



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

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

Gallery Now Open: Wednesday - Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm

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PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE ARTS BY DONATING TO
THE ART LEAGUE OF FORT BEND. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS
SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

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Our Mission:
Encourage artistic development & cultivate an appreciation for the arts through education, exhibitions & community outreach

*** DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH. ANYTHING SUBMITTED AFTER THE 25TH WILL BE PUT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT TO nanette.alfbnews@gmail.com**



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2024 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 - Linda Pietz

Vice President - Kathy Golden

Secretary - Jen Gawrys

Treasurer - Karen Gehse

Gallery Director - Gladys Jones

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Marketing Director - Nina Struthers

Membership Director - Anne Hallman-Perez

Program Director - Debbie Rodriguez

“ *Art is when you hear a knocking
from your soul and you answer.*

--Terri Guillemets ”

DONOR WALL

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

This past November we saw the tribute to our Donors become a display on the entryway wall at the Fort Bend Art Center. We are thankful for the monetary donations provided to the Art League of Fort Bend over the past five years.

The spirit of the Donor wall is to recognize those who make significant monetary contributions to the Art League of Fort Bend. Cash donations of \$500 or greater will receive recognition on the Donor Wall.

Donations other than cash will be evaluated by the Board prior to acceptance.

Donation Levels are:

\$500-\$999

\$1,000-\$2,499

\$2,500-\$4,999

\$5,000 +

Anyone is welcome to make a donation at any time, and the criteria above will be utilized going forward.

THANK YOU, DONORS!

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GALLERY NEWS

Do you want to see your work displayed in the gallery? Sign up or get on the waiting list! Gallery member prices are \$120 per year. Please see [Membership News](#) above for more info.

All gallery members are able (and encouraged) to add products to the [gift shop](#). Items need to be at a value of **\$100 or less**. Please contact our gift shop manager, **Fereshteh Solati**, at **(602)410-1621** for more information.

Did you know...

We have a [scrapbook](#) in the gift shop that you can add a page to? You can make up two pages decorated any way you want representing your work and we'll add it to the scrapbook. It can be as simple or artistic as you like--a pic of yourself with a short bio and some snaps of your work! We'd love to see it and get you out there!

Members are also entitled to a [page on the ALFB website](#). Just send a bio, picture and a few (3-5) pictures of your work (with pricing) to include on the page and submit to artleaguefortbend@gmail.com

[Gift cards](#) are available! Please encourage your friends and family to shop the Fort Bend Art Center, Mother's Day IS coming up!!

We have [layaway](#)! Find out more with a gallery worker at the sales desk!

We [rent](#) the FBAC for meetings + events. \$25/hr or \$100 for a half day.

Reminder--things to know!

[Jan 15-16](#)- Workshop: Painting Animals from the Inside Out w/ Lesley Humphrey

[Jan 22](#)- Gallery Member Meeting

[Jan 22](#) - After meeting social, Demo TBA

See [ALFB Website](#) for more info.



ART LEAGUE OF FORT BEND
2012 AVENUE C, ROSENBERG, TX 77471



JANUARY 2024

JOIN US AT THE MEETING!

ALFB MEMBERS MEETING

January 22, 2024

Gallery Meeting is at 9:00am

General meeting begins at 10:00 AM

Demo TBA

In Person and on



To join the Zoom Meeting (you can copy and paste)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116307286?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116307286?pwd=NVIwSExYZIROUXVqOEUvekNQQm1TUT09)

[pwd=NVIwSExYZIROUXVqOEUvekNQQm1TUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116307286?pwd=NVIwSExYZIROUXVqOEUvekNQQm1TUT09)

Meeting ID: 881 1630 7286

Passcode: 157468

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,88116307286#,,,157468# US (Houston)

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING ZOOM

Effective immediately - Members using Zoom versions below 5.3.0 need to update their device(s) to be able to join our meetings via Zoom.

JANUARY 2024

COMMUNITY DISPLAYS

Did you know we display our art in a lot of places around Fort Bend county, other than the Art Center? If you haven't been yet, go check them out!

COMMUNITY DISPLAY OPPORTUNITY

Pecan Grove Country Club

Pecan Grove Country Club

PGCC change out and rehang is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 24**. Those currently displaying should plan to pick up work that morning. Please contact Diane Whitmarsh at profdw@gmail.com to let her know that you would like to display art this rotation.

Forms are on the ALFB website:

https://artleaguefortbend.org/wp-content/uploads/Pecan_Grove_Community_Display.pdf

Intake: 9am-12 noon

Theme: None

3D: Limited 3D available; contact Diane with photo and dimensions of your proposed work.

Address: 3000 Plantation Dr., Richmond

For all **community** displays, please ensure that your personal information is on the back of each piece: Your name, the name of the piece, size, medium and price. Tag formats for **community** displays are on the website at:

<https://artleaguefortbend.org/alfb-home/memberships/art-center-use/>



Pecan Grove Plantation
Country Club

Thank you for participating in these Community Displays! They are well received by the community and help spread our mission for community outreach. Your participation is very appreciated!

Brenda Bowman / Mary Lynch
Community Displays

JANUARY 2024

UPCOMING WORKSHOP



Abstracted Reality In Mixed Media

Presented by Sandra Duran Wilson
April 22, 23, and 24, 2024
10:00 am to 5:00 pm



\$575 - if paid in full **before** January 31, 2024
\$595 - if paid in full **after** January 31, 2024

Medium: Acrylic Paint and Collage
Intermediate Skill Levels

Painting abstract work can be more difficult than creating realistic work. Where is the line between the two, and how are they similar. This workshop will give you a structure on which to build an intuitive and dynamic painting. When you understand the rules of color, composition and design you will be able to create successful and dynamic work much easier than struggling layer after layer.

I will share with you how to benefit from the wandering explorations and happy accidents and establish a practice that has foundations on which you can be confident in your intuitive painting. This may sound counterintuitive but the more you know, the easier it is to let go of the rules and trust your eye to discern a successful painting.

We will begin with surfaces and textures. I will bring an assortment of Ampersand panels for you to explore. You will learn the difference between opacity, viscosity, sheen and texture and how to use these qualities to be in control of what you want to paint. You will also learn how to add hints of realism using lights and shadows. Whether you love non-objective abstract or abstracted landscapes or figures, you can learn the tips to add a hint of reality to them. Color mixing and winning combinations is the voice you use to tell your story especially in abstract art. I will share with you other areas of composition that can impact the finished painting. Learn how to incorporate image transfers into your work by the use of collage to add another layer of interest whether it is in the underpainting or adding a pop for the finishing touches. Finally, I will demonstrate ways of creating collage materials and the best ways to adhere them to your surface.



JANUARY 2024

ENCAUSTIC PAINTING WORKSHOP BASICS AND BEYOND

Contemplative Collage

Encaustic Painting Workshop Basics and Beyond



Meditation, movement, poetry will be used to relax the body and the mind and inspire each individual to get in touch with their inner creative spirit.

Movements will be gentle stretching and breathing exercises. No experience in collage is required. By the end of this 3-hour class, students will have faced their fear of the blank canvas by creating small 5–10-minute collages. Students will be given a time period to create each collage, thus encouraging working intuitively, and making random choices without being attached to the outcome. A demonstration of Encaustic collage will be given at the end of class as a segue into Encaustic Basics class.

\$150 per 3hr. class

All materials included.

Saturdays, January 20, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11
9-am – 12pm

Fort Bend Art Center
2012 Ave. G
Rosenberg, Texas
832-945-2882

Call 832-264-5321 or email susansalterarts@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Susan Salter is an internationally recognized and award-winning encaustic artist who shows her work in various museums and galleries around the Houston area, the U.S and recently in Ireland, EOM Studios in Mulraney, Ireland.
susansalterarts.com

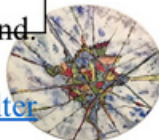
<https://www.instagram.com/slsalter>

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<https://www.susansalterarts.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/slsalter96>

Three-hour comprehensive, hands-on class covering all the basics of working with Encaustic painting, an ancient wax-based paint medium with endless creative possibilities.



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**ENCAUSTIC PAINTING WORKSHOP
BASICS AND BEYOND**

Pulling from over 10 years of working with encaustic, Encaustic artist, Susan Salter leads you step-by-step through the process of creating complex, luminous paintings with hot wax and pigment. You'll get the basic techniques of encaustic under your belt, develop confidence in working with new materials, and walk away with one or more ready-to-hang works.

\$200 per 3hr. workshop

All materials included

Saturdays, January 20, February 24, March 16, April 13, May 11
1pm-4pm

Escher Room, Fort Bend Art Center Annex
905 Third Street
Rosenberg, TX 77471
832-945-2882

Call 832-264-5321 or email susansalterarts@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Group classes (2-6) can be
scheduled according to availability
\$50 per hr. per person

Would your group
like to know more about
Encaustics?

Group demonstrations available
upon request.

JANUARY 2024

WORKSHOP

PAINTING ANIMALS FROM THE
INSIDE OUT W/ LESLEY HUMPHREY



**PAINTING ANIMALS
FROM THE INSIDE OUT**

**Presented by Lesley Humphrey
January 15, 16, and 17, 2024**

**Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 - Monday and
10:00 to 5:00 - Tuesday/Wednesday**



\$375 - if paid in full **before** October 31, 2023
\$395 - if paid in full **after** October 31, 2023
\$100 Deposit Required

**Medium: Water Color and Collage
Intermediate Skill Levels**

"Painting should be a fun frolic in paint!... A journey of expression, exploration and excavation with many glorious sidetracks along the way!"

I'm so drawn to teaching others my joy of Art because it can also provide people a way to safely navigate life's ups and downs, especially when we pour ourselves into the work in explorative, creative ways."

Lesley Humphrey

Lesley will bring several creative exercises to help you see and interpret your favorite animal images in ways that are new, fun, expressive and so creative.

You will be encouraged to excavate and explore, creating authentic work that is a joy to paint and behold, often in ways that defy explanation. Then, she will carefully and thoughtfully help you to design your paintings in such an artful, cohesive way that they become a truly beautiful portrait of "You".

- Day 1: Afternoon- Laying the groundwork.** Workshop attendees will join Lesley for a welcome introduction to the workshop. Artists will learn how to explore their images in a fascinating, new way using "SoulCollage".
- Day 2: Image Making.** We will explore and interpret our images in paint and with glorious design.
- Day 3: Design.** Designing, finishing and sharing our images/paintings.

PLEASE NOTE: The balance of the workshop is due 30 days prior to your workshop date. A refund will be issued if you cancel prior to 30 days of the workshop date. No refund if you cancel after 30 days prior to workshop date.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Fort Bend Art Center is a magical place. It combines many aspects of art under one roof. Marketing isn't magical though. It takes alchemy to work. And part of that alchemy is you!

As members of the Art League of Fort Bend, its success is paramount on the membership supporting the FBAC and its artists. Dream of selling your art? Desire a bit of celebrity? Want to see others thrive? Each month we'll be giving you insights and training on how social media works and how to be part of the success of all our artists and members. Let's get this started.

DID YOU KNOW...

- ALFB has a website that has a wealth of information about our membership as well as FBAC? You can sign up and there you can pay for workshops, studio rental, and annual membership...all online! Just click here: <https://artleaguefortbend.org/>
- FBAC also has a **Facebook** and **Instagram** page. Do you have an **artist** or **personal** IG account? Well, how about liking these pages and sharing! Every day we need a like and if possible, a comment. If you love the post then repost and share. Every like boosts the opportunities of the algorithms to make our pages and art more visible to more people outside of our community and into the hearts of potential art lovers and sales. So much technology to our benefit and the simple part is, you just like and share. Check it out by clicking the links below!

<https://www.facebook.com/fortbendartcenter>

<https://www.instagram.com/ftbendartcenter/>

Or scan w/ your camera:
(and follow the link)



One more thing to please keep in mind...

The Marketing Committee routinely posts on the ALFB and FBAC Facebook and Instagram pages. Members **should please not post** on ALFB or FBAC Facebook pages to make sales as this is our advertising site and not for people to post individually to sell their art. Members may post to their own social media pages and link to the ALFB member's page regarding the creation of their artwork at any time. Advertising posts will be removed. Thank you all for your courtesy and cooperation.

From the ALFB Facebook Team

JANUARY 2024

ART CLASS CALENDAR

January 2024

ART CLASSES



2012 Ave G, Rosenberg, Tx 77471

December '23							February '24						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am-5pm ALFB Open Art Day	3	4	5 12-5 ALFB Open Art Day	6 2-4 Drawing Lesson/Eugenia
7	8 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	9 10am-5pm ALFB Open Art Day 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	10 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	11 10am-12 Zentangle. Lynette McQueen Sue Zelko 1-4pm Basic Oil Painting 4-7pm Oil for MS & HS stdnts 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	12 12-5 ALFB Open Art Day	13 1-3 Drawing Lesson/Eugenia
14	15 1-5pm Painting Animals from Inside Out- WC, Collage Lesley Humphries Workshop 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	16 10am-5pm ALFB Open Art Day 10a-5pm Painting Animals from Inside Out- WC, Collage Lesley Humphries Workshop 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	17 10a-5pm Painting Animals Lesley Humphries Workshop 4-6pm Doodlers Dream ink electric pen-Nina Struthers 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	18 Sue Zelko 1-4pm Basic Oil Painting 4-7pm Oil for MS & HS stdnts 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	19 Fereshteh 9-12 Art Appreciation Vivian Ho 9-12am Figure Draw/Pntng 12-5 ALFB Open Art Day	20 9am-12am Contemplative Collage 1-4 Intro to Encaustic Pntg Susan Salter 2-4 Want to paint 7+ Cynthia Wallace
21	22 9a Gallery Mem Mtg 10am-12:30 ALFB Meeting Demo; 11a Linda Pietz-Lace 6-9pm Nina Struthers Solar Print Making 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	23 10am-5pm ALFB Open Art Day 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	24 9:30-12 Sketching w/graphite & charcoal Pooja Taneja 4-6pm Doodlers Dream ink electric pen-Nina Struthers 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	25 Sue Zelko 1-4pm Basic Oil Painting 4-7pm Oil for MS & HS stdnts 3-8pm Guitar Kirk Roberts	26 Fereshteh 9-12 Art Appreciation Vivian Ho 9-12am Figure Draw/Pntng 12-5 ALFB Open Art Day	27 2-4 Drawing Lesson/Eugenia 2-4 Want to paint 7+ Cynthia Wallace 2-5pm Open House New Art Reception.
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Art Teacher Contact Info: Kirk Roberts - (Guitar) - 832-465-1658 Elise Russell - (Piano) - 281-240-8290 Susan Salter (collage) - 832-264-5321 Diane Whitmarsh-(smrtphnPhotography)-832-646-1832 Don Simmons - (camera photography)-832-851-6457 Fereshteh 602-410-1621 Cisco (Ceramics)- 281-846-8057		Bobbie Davis (mosaic,doodle,zentangle +)-305-310-6008, coldavisba@gmail.com Nina Struthers - (Print making, Electric pen)- 281-302-9404 Eugenia Algaze Garcia - (Acrylic, WC, Drawing, Mx Med, Pstl) - 713-303-4381 Linda Pietz-(Textile Art)- 530-718-0099 **M. Priest (Oil /Acrylic/Gouache)-(4th St) 832-595-4047 Jill Haberman (Various) - 281-748-2847 Vivian Ho -(Figure Drawing /Painting) - 832-231-3319			Sue Zelko(Oil)-281-639-7412 Jackie Pena, Live Laugh and Paint - 832-878-6555 (5th St) Gladys Jones - (Encaustic) - 713-539-5435 Pooja Taneja (Sketching) artisticstreak9@gmail.com 346-331-9202 Janet Green- Draw, Paint, Jewelry- Syr to adult (SugarLand)-832-646-6923 Lynette McQueen - (Zentangle, Mixed Media) - 713-628-6570 Cynthia Wallace - CynWallace1975@gmail.com (7+yo painting)	



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2012 AVENUE G, ROSENBERG, TX 77471



JANUARY 2024

**OIL PAINTING CLASS
WITH ARTIST, MARCHITA PRIEST, OPS**



Tuesdays from 9:30
a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2326 4th Street,
Rosenberg, TX
Cost: \$30 per
session

Students study color mixing with a limited palette, design, value, edges and perspective. We will study landscape and still life.

Learn the basics of composition, depth and distance. Paint from your photos, still life, people, pets in the studio. Demonstrations and paint along offered. There will be opportunities to paint outdoors plein air, if interested.

For more information on registering for one of Marchita's classes, please contact her at: 832-595-4047 or email at marchitapriest@yahoo.com.

You can also visit Marchita's website at www.LoneStarArtist.com

JANUARY 2024

**ALLA PRIMA OIL PAINTING CLASS WITH ARTIST,
SUE ZELKO**



**Thursdays from 1:00
p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the
Fort Bend Art Center
2012 Ave G, Rosenberg,
TX**

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, or 281-639-7412, to sign up for class and get supply list.

JANUARY 2024

PIANO LESSONS FOR ALL AGES!



Ages 4-5

Music for Little Mozarts is the premier piano educational program for children in this age group. It provides a balance between the discipline necessary for playing the piano and the enjoyment the student receives from the process of music making. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration and are available online or in studio. Group lessons are also available (3-4 students per class). Please contact Elise Russell at ebrstudio@gmail.com for more information and pricing.

Ages 6-18

Private piano lessons for school aged students are available upon request. One-on-one instruction includes learning repertoire, sight-reading, transposition, music theory and history. Lessons are 45-75 minutes in duration and are available online or in studio. Please contact Elise Russell at ebrstudio@gmail.com for more information and pricing.

Ages 19+

Private piano lessons for adults who have always wanted to learn how to play! We learn what interests you and at your pace. Lessons are 45-60 minutes in duration and are available online or in studio. Please contact Elise Russell at ebrstudio@gmail.com for more information and pricing. You can read more about our program at: <https://pcspiano.com/online-private-pianolesson>

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT FBAC



Just shop, swipe your Kroger Plus card and earn rewards for the **Art League of Fort Bend** organization number **PN836**.

Visit the link below to find out how to sign up. It's easy and helps out a bunch:

<https://www.communityservicesproject.org/kroger/>

The Art League of Fort Bend will start earning rewards on all qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card!