

Library accepting exhibit proposals

It's time to submit your 2022 exhibit proposals to the Georgetown Public Library. Art exhibits play an important role in the library's community outreach. Every year, the library hosts more than 20 art exhibits representing a variety of art techniques in 2D and 3D in three galleries. During each year's open call, artists and organizations are invited and encouraged to submit proposals for the next year's exhibits.

Proposals for 2022 exhibits will be accepted through May 15. Applicants will be notified by June 1. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/art or call Dana Hendrix, adult services librarian, 512-930-3624.

Tiemann Gallery

New exhibits at Round Rock's Tiemann Art Gallery, 1706 North Mays Street, include Gloria Sanchez Hart — "50 Years of Printmaking" — and Peggy Cook — "A Silver Lining."

A Sunday afternoon Soiree is planned for 4 p.m., Sunday, May 16, featuring members of the Austin Symphony and Artisan Quartet. Proceeds from the event support Health Alliance for Austin Area Musicians.

Ms. Cook's exhibit is on display through May 31 and Ms. Hart's through June 30. For more information, call 512-551-9774.

New mural

As promised, another mural is coming to the Georgetown Title building, 702 Rock Street. Oakland, California, artist Molly Keen will paint "Railway Rhymes" featuring a train element representing the history of the site, which was a railroad stop and home to Belford Lumber Company. Keep an eye out for painting to begin.

Arts & Culture Board

The 2021 board members for Georgetown's Arts & Culture Board are:

- Susie Kelly Flatau, chair, second full term ends February 2023.
- David Valdez, vice chair, first full term ends February 2023.
- Sonya Robinson, secretary, first term ends February 2022.
- Marissa Palmer, first term ends February 2022.
- Norma Clark to fill vacancy of term ending February 2022.
- Jessica Meurer Sobhani, first term ends February 2022.
- Karen Turpin, first full term ends February 2023.

'Art Attack'

A local group of accomplished photographers are having a proverbial heart attack over their art — hence the clever name, 'Art Attack.' These photographers love to snap photos and share their expertise with you.

During the pandemic, they have been actively creating images and sharing ideas on the website ArtAttackTx.com. The site is packed with personal galleries, noteworthy accomplishments and blog posts describing techniques for photographing and post-processing.

'Art Attack' members include: Charlie Favret, John Leek, Rob Neff, Glenda Nichols, Wes



ART SCAPES

Ellen Greeney

Odell, Sue Puetz, Peggy Reeder, Glenn Rudd, Don Simpson, Keith Walkup and Peggy Wilcox.

Website visitors are encouraged to subscribe via the "Contact" page to benefit from timely updates in the blog posts.

World monuments

The Office of International Affairs at Texas Tech University is opening an exhibit featuring 11"x14" paper art work of Monuments of the World.

Three local artists were accepted for this exhibit: Wes Odell and his Gold Spike Monument at Promontory, Utah, and Armenian Christian Church in Echmiadzin; Jean Smart and her Statue of Liberty and Watts Towers of Simon Rodia; and Ellen Greeney and her St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow and Sacre Coeur Cathedral in Paris.

The exhibit will be on display through July 9 in the International Culture Center on the Lubbock campus.

New art teacher

Gallery owner Amie Gonser has added Ivette Hawthorne to the teaching staff at the 620 Art Gallery & Studio, 1205 Round Rock Avenue in Round Rock. Ms. Hawthorne is teaching adult classes from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Mondays and children's classes from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, email contact@620art.com or call 512-662-1188.

Photographer of the Month

The Sun City Photography Club's Photographer of the Month for May is Ellen Greeney. This native Texan has visited the seven continents — enjoying different cultures, seeing fascinating people and places, ancient treasures, and amazingly beautiful scenery.

She and husband, Jim, moved to Georgetown in 2001 from the Dallas area. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Mural delay

The mural project for the Georgetown Art Center, described in this column April 14, has hit a snag because of an access issue with the property owner of the alleyway below the proposed mural, Keith Hutchison, communications manager for the City of Georgetown, said.

Area exhibits

- Patrick O'Brien at Round Rock City Hall through May 4.
- Black Women's Epoch at Georgetown Art Center through May 9.
- City staff art exhibit at the Georgetown Public Library through May 9.
- Gloria Hart "50 Years of Printmaking" at Round Rock's Tiemann Art Gallery through June 30.

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Exhibit celebrates 'Preservation Month'

Throughout May, the Georgetown Public Library is joining in the celebration of Preservation Month, along with the City's Planning and Economic Development departments and the Williamson Museum. Preservation Month is an annual month-long recognition of historic places and people. It is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Dana Hendrix

We are very fortunate at the library to have Ann Evans, our reference librarian, on staff. She knows quite a lot about local people and places and partners with Britin Bostick, the city's historic planner, to offer an ongoing series of virtual programs called "Tuesday Talks with Britin and Ann."

In May, in observance of Preservation Month, the two will hold their Tuesday Talks weekly. These virtual programs are open to the public and can be watched live at noon on Tuesdays. Links to the programs as well as recordings for later viewing will be online at historic.georgetown.org. The events are also streamed on Facebook Live at facebook.com/CityofGeorgetown.

The four Tuesday Talks in May will each include "building birthday parties" for some of Georgetown's historic downtown buildings, including the Williamson County Courthouse, the Williamson Museum, the Old Post Office, the Mileham Building, 213 West Eighth Street, and the M.B. Lockett and P.H. Dimmitt buildings. Of the planned talks, Ann Evans said, "The Square attracts many people to Georgetown, and the architecture of these buildings is integral to that charm. It's exciting to share the stories behind the buildings and promote their continued preservation."

Also during Preservation Month in the library, visitors can see the "Art with Heart" exhibit, a series of more than 50 watercolors by Rachel Hancock. These paintings of historic Georgetown buildings are in the library's first floor Café Gallery through June 13. Prints are available, and profits from any sales will be donated to the Georgetown Main Street Facade & Sign Reimbursement Grant Program.

In other news, proposals are due May 15 for artists who would like to be considered to have an exhibit in the library in 2022. The library hosts about 20 exhibits each year, and we are always looking for new artists as well as welcoming back artists who have



Rachel Hancock's "Art with Heart" exhibit in the Georgetown Public Library features watercolors of historic Georgetown buildings. The work will be on display throughout May — Preservation Month — in the first floor Café Gallery. Prints are available, and profits from any sales will be donated to the Georgetown Main Street Facade & Sign Reimbursement Grant Program.

been active in the community previously. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/art/#art-proposals or call the library and ask for Dana Hendrix. I am always happy to help artists through the proposal process.

Last, but not least at all: the library is now open to the public Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for "grab and go" service, so patrons can browse the shelves, see the art, print wirelessly, pick up tax forms and check out materials. There are two hours each weekday when curbside pickup of reserved items is still available: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

It has been a joy to see both familiar and new faces coming into the library as we have gradually reopened the building. Behind our masks the staff are all smiling! We'll see you in the library.

What's going on inside the library?

Through May 27: City Staff Art Show, second floor Bridge and Hall galleries.

Through June 13: Rachel Hancock: Art with Heart exhibit, first floor Café Gallery.

Virtual library events

May 4, noon: Preservation Month

Tuesday Talks with Britin and Ann: Celebrate the 110th birthdays of the (fifth) Williamson County Courthouse and the Farmers State Bank (home to the Williamson Museum), with a look back at their histories.

May 11, noon: Preservation Month Tuesday Talks with Britin and Ann: Celebrate the 90th birthday of the historic Post Office building downtown and dive into the history of mail in Georgetown.

Through May 15: Open call for 2022 art exhibit proposals library.georgetown.org/art.

May 18, noon: Preservation Month Tuesday Talks with Britin and Ann: Celebrate the 130th birthday of the Mileham Building and the 135th birthday of 213 West Eighth Street, two of the oldest buildings in downtown.

May 25, Noon: Preservation Month Tuesday Talks with Britin and Ann: Celebrate the 125th birthday of the M.B. Lockett Building and the 120th birthday of the P.H. Dimmitt Building. Learn how these buildings got their names.

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

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May celebrates historic buildings

By KATHERINE ANTHONY

The historic buildings of downtown Georgetown — and the stories they tell us of the past — will be celebrated during May, National Preservation Month.

The annual month-long recognition of historic places and people is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In this year's recognition, the City of Georgetown's Planning, Public Library, and Economic Development departments are partnering with building and business owners to celebrate historic downtown's buildings as part of the recurring Tuesday Talks series.

"I look forward to celebrating Preservation Month each year because it's an opportunity for us to



The old Farmer's State Bank Building now houses the Williamson Museum.

look for new ways to highlight and share stories of the places that we value so much as a community," said Britin Bostick, Downtown and Historic Planner for the City of Georgetown.

"This year's building birthday parties are going to highlight some really fun aspects you may not have



The Evans building has sat on the Square since 1902.

noticed yet; so the next time you walk around downtown or visit a historic neighborhood, we hope you'll see a bit more of the layers of history that have created these truly special places."

Links to the meetings, as well as recordings for later viewing, will be online at historic.georgetown.org. Facebook Live events will be streamed at facebook.com/CityofGeorgetown.

Preservation Month events include an exhibit of historic building paintings at the Georgetown Public Library, a storytelling event at The Williamson Museum, and a tour at the historic IOOF Cemetery.

Preservation Month events in Georgetown include:

May, all month — Rachel Hancock: Art with Heart exhibit: watercolors of historic Georgetown buildings, Georgetown Public Library first floor Café Gallery, 402 W. Eighth St., Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5, through June 13. Prints are available; profits will be

donated to the Georgetown Main Street Facade & Sign Reimbursement Grant Program.

May 4 — Tuesday Talks & Building Birthday Party for Williamson County Courthouse and Williamson Museum, Facebook Live, noon

May 11 — Tuesday Talks & Building Birthday Party for the Old Post Office, Facebook Live, noon.

May 15 — Marking History with live costumed storytellers, Williamson Museum, 716 S. Austin Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

May 18 — Tuesday Talks & Building Birthday Party for the Mileham Building and 213 W. Eighth St., Facebook Live, noon.

May 22 — We Built This City Cemetery Tour, IOOF Cemetery, 1117 E. 7th St., Williamson Museum, 4-6 p.m.

May 25 — Tuesday Talks & Building Birthday Party for the M.B. Lockett and P.H. Dimmitt buildings, Facebook Live, noon.

June 3 — Main Street Breakfast Bites, Hidden Stories of Historic Georgetown, in-person at the Friends Room, Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., or virtually through Zoom (link available through registration), 8:30 a.m.

For more information about Preservation Month events, call 512-930-3581, email historic@georgetown.org or visit historic.georgetown.org.

Find out more about the National Trust for Historic Preservation at savingplaces.org.



Learn about hidden features on Gtown's historic buildings.