

Highlighting the art of the city

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Every other year, the Georgetown Public Library hosts a special art exhibit

featuring works created by current City of Georgetown employees. The show is a chance for municipal employees to show off their creative side.

This year the display includes more traditional mediums such as photography, paintings, fabric arts and ceramics, as well as unique formats including nail art, a painted water barrel, hand-crafted wallets and light fixtures.

Submissions come from a variety of departments including the City Manager's office, Animal Services, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Building Inspections, Police Department Records, Public Works, Water Utility, Planning, Information Technology and the Library staff. The City Staff Art Show will be located on the second-floor in the bridge and hall galleries.

Downstairs, the café gallery will feature "Light: Interrupted" from Jan Anderson-Paxson. The black and white photography exhibit focuses on the importance of light. Ms. Anderson-Paxson has loved photography her entire life, working as a photojournalist and photo educator. She says that she, "likes to pare the scene down to its essentials of line, shape or form, light and shadow."

Works in the display play with how light direction and quality can impact the feel of a photograph.

"When light is blocked in some way, it alters the way things look," Ms. Anderson-Paxson said. "It tends to isolate objects...besides isolating objects, with the light partly obscured,



The City of Georgetown Employee Art Show features creative works from many departments throughout the city, including this touch lamp from Information Technology's Danny Thiele.



Kelley Propst's "Big Bend" is painted on a leaf. Propst works for the Parks and Recreation Department.

the atmosphere creates a mood of quietness, melancholy, or even a feeling of mystery."

Both exhibits will be on display April 11 through May 14. Public receptions will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, April 14, where you can meet the artists behind these wonderful exhibits.

The following Sunday, join us for Live Music at the Library, featuring the musical art

of Julie Slim and RendezVous. Ms. Slim is a Lebanese-American multilingual jazz vocalist based in Austin. She founded her band, Julie Slim & RendezVous, in 2013, bringing forth the cultural influences that shaped her life. Tickets are no longer required, though seating is limited.

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?

- April 8-9: Library closed, no items are due on this day
- April 11-May 14: Jan Paxon-Anderson Light: Interrupted (first floor café gallery)
- April 11-May 14: City of Georgetown Staff Art Show (second floor galleries)
- April 12, 6:30 p.m.: GPL World Cinema: Saul and Ruby's Holocaust Survivor Band
- April 14, 4-6 p.m.: Receptions for Jan Paxon-Anderson and City of Georgetown Staff Art Show
- April 15, 1 p.m.: Peeps Dioramas for Tweens (ages 9-12)
- April 15, 3 p.m.: Peeps Dioramas for Teens (ages 12-18)
- April 16, 2 p.m.: Live Music at the Library: Julie Slim & RendezVous
- May 15: Open call for 2024 art exhibit proposals closes (see library.georgetown.org/art)

For more information about Library events, visit library.georgetown.org/events-calendar or call 512-930-3551.

Animals are the art theme this month

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and 3D artwork will be accepted. Artist notification is June 5.

Texas images

Linda Nickell has selected 20 Texas images that are on display at the Williamson Museum throughout April. The exhibit is titled "Texas Through Her Lens" at 716 South Austin Avenue. She is a regular participant in the annual Georgetown Photography Festival, hosting her national "Linda's Happiness Hour"

Wings win

Two local photographers collected three awards at the annual DeWitt County Shutterbugs Photography Contest. With over 500 entries in 10 different categories, there was a very high level of competition.

Sherry McRae won Best in Show for "Sweet Nectar Time." Glenn Rudd won First Place for "Emerald Toucanette" in the Birds category and First Place for "Deadhorse Point" in the Landscape category.

Congrats

Wes Odell won the Veteran Grand Prize in the Bee Cave Art Foundation's Project Hope competition. His submission will be placed at a site in Paestum, Italy, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the landing of the 36th Division of the U. S. Army during World War II. A 30-foot sculpture created by Franco Palmentieri will be the center of the memorial.



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Mr. Odell's artwork will be part of the memorial panels. He has been invited to the dedication ceremony in September.

Photo contest

The "Home in the Hill Country" photo contest deadline is May 31. Photographers of all ages and

skill levels are invited to participate. Winners will receive cash prizes up to \$300 and inclusion in the 2024 calendar.

Upload up to four photos from a desktop or laptop computer rather than other devices. Remember, all photos must be taken within the 17-county Texas Hill Country Region to qualify. Consult the map included on the website for hill country boundaries. Only color photographs with a horizontal/landscape layout are eligible.

The Texas Hill Country is famous for its pristine streams, blooming wildflowers, native plants and wildlife, star-filled night skies and small towns. Visit hillcountryalliance.org for specific rules and submission requirements.

Brown bag luncheon

The quarterly Arts and Culture Brown Bag Luncheon returns April 13 at noon. Bring your lunch and join in at the Georgetown Public Library for a presentation by principal architect and founder of Wang Architects, Gary Wang AIA.

His presentation, "Art as Art, Landscape as Art, Architecture as Art," explores how architecture and landscape can connect the public to — and even become — public art. Updates from arts and culture stakeholders in the Downtown Georgetown Cultural District will follow the presentation.

The library is located at 402 West Eighth Street.

Artist of the month

Robin Lynn is the Williamson County Art Guild's artist of the month. She is a Texas-based artist working mostly in oil and acrylics, who is inspired by nature and bold vibrant colors.

Deadlines

"Plastic" exhibit deadline for the Downtowner is April 12

Library exhibit proposal for 2024 are due May 15

"Kingdom Animalia" exhibit deadline at Round Rock Arts is May 29

The "Home in the Hill Country" photo contest deadline is May 31, with submissions uploaded to HillCountryAlliance.org.

Events

Arts and Culture Brown Bag luncheon is at the Georgetown Public Library at noon, April 13

Jan Anderson-Paxson's artist reception is at the library from 4-6 p.m., April 14

The Spring Art Stroll will take place 4-8 p.m., April 20, in the Georgetown Cultural District

The 175th Anniversary mural dedication ceremony is set for 6 p.m., April 20

Round Rock PopUp Art Show at Prete Plaza is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 22

Georgetown's Red Poppy Festival is April 28-30

ArtScapes is a weekly column for and about local artists and art enthusiasts. Send info to ellen@wilcosun.com.

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An arts & crafts show featuring
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 Sat, 9a-5p & Sun, 9a-4p, April 22-23, 2023
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