have one on arrival.)

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## STATUS OF GALLERY OPENING

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- Upon entering, the gallery worker will complete a temperature check of the guest and ask the guest to acknowledge their current health status (contactless thermometer and form on desk).
- If a sale is requested, the gallery worker will provide the sale on the point of sale equipment. (procedures provided at the desk)
- Following the appointment, all sanitation measures will be provided by the gallery worker per the current guidelines.

**NOTE:** There are several days currently not covered in Team Up. If you can provide coverage on any of those days, please sign up to do so.

Again, the situation will be reassessed in another two weeks. Thank you for your effort and your patience as we continue to move forward.



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Anyone feel like dancing?

In Texas, there is something called the Texas two-step. Many of you are familiar with it. It is generally done with two long steps and a step-close-step to 2-4 time. Speeding up, it's a shuffle or double shuffle, but either is still a two-step. As with other country/western dances, there are different versions of two-step.

Lately, it feels the Texas two-step has gone something like this. Two steps forward, one step back. But it's still a two-step! These days, we celebrate the two steps forward however they come.

All of us had different plans in February than we've had in March-June. We have all had to shift our thinking many times over, but in many ways, this has helped clarify the most important, the most critical and the most necessary. This is certainly true for the Art League of Fort Bend and the Fort Bend Art Center.





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**Publicity:** This week, Channel 13 did special coverage of the Richmond/Rosenberg area. The Fort Bend Art Center was included in the coverage – but not only included, **recommended** by others in our community as a “do not miss” opportunity in Rosenberg. Channel 13 contacted us! This level of publicity was something we have longed for forever, and it finally came our way because of our reputation in the community. It doesn’t get any better than that.

**Gallery Sales:** The online store is ready for beta testing! We realized in March that we needed to move more quickly to a platform that would allow for sales online. Thanks to Anne Hallman-Perez and her years of training, the online store is about to become real. Members of the Gallery have been asked to provide material for testing, and with that, we are one step closer to realizing this reality.

**Demos:** Several demos and workshops were lined up for the year, but of course, those had to be cancelled. Fortunately for us, many instructors learned crash course video conferencing techniques, and our usual monthly demos have been scheduled on Zoom for May through December 2020. Be sure you check out Debbie’s list of what is coming up next in this newsletter.





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**Classes and Workshops:** Not for the faint of heart in a pandemic, our instructors have stepped up to teach willing students while practicing safe distancing and with a mask on. They have learned new ways of (not) sharing supplies and are sanitizing areas before and after their classes. In my book, that is the equivalent of dancing backwards and in high heels! Bravo!

**Point of Sale System:** When we closed the gallery in March, we were scheduled the following week to participate in training for the new point of sale system. Thankfully, that training was conducted on June 30, both in person and via video conferencing, doubling the learning process for providing the necessary information to our gallery workers. Double time effort and double time kudos to Don Golden!

**Gallery Closure:** The gallery closed to the public for the first time on Thursday, March 11. On March 12, a sign went in the window, a sad day for our beautiful gallery. I know, because I felt the weight of it when I hung the sign. Since then, it has stayed beautiful and welcoming through the efforts of several, but quiet, waiting for us to return. No one expected it to be closed this long. With continued conversations, many meetings and hard decisions, we chose to protect our volunteers to the greatest extent possible. April came and we weighed the risks and benefits. May came and we considered our opening procedures and began planning for the day. In June, the gallery worker survey was conducted, and the opening date, with limited days and hours, was set for July 1.





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Now, another step back. COVID-19 numbers are again rising in our area. Our county is under a mandatory mask order. Harris County has gone on high alert. What is our next step? (Double shuffle...)

Let's celebrate the two steps forward! Through it all, we have taken long steps and short steps and done a little shuffling along the way. We have taken a step forward, a step back, and learned that there really are different versions of this dance. This is not the version of the two-step we expected at the beginning of the year, but it's still a two-step, and we are still mastering the critical steps.

The tune has changed and the steps are different, but we are still dancing!

Be safe, everyone!

Brenda Bowman





## SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OPENING

At this time, The Fort Bend Art Center will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday **by appointment only**.

In addition to the safe standards detailed by the CDC, the following safety guidelines have been put in place for your protection. Please follow these procedures in order to create and maintain a safe environment for all.

**Social Distancing:** Artists may work in their studios but must practice social distancing at all times.

- The classroom is marked and set up for appropriate social distancing. Please - no adjusting the location of easels or tables.
- The instructor must remain at least 6 feet from students at all times. Students are not allowed to share tools and must remain at least 6 feet apart from each other. Sharing art supplies between teacher and student is not allowed.
- Masks are optional as long as social distancing can be maintained. According to State protocols, if social distancing cannot be maintained, then masks are recommended for the protection of self and others.
- Please do not gather in one place – entrances, doorways, front desk, etc.



## SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OPENING

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**Sanitation:** All surfaces and tools used during the class must be sanitized after each class.

- All artists are required to wipe down areas and sanitize all high touch point public surfaces including desks, counters, cash register, credit card reader, work areas, doorknobs, refrigerator, sinks faucets and toilet handles as used.
- There will be automatic hand sanitizer dispensers accessible that will be required for all artists to use upon entering and just before leaving the building.

**Self-Screen:** Please self-screen before coming to the FBAC. If you (or someone you have been in contact with) are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and plan your visit to the gallery for another day.

- Conduct self-screenings throughout the day – If you or someone around you exhibits symptoms of illness: fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other indicators you / they should leave immediately and seek medical attention.

CDC: Wash your hands with soap and water and use the hand sanitizer regularly during your day, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces. Avoid touching your face. Cover your cough or sneeze, cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.

Thank you! --- Fort Bend Art Center / Art League of Fort Bend





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Covid-19 Carrier



Contagion Probability  
%70



Covid-19 Carrier



Contagion Probability  
%5



Covid-19 Carrier



Contagion Probability  
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**WEAR IT**



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## Mary Lynch

Art Museum TX,

La Centerra, Cinco Ranch

Exhibition thru August 2, 2020



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### “Wildlife Scratch Art”

ZOOM Demo Featuring Doug Heiser

July 22, 2020 at 10:00-11:30 am

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

Doug Hiser is a Signature member of Artists for Conservation – the top 300 wildlife artists in the world-and an author of 27 books, including Amazon bestsellers, The Honey Bee Girl and Montana Mist. He is also a professional wildlife artist traveling the globe, from Africa to Australia, in search of the wild beasts that he paints. Teaching High School Arts, after years of research, he has developed this art history program featuring 4 x 4 sketches and the backstories of over 100 artists and paints public sculptures and murals around Texas. Hiser works closely with the Houston Audubon Society and teaches workshops and demos in and around Texas promoting the conservation cause. He once claimed fame on the America Gladiators TV Show and is most proud of his University of Houston Distinguished Alumni Award.

Important links for Doug Hiser:

Murals- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPML-84D5V0&t=4s>

Artist for Conservation Gallery- <https://gallery.artistsforconservation.org/artists/7303>

Doug Hiser Wildlife Scratchboard Workshop – featuring safaris from Africa, Australia, Galapagos, Brazil, Nepal, Alaska, and more. Step by step Scratchboard art by Doug Hiser. Sketching in the wild, composition from photographic references. Scratchboard tools and what techniques each is used for.





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## How to Photograph and Edit Your Artwork with a Tablet or Phone

ZOOM Demo Featuring  
Susan Giannantonio  
August 24, 2020 - 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### FOR MEMBERS ONLY

If you have a cellphone or tablet you already have the hardware and software available to capture an image of your painting and tweak it so that it looks as close to your painting as possible. This class will give you tips on how to photograph the painting. Once you've got the best possible shot, we will review several editing tips to make sure your painting looks great online.

Please consider adding the mobile app PS Express, a free Adobe mobile app that adds even more editing options. This, too, will be covered in the demo.





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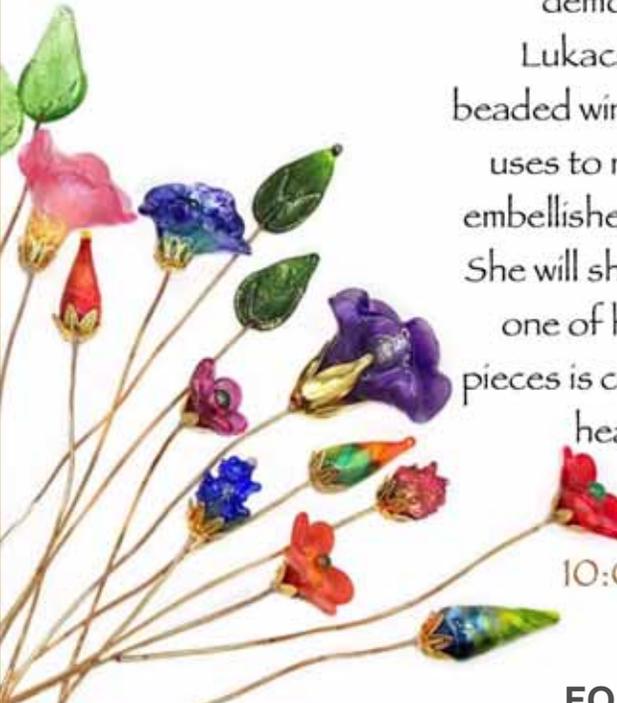


Beaded Wirework Fantasy Jewelry

For our September 28 demonstration, Mary Lowe Lukacs will join us to discuss beaded wirework techniques she uses to make her French-style embellished glass flower jewelry. She will show step-by-step how one of her popular statement pieces is constructed from glass headpins and brass wire.

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
via Zoom

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY**





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## DEMOS/WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS WANTED

If you are interested in doing a demo or workshop for our members, please contact Debbie Rodriguez at [artleaguefortbend@gmail.com](mailto:artleaguefortbend@gmail.com) and put “Demo/Workshop Instructor” in the subject line.

If you can provide a ZOOM demo, the Gallery will provide the ZOOM platform for your use. Please let Debbie know and we will schedule you first. If you are not set up for ZOOM, we will put you on our list for when the Gallery opens up and we resume our regular meetings.

The Gallery will be giving the Instructor a stipend for the demo and this will be a great way to advertise your class and get students.

[artleaguefortbend@gmail.com](mailto:artleaguefortbend@gmail.com) with subject line - “ZOOM demo artist”





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## Alla Prima Oil Painting Class With Artist, Sue Zelko

**Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**At the Fort Bend Art Center, 2012 Avenue G, Rosenberg, Texas.**

The class will cover color theory and mixing, composition, painterly brushwork and alla prima (direct, or wet into wet) painting techniques with oil paints, working from your own photos or sketches.

Cost of the class is \$45 per week, payable monthly.

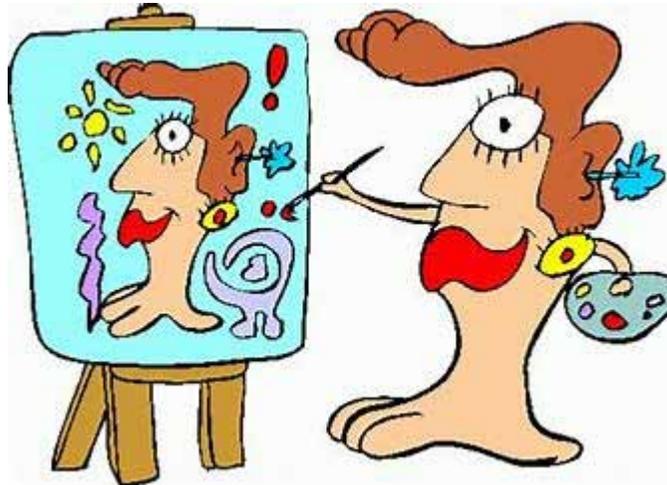
Sue Zelko painted her first oil painting at age 10, took art electives in school, and received her bachelor's degree in art and design from UCLA. After moving to Houston, she continued her studies at the Lowell Collins School of Art, with classes in life drawing and painting, watercolor and oil painting. She has continued to hone her craft by taking workshops from numerous well-known and respected artists over the last ten years. She has taught art to grades one through eight, high school and adult students.

Please contact Sue Zelko at [suezelko@att.net](mailto:suezelko@att.net), or 281-639-7412, to sign up for class and get supply list.





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# 30 Day Art Challenge "Self-Portrait"

## Take a look at me!



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# SUE ZELKO



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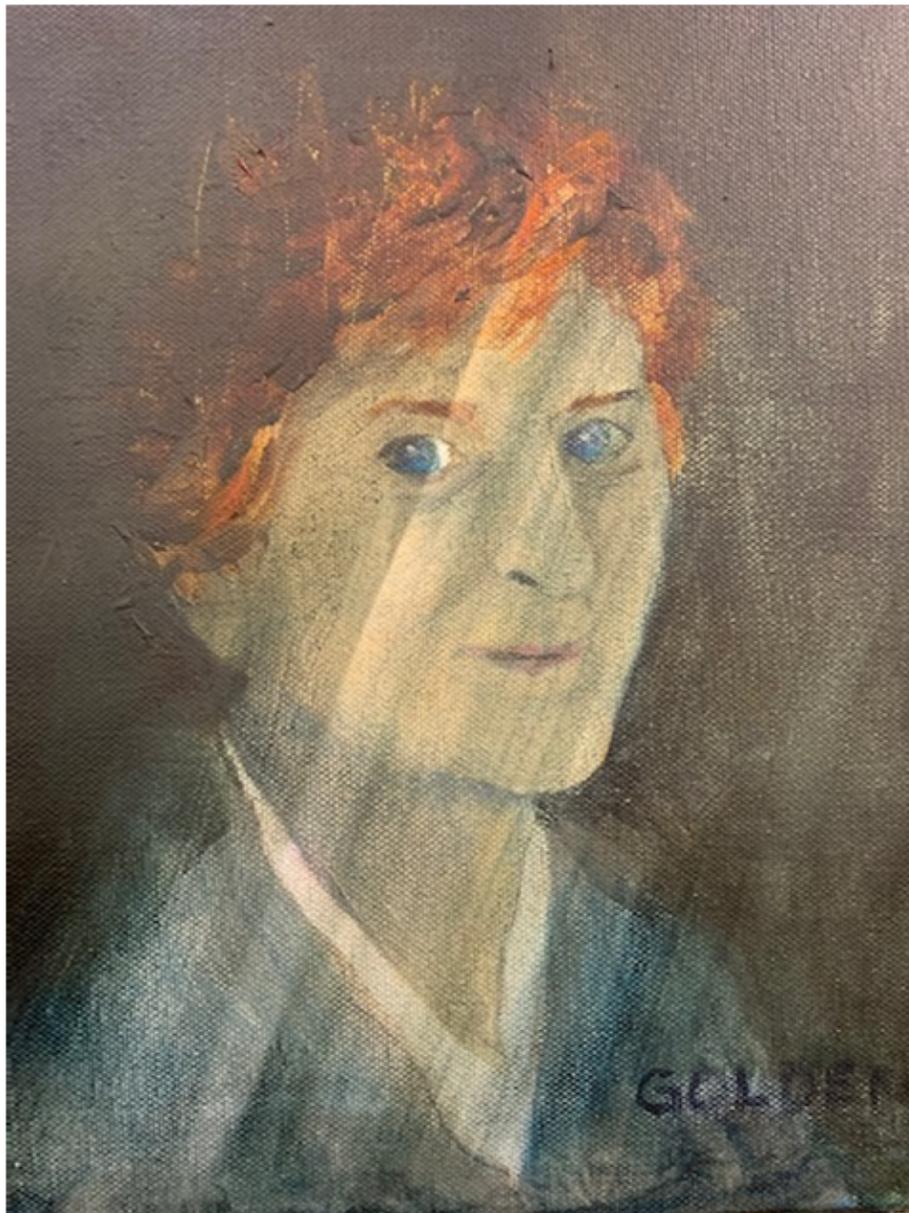




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# KATHY GOLDEN



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## 2020-2021 BOARD

Be sure to thank the following members for serving. They put in many hours to make our league a great place to create and sell art.

President - Brenda Bowman  
1st Vice President - Kathy Golden (Publicity & Marketing)  
2nd Vice President - Debbie Rodriguez (Workshops/Classes/Newsletter)  
Secretary - Sue Zelko  
Treasurer - Karen Gehse  
At Large 1 - Anne Hallman-Perez (Website and Membership)  
At Large 2 – Mary Lynch (Gallery and Gift Shop)

## ART CENTER INFO

**DUE TO COVID-19**

**THE ART CENTER WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED BY MEMBERS AND PUBLIC**

**GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**





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***CONTINUED BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR ALL FAMILIES NEAR AND FAR WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19***

***CONTINUED BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, MEDICAL DOCTORS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS, GROCERS, AND ANYONE PROVIDING SERVICES AND/OR GOODS TO OUR COMMUNITY***

***CONTINUED BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR OUR GALLERY MEMBERS AND CARETAKERS OF OUR GALLERY MEMBERS***

***CONTINUED BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING THAT ARE NOT MENTIONED***





Did You Know? - Suggestion Box

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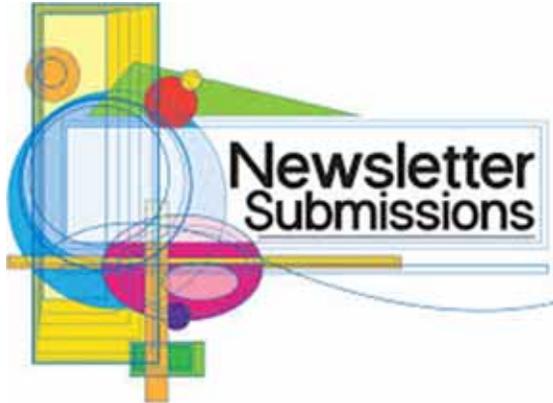
Designer Masks for Sale

Resources





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If you don't tell me, I don't know

We want to know if you win awards or are recognized at some event. We would also like to tell our members about events around town and in the general Houston area. So, if you want me to put something in the newsletter, email me before the 25th of the month at: [debbiesuerod@gmail.com](mailto:debbiesuerod@gmail.com). Any submission after the 25th will be placed in the next newsletter.



There is a suggestion box at the gallery desk. All members are welcome to place suggestions in the box. If you would like the board to respond to your request be sure to put your name on your submission. We received a request for lectures on art history through periods of history. If you would like to participate or know of someone who could present an art history lectures please contact one of the board members.





## You Can Support Art League Fort Bend and Art Center



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Message me with the number you want, some designs are limited.  
I will then give you payment instructions.



Need a Designer Mask?

Email order to:

Sheri Lokey Herbert  
[sherih@me.com](mailto:sherih@me.com)

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## FORT BEND ART CENTER RESOURCES



### ART SUPPLIES

#### Wind River Arts

Rosemary & Co artist brushes.  
Wind River Arts is offering to deliver brushes to ALFB  
for anyone that wants them.

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