

# Library reception to highlight three arts later this month

The Georgetown Public Library will host receptions honoring three artists with solo exhibitions on Friday, May 27, from 4-6 p.m. The artists are Gene Grubb, Sung Cha Brooks, and Dave Werner.

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Dana Hendrix

Gene Grubb's upcoming solo exhibit of drawings "The Simple Things" opens May 26 in the second floor Hall Gallery at the Georgetown Public Library. Much like Norman Rockwell did with illustrations and Frank Capra did with movies, Gene Grubb tries to capture the common humanity and sweetness in life. Sisters sharing a laugh, firemen racing to get to the fire first, a little girl anticipating her afternoon birthday party — these are the stuff of his art.

"If you consider such sentimentality corny, then fine, paint me with that brush," he said. "I render these subjects in pencil, realistically, with detail, distance, and texture. My drawings invite close inspection. Unlike most modern art, there may not be much to interpret, but there is plenty to remember, treasure, and hope for.

"As visitors peruse through my works, I want an unexplainable peace to settle over them. I want

them to walk out the doors of Georgetown Library with a greater forbearance for their fellow man and a sense of hope born from dwelling on those things that bind us together in a friendly way — the common, the fine and the virtuous."

Mr. Grubb received a Design Communication minor in 1981 from Texas Tech, where he studied under Frank Cheatham, who studied under Saul Bass. He worked from 1981-1988 as a technical illustrator at E-Systems in Garland, Texas, and then worked from 1988-1992 as a graphic designer/illustrator for Jostens Yearbook in Topeka, Kansas.

"Although I produced an occasional piece of artwork after leaving the professional art world," he said. "I only began building a fine art portfolio four and a half years ago in my spare time while teaching."

He has had two works on exhibit at the 620 Art Gallery in Round Rock, and two were accepted to the 2021 Art Hop exhibit sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Two other works are prominently displayed at elementary schools — one where he served as artist-in-residence in 1996, and one where he currently



Sung Cha Brooks, Gene Grubb and Dave Werner are all artists with solo exhibitions of paintings, drawings, or photography at the Georgetown Public Library this month. The public is invited to attend joint artist receptions and see the artwork in all three shows on Friday, May 27, from 4-6 p.m. on the library's first and second floors.

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Sung Cha Brooks' exhibition "Works" will also open on May 26. Her paintings will be on the second floor in the library's Bridge Gallery.

Ms. Brooks is an experienced and prolific Georgetown painter. Her specialty is Oriental brush, and she also works in acrylic and watercolor. Her previous solo exhibit at the Georgetown Public Library was very popular.

This exhibit will be a combination of new and retrospective pieces of artwork depicting animals and nature, waterscapes and

landscapes.

Ms. Brooks has also previously exhibited her work at the Williamson County Museum, the Round Rock Public Library, the Impressions Gallery at St. David's Georgetown, and the Brenham Art Gallery.

Dave Werner's solo photography exhibit "The Many Faces of Texas Festivals" opened on April 12 in the library's first floor Café Gallery.

This show consists of portraits of the many characters that participate in the Texas Renaissance Festival and Sherwood Forest Faire as well as photo

festivals that take place in Texas.

These actors put tremendous effort in the costumes and makeup for the events. The actors, young and old, come from all over Texas to make these festivals a success. Covid suspended many of these events in 2020 and 2021, but now in 2022 they are beginning to come back again.

All three of these exhibitions close on July 3.

Dana Hendrix coordinates art exhibits and serves as the Technical Services Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library.



## Art in the library

- May 15: Open call for 2023 art exhibit proposals closes (see library.georgetown.org/art)
- Through May 24: Sue Bishop and Lisa L. Miller: Points in Time exhibit (second floor Bridge & Hall Galleries)
- Through July 3: Dave Werner: The Many Faces of Texas Festivals exhibit (first floor Café Gallery)
- May 26-July 3: Sung Cha Brooks: Works exhibit (Second Floor Bridge Gallery)
- May 26-July 3: Gene Grubb: The Simple Things exhibit (Second Floor Hall Gallery)
- May 27, 4-6 p.m.: Joint reception for Dave Werner, Sung Cha Brooks and Gene Grubb (first and second floors)

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