

# Arts and culture grant funding opportunity available

Round Rock Arts & Culture is offering grant funding opportunities for 501c3 arts and culture nonprofit organizations in Round Rock. The deadline is September 16; submit your request for an application to [artsandculture@roundrock-texas.gov](mailto:artsandculture@roundrock-texas.gov).



## ART SCAPES

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### Watercolor workshop

Barbara Nechis is leading a Watercolor Workshop September 19 to 21 hosted by Waterloo Watercolor organization.

Ms. Nechis comes from Napa Valley, California. Her work appears in over 40 books and publications, she has served as juror and board member of the American Watercolor Society, and her list of awards and accolades is extensive.

She is known for her fluid style and ethereal touch, as her art reflects the rhythm and beauty of life. She calls her style "abstract realism," and encourages her students to "Paint in watercolor loosely and freely, embracing the entire experience of nature while finding your own creative voice."

The workshop is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Riverbend campus, 4214 North Capital of Texas Highway in Austin. Visit [waterloowatercolor.org](http://waterloowatercolor.org) for more information and registration.

### Wilco Art Lab

Vendor Pop Up event "Haunt the Hall," is 2-8 p.m., October 8, at 410 West Seventh in Taylor.



Peggy Reeder's "Pears Trio" consists of a Bartlett, a Red Anjou and a Forelle pear fresh from the "Artist's Table" display at the San Antonio Botanic Garden during their Frida Kahlo exhibition in 2021.

### Mulligan's gallery

The Mulligan's Dine-In Gallery theme for September is "Still Life Images." The interesting images were created by the talents of 'Art Attack' members John Leek, Wes Odell and Peggy Reeder.

The images will be on display through September 27 at 150 Dove Hollow Trail.

### GT Art Center

The Georgetown Art Center is accepting submissions for the small works show featuring 12x12x12" creations. Entry deadline is September 31.

"Small Samplings" artworks will be on display from November 11 to December 22, with an artist reception 4-6 p.m., November 19.

The Art Center is located at 816 South Main Street.

"Protecting American" image by John Leek is a collection of military items from Dan Benz (Seventh Cavalry Hat and belt buckle, Vietnam), John Leek (Purple Heart Award), Vietnam needlepoint by Mr. Leek's mother and U.S. Flag and WWII dog tags from Mr. Leek's father.



Hill Country Photography Club meets the third Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Brookdale San Marcos North, 1720 Ranch Road 12 in San Marcos. The next meeting is September 15 providing the opportunity for members to show their current work to peers and receive

constructive criticism aimed at helping improve their skills.

### Deadline

- City Post Chop House mural application due September 16
- Round Rock Arts & Culture grants application due September 16
- Art Center "Small Samplings" due September 31

### Events

- Annual Arts Fest, Lakewood Park, Leander, September 17
- Round Rock Chalk Walk Festival, October 7-8
- Autumn Art Stroll, Georgetown Cultural District, 4-8 p.m., October 20
- 40th Anniversary Main Street Program, 4-8 p.m., October 21
- South Main Arts Festival 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., October 22
- Art Center "Small Samplings" reception 4 to 6 p.m. November 19

### Exhibits

- Randy Dykstra's photographs, Impressions Gallery through September 16
- Annual TSOS Sculpture Show,

- Library through September 16
- Greg Davis "Oaxacan Gold," Art Center through September 24
- Anca Thomas "Abstracts," Library through September 25
- Cindy Loos "Textiles = Art," Library through September 25
- "Still Life" images, Mulligan's through September 27
- Patrick O'Brien's "Color and Chrome," Georgetown City Hall through September 30
- Artist's Studio exhibit, TSU Round Rock through September 30
- Ellen Greeney "Water is Life," Museum, through September 30
- Annual Art Hop XV, Art Center & Library, September 30 to October 30
- Digital Art, Downtowner Gallery, September 14 to November 11
- Veteran's AVAFEST, Jester Annex through November 12
- "Small Samplings," Art Center from November 11 to December 22

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## Sandwiches with fruit, jam and cheese

A recent New York Times article, "Behold the Fruit Sandwich," extols Japanese "ripe, seasonal gems enrobed in cream and nestled between slices of milk bread."

Fruits were once a luxury in Japan. They were often bought for gifts or special occasions. Fruit shops opened near train stations and business districts in the early 1900s. Later, parlors were opened to serve fruit parfaits and short-cakes.

The 'fruit sando' probably started in Tokyo or Kyoto, where fruit shops were popular. In 1961 the owners of one bakery decided to cut their whipped cream and fruit sandwich diagonally, to better show off the filling. They patented this new way of cutting the sandwiches, as well as triangle sandwich wrappers.

During the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, the bakery let go of the patent in hopes more people would eat the triangle sandwiches at the games. The diagonal cut is now the norm with large chunks of fruit strategically placed for visual impact when the sandwich is sliced.

The Japanese fruit sando seems exotic, but jam sandwiches are quite commonplace. They are thought to have originated around the 19th century in the United Kingdom. In Scotland, they are known as 'pieces and jam', or 'jeely pieces.'

Queen Elizabeth II ate jam sandwiches every day since she was a toddler. Her former private chef, Darren McGrady, claims on his YouTube channel that the monarch favored a strawberry preserve made from fruits picked in her Balmoral Castle grounds in Scotland.

"The queen was served jam pennies in the nursery as a little girl. She's had them for afternoon tea ever since," he said.

The sandwiches, made from bread with a little butter and jam, are cut



## TASTES OF THE TOWN

Linda Dwyer

into circles the size of an old British penny.

I identify with the queen's preference for the sandwich of her youth.

One of my favorite lunches was cream cheese and grape jelly. My mother used Philadelphia cream cheese, which was perhaps the only brand at the time. The advantage of making the sandwich now is the availability of a more spreadable 'whipped' cream cheese.

Cream cheese was actually the product of a cooking mishap. In 1872, a dairyman from New York attempted to make European Neufchâtel cheese. He accidentally added way too much cream which resulted in a richer cheese. Philadelphia was widely considered the country's top spot for high-quality dairy and so the New York product took on the Philly name.

Jam and cream are simply a dream team. Danishes, turnovers, kolaches, puff pastries and coffee cakes all have cream cheese and jelly variations. Cheese cakes are often topped with fruit. Tea party recipes include the coupling in tiny sandwiches and in cookies. Perhaps the Japanese fruit and whipped cream sandwiches aren't that exotic after all!

A grownup combination of fruit and cream cheese is used in this super simple, familiar recipe.

### Cream Cheese and Jelly Appetizer

*8 ounces of cream cheese*

*Jelly, jam or preserves*

*Box of crackers*

Take a block of cream cheese and place it on a serving plate. Top cream cheese with jelly, jam, or preserves and surround with crackers.

\*To take the recipe up a notch use goat cheese, fig preserves and french bread slices.

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## Fall programming returns to the library

This fall the Georgetown Public Library is welcoming back some familiar programs, as well as introducing a few new ones.

This August we brought back our Adultish Game Night for Adults, which are held upstairs every Monday from 5-7 p.m. Attendees can check out the library's offerings of board games or bring their own to share with the group in this casual gathering of game enthusiasts. For those in the 12-18 age brackets, check out the Teen Game Night hosted on the first Tuesday of every month from 5-7 p.m. in the teen space. Teens are also invited to come watch anime and eat snacks at Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month from 5-6 p.m.

Need help with the Libby app so you can download ebooks? Having trouble backing up your phone to the cloud? Library staff will assist you with tech questions during Wired Wednesdays. This program returned last year in a limited capacity, but this month we are expanding to every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. on the second floor. Bring your questions, any passwords you may need, device and power cords.

This fall the library has also partnered with several different organizations that help us provide programs within their areas of expertise. The Williamson County Genealogical Society offers the Georgetown Genealogy Chat the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. This informal genealogy group gathers to discuss questions and challenges and share successes on your genealogical research journey. This group meets in the Texas History Room on the second floor of the library, located behind the reference desk.

On September 16, A Gift of Time will begin offering Camille's Memory Café in person at 10 a.m. the third Friday of every month. Memory Cafés are a comfortable, social gathering that allow people experiencing memory loss and loved ones to connect, socialize and build new support networks. Preregistration for this program is required as space is limited.

Similarly, the Capital of Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is offering a

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### At the Library

- September 12, 5 p.m.: Game Night for Adults
- September 14, 4 p.m.: Wired Wednesday
- September 14, 6:30 p.m.: GPL World Cinema: West Side Story (2021)
- September 15, 10 a.m.: Welcome to Medicare presented by Area Agency on Aging
- September 15, 11 a.m.: Fiber and Friends
- September 16, 10 a.m.: Camille's Memory Café Featuring Elvis (registration required)
- September 17, 2 p.m.: Ukraine Through the Eyes of Ukrainians Panel presented with Senior University (registration required)
- September 20, 2 p.m.: Live Music at the Library: Mark Shelton
- September 24: 2 p.m.: Round Rock Ballet Folklorico Performance
- September 28, 11 a.m.: Dementia Conversations with the Alzheimer's Association (registration required)
- October 4, 5 p.m.: Teen Game Night
- October 4, 6:30 p.m.: Williamson County Genealogical Society Georgetown Genealogy Chat

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series of classes on effective communication the fourth Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m. The Effective Communication Strategies program is designed to provide practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers. Preregistration is also requested for this program. Registration information can be found on the event listing at [library.georgetown.org/events-calendar](http://library.georgetown.org/events-calendar).

See you soon at the library!

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