

RIVER RELAXATION



Mike Peña uses a large net to catch bait fish (minnows and shad) at Blue Hole Park on Saturday, April 15. He was going from there to get in some fishing time at Lake Georgetown.

— Photos by Andy Sharp



Bill Bradford, of Katy, relaxes at Blue Hole Park on Saturday. Bradford was reading his lines for his daughter's wedding ceremony to be held that afternoon in Liberty Hill. The park gave him a quiet place to consider his speech.



Heather Baran's dog Shelby gets a special ride en route to Blue Hole Park on Saturday.

Art abound
at the Red
Poppy Fest

The Red Poppy Festival is coming next weekend, April 28-30, and Lynn Kessel will be part of the annual magic. Visit her booth at the festival to see her new artwork and red poppy gift items. Her booth will be on Seventh Street facing the Visitor's Center. She is the current program chair for the Williamson County Art Guild. Visit lynnkesselart.com to view her work.



ART SCAPES

Ellen Greeney

WCAG meeting

Gary Whitbeck is a local stained glass artist. He will be the guest speaker at the monthly Williamson County Art Guild meeting, Tuesday, May 2. The meet and greet begins at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. at the Georgetown Library, second floor classroom. The artist challenge for members is "May flowers."

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Featured artist

Laura Fox-Wallis is Williamson County Art Guild's featured artist. She is a master silk painter and art educator. In 2004, she began to explore the diverse effects of painting on silk and found a strong connection with the fluid movement and brilliant colors of the dye. Visit RootedExpressions.com to view her work.

St. David's galleries

Peggy Reeder's specialties include flowers and lighthouses on her extended visits to Michigan. As a photographer, she has developed strong interests in photographing certain subjects and particular locales. This exhibit showcases several of those interests in the S. David's Impressions gallery.

Texas has a wide variety of wildflowers as well as botanic gardens, public and private gardens, and even exotic flowers that are available for purchase. Ms. Reeder captures the colors, shapes and intricacies of nature's bounty.

The Healing Arts Gallery exhibit from April 28 to June 23 features 'healing' artwork by Lowana Carter, Linda Figg, Laura Fox-Wallis, Greg Gotham, Ellen Greeney, Lisa Hoekstra, Ted Keller, Marsha Larrabee, Karen Limbaugh, Violet Nicklen, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick O'Connor, Dee Sams, Carla Simons, Jessica Snowden, Anca Thomas, Kerry Whitfill, Patti Wojtowecz and Kat Zinna.

Both gallery exhibits are open to the public during regular visiting hours at 2000 Scenic Drive.

Framer's Gallery

Visit 610 South Main Street to see new artwork and interesting art objects. The exhibit changes on the first Thursday of each month, 610 South Main Street.

Center Art Club

The Center Art Club of Round Rock is exhibiting at the Jester Annex Gallery. Over 15 members of the Center Art Club present a colorful show with a diverse range of art including Chinese ink brush, textile and fiber art, photography, alcohol ink, watercolor, oil, oil and cold wax, acrylic and mandala. All works are for sale by contacting the artists directly.

Congrats

Dee Darius Sams' photo "Curved Bill Thrasher Enjoying a Berry" — currently on display at the Sun City Texas Photography Club's venue — was featured in the "ArtScapes" column on April 9. It was one of 24 images selected by the Homewood Collection for printing and inclusion in the 2023 Inaugural Homewood Collection Exhibition. Her image "Green Jays Sharing a Worm" was selected as First Alternate.

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Peggy Reeder's photographs are on display at St. David's Impressions Gallery.

National Library Week

There's more to the story

April marks the beginning of the 65th observance of National Library Week, which

runs from April 23 to April 29. This year's theme, "there's more to the story," invites people to explore what your library may offer beyond books. Many people know they can come to the Georgetown Public Library for books, DVDs, CDs and even puzzles, but there is more to our story.

For example, did you know you can check out a ukulele from the library? The instruments come complete with a tuner and resources for getting started on your musical learning journey.

For my son's fifth birthday he desperately wanted a race car cake, so I checked out one of the library's cake pans.

Have you ever checked out one of the library's book club in a bag kits? They are a one-stop shop for book club organizers. Each bag contains 10 copies of the book, as well as an author biography, book reviews and discussion questions.

Are you familiar with the archivist in a backpack project? Through it the library offers two types of kits patrons can check out to document their family histories. The oral history kit features a digital sound recorder and question cue cards that enable families to capture the stories of their loved ones in their own voices. The digital archiving kit features a portable flatbed scanner of sufficient quality and size for digitizing such items as family photos and small pieces of memorabilia.

In the digital realm, library resident and non-resident cardholders can access eBooks via Libby, but also

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Flipster, which has a selection of over 40 magazines in digital format, including back issues for the past several years. ArtistWorks offers guided music lessons spanning a variety of instruments and genres. Universal Class gives patrons access to over 500 courses ranging from accounting to cake decorating (for when you check out that cake pan). Mango Languages is a learning platform that emphasizes practicing conversational skills in over 70 different languages. Our most used database is ValueLine, a tool for investors that analyzes stocks, mutual funds and more. Newspaper Archives lets cardholders search historical Texas newspapers, focusing on papers published in small towns, making it very valuable for genealogy research.

More tools for genealogy research and preservation can be used within the Library building. Ancestry Library Edition and Fold3 Library Edition, which focuses on military records, can both be accessed within the library. The Texas History room on the second floor offers many specialized books on local history and genealogy for in-library use. In the same space, issues of the *Williamson County Sun* are available on microfilm dating back to 1877. Feel free to use the microfilm reader in the room to peruse the *Sun* or bring in your own film and slides. The reader can capture images in black and white or color to be saved to a USB or Google Drive. Another useful machine in the Texas History room is the Book-eye, which is a large format overhead scanner. This is great for digitizing large family photos or fragile documents you may not want to place in a flatbed scanner. One of my favorite

What's going on
in the library?

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 26, 11 a.m.: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: Alzheimer's Association

May 2, 6:30 p.m.: Williamson County Genealogical Society Georgetown Genealogy Chat

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.

ways I've seen the Book-eye used is for digitizing artwork patrons have created. That way they capture a clear digital image of their piece that they can share with family and friends.

Many of these items are made possible through funding from the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library, including the Book-eye scanner, archivist in a backpack and, coming soon, Spanish versions of the book club in a bag kits.

We hope you'll check out something new from the library soon!

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