

# David Valdez showcase at Healing Arts Gallery

## ART SCAPES

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Native Texan and former White House photographer David Valdez is the featured solo artist at the Healing Arts Gallery located at St. David's Georgetown Hospital, 2000 Scenic Drive.

The photos capture a variety of intimate and special moments in former President George H.W. Bush's official life and a smattering of unique images around



David Valdez's "Formula One Car Race" photo was taken at the Circuit of the Americas and is on display at the Healing Arts Gallery, St. David's Georgetown Hospital.

Texas. Mr. Valdez captured the famous photo of five presidents standing together: Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter. He is also the founder and host of the annual Georgetown Texas Photography Festival, chairman of the Georgetown Arts and Culture Board and serves on the Williamson Museum board.

His photos have been published in numerous major publications and magazines along with appearing on two postage stamps.

### Georgetown Art Center

It's time to consider joining the board of directors for the art center. The all-volunteer board has openings and artists, art lovers and art enthusiasts are encouraged to submit an application. The deadline is March 29.

Call 512-930-2583 or email [info@georgetownartworks.org](mailto:info@georgetownartworks.org) for more information.

### WCAG meeting

The monthly meeting for the Williamson County Art Guild is 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 4.

WCAG board members will present "how to be a successful artist with WCAG." Members are encouraged to bring artwork with the theme of "springtime."

The meetings are open to everyone. WCAG member attendees are eligible for the free raffle and a chance to win prizes, i.e., art work, art books, wine, gift items, etc.

The meetings are held in the upstairs conference room at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 West Eighth Street.

### Downtowner gallery

"Plastic" is the theme for a new exhibit planned for the Downtowner Gallery. All 2D and 3D media will be accepted until April 12. The exhibit will be on display from May 11 to July 7.

Plastic is a manufactured material swinging from an inescapable evil or lauded as a lifesaving miracle. The magic of plastic allows it to be manipulated in various ways, both physically and figuratively. Use your imagination, be creative and clever. Visit [roundrockarts.org/call-for-art](http://roundrockarts.org/call-for-art) for more information and submission details or email [info@roundrockarts.org](mailto:info@roundrockarts.org).

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### Sculpture wanted

Friends of Historic Nacogdoches is looking for an artist to create a slightly larger than life-size sculpture of notable historic African American education E. J. Campbell. The statue will join the city's trail of statues. Stage 1 deadline is April 17. For more information call Jeffrey Abt at 936-715-5415 or email [j.abt@mac.com](mailto:j.abt@mac.com).

### Mulligan's gallery

"The Seasons Are Always Changing" is on display from March 28 through May 3 at Mulligan's Patio — Large Image Gallery. The brilliantly colorful images capture a Utah sunrise by Wes Odell and familiar locations photographed within Sun City. "Quiet Before the Storm" and "Spring Time at Legacy Lake" were photographed by John Leek. Mulligan's is located at 150 Dove Hollow.

### RRA elections

The Round Rock Arts board officers for 2023-2024 season are Charlie Favret, president; Petra Krugel, vice president; Scott Feldman, treasurer and past pres-

ident; Sidney Henderson, secretary; Larry Raper, parliamentarian; Cari Washburn, workshops; and Joni Saphir, events.

For the 2022-2023 season, RRA presented 17 exhibitions showcasing nine open calls for art that resulted in 599 pieces of art from 240 artists; hosted 11 events throughout Round Rock and greeted over 5,000 guests at the Downtowner Gallery.

### Photo op

Pistons on the Square continues to offer a grand photo opportunity on the third Saturday of each month, typically on the Main Street side of the Square from 8-10 a.m. Arrive early to get the best shots of these oldies, goodies and cycles too. The next event is April 20. Visit the group site on Facebook for the latest information.

### Deadlines

Art Center board applications are due March 29  
Veterans "Service" poster submissions are due April 1

*ArtScapes is a weekly column for and about local artists and art enthusiasts. Send info to [ellen@wilcosun.com](mailto:ellen@wilcosun.com).*

## Upcoming Art Events

Visual Arts Club reception and fair is 2-5 p.m., March 26  
Reception for GISD students at the Library is 5-7 p.m., March 29

Tina Garrett artist talk at Grace Chapel is 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 1  
WCAG's monthly meeting at the Library is 6:30 to 8 p.m., April 4  
Pastel painting workshop, Art Center, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., April 14-15

Spring Art Stroll, Cultural District, 4-8 p.m., April 20  
175th Anniversary mural dedication ceremony, 6 p.m., April 20  
Red Poppy Festival, downtown Square, April 28-30



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## GISD Annual Show back at the Library

The mission of the Georgetown Public Library is to engage, enlighten and empower the

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community. We strive to meet this mission in a variety of ways, including the materials we offer for checkout. One of the ways I personally feel we meet this mission is through the library's annual art exhibit with Georgetown ISD.

For the past 15 years, the library has partnered with Georgetown ISD on an exhibit that showcases the imagination and talent of Georgetown's youth. It also highlights the creative nourishment students are receiving from the 31 visual art teachers in Georgetown's elementary, middle and high schools.

"The Georgetown Public Library is a natural place to exhibit student artwork from Georgetown ISD," said Carol J. Watson, Director of Fine Arts for GISD. "Learning and creativity are cornerstones of human expression, found in both the act of reading and the act of making art."

Library staff and patrons agree. A few weeks ago, I had a patron who wanted to

know the exact dates the show would be back this year so they could be sure to come see the display.

The exhibit takes over both floors of the library and includes photography, ceramics, painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture and textiles. This variety of media demonstrates the opportunities visual arts teachers in the district give to their students, allowing them to try different styles and hone their skills in an assortment of techniques. Art students in GISD not only have opportunities to exhibit, but to experience art through service-learning projects, collaborative art in the form of community paintings, capstone projects and college and career readiness.

The exhibit opens March 28 and will remain up through April 6. If you join us for the reception on March 29 from 5-7 p.m., you will be able to meet, and thank, the creative visual arts teachers who tirelessly work to bring opportunities to their students.

See you soon at the library!

*Ann Evans is the Adult Services Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library.*

## What's going on in the library?

March 28-April 6: GISD Annual District Wide Student Art Exhibit (first and second floors)

March 29, 5-7 p.m.: Reception for GISD Art Exhibit

April 4, 10 a.m.: Homeschool Happenings – UT Physics Circus (tickets required and available one hour before start of program)

April 4, 6:30 p.m.: Williamson County Genealogical Society Georgetown Genealogy Chat

April 8-9: Library Closed, no items are due on this day

May 15: Open call for 2024 art exhibit proposals closes (see [library.georgetown.org/art](http://library.georgetown.org/art))

For more information about Library events, visit [library.georgetown.org/events-calendar](http://library.georgetown.org/events-calendar) or call 512-930-3551.

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