

Library exhibits available with virtual viewing

Two wonderful artists, Sally Gradle and Leslie Kell, installed solo exhibits in November for visitors to the Georgetown Public Library to enjoy. Then, on Nov. 13, the library building was closed to the public to help slow the spread of Covid-19. In so many ways, 2020 has been a terrible year for the arts and for artists — canceled or closed exhibits are among the tragedies of the pandemic.

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But our local artists are a resilient and adaptable bunch, and both Gradle, a fiber artist, and Kell, whose work synthesizes design and photography, got to work and quickly found ways to make their current exhibits in the library accessible to the public. We hope you will get online and check them out.

Gradle, who combines her love of color and contemporary design with new ways to think about cloth, offers a video of her “Follow the Thread” exhibit, which features the use of upcycled materials, fabrics that are hand dyed using ancient dyeing techniques, and scrap creations in one-of-a-kind works. The exhibit will remain on the library walls through March 18 in the hope that the virus rates will subside and the building can again be open.



Santa Claus (Library Services Director Eric Lashley) is joined by Children’s Librarian Bethni King and Teen Librarian Margaret Lange at the library’s Dec. 18 virtual Winter Dance Party. Children joined the party virtually from their homes to dance to music performed by Austin-based children’s performer Staci Gray.

Sally Gradle’s “Follow the Thread” video can be viewed at bit.ly/sallygradle

Kell, who creates surreal artworks using an original technique, has listed her entire exhibit on her website so viewers can visit and even purchase the works online. Her “Come Closer” exhibit will also run through March 18. The exhibit features

artworks from Kell’s recent landscape-based collections.

Leslie Kell’s “Come Closer” exhibit pieces can all be seen at bit.ly/lesliekell

The library has recently welcomed two new librarians, Cataloger Becca Sexton and Teen Librarian Margaret Lange, both of whom will be better introduced in a future BiblioFiles column.

We’re very glad to have them both on board.

People will be celebrating differently this year, as are the library staff. In a typical year, we have a relaxed evening staff holiday party that includes a fun white elephant gift exchange and a potluck meal. This year, though, the library staff celebrated with socially distanced boxed lunch-

Calendar

For the holidays ahead, the library’s curbside pick-up of reserved materials will remain available every day except Dec. 24 and 25, and Jan. 1.

The Georgetown Public Library building remains closed to the public and the WOW!mobile is not running, but curbside pickup of previously reserved materials is available six days a week at the library:

Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–noon and 2–6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.–noon and 2–5 p.m.

For more information, go to library.georgetown.org or call 512-930-3551.

es — which most of us ate at our desks — with holiday music playing over the library building intercom. This year, things are not what we’d like them to be, but we take solace in knowing we’re keeping one another safe, and we know that next December we will get back to normal and appreciate it far more than we did before.

However you plan to celebrate, we wish you happy holidays and a very good beginning to 2021.

Dana Hendrix is the Adult Services Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library.

Recycle Christmas trees, boxes

City residents are encouraged to recycle Christmas trees, boxes and wrapping paper to reduce material going to the landfill. If you recycle your tree, please remove the tree stand and any garland, ornaments or lights. Artificial trees cannot be recycled.

Curbside pick-up

Texas Disposal Systems customers in the city limits can put Christmas trees

on the curb for collection on your regular yard trimmings pickup day. Trees seven feet in length or less can be placed at the curb uncut. Longer trees should be cut into sections. Artificial trees are not accepted.

Collection day

For city residents, your yard trimmings collection day is on your first recycling day of the month.

Georgetown solid waste

and recycling customers can check their collection days, sign up for text or email reminders, and find out how to sort your solid waste and recycling on Texas Disposal Systems’ Waste Wizard at texasdisposal.com/waste-wizard.

There is no solid waste or recycling collection on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Solid waste and recycling pick up slides one day to Saturday.

For more information,

visit georgetown.org.

Boxes, wrapping paper

Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper are recyclable. If they won’t fit in your recycling cart, you can put wrapping paper and boxes in a larger box and set it next to your recycling cart.

Ribbons and bows are not recyclable. Cellophane wrap and plastic bags are recyclable if they are placed in a yellow bag-the-bag, tied and placed inside the recycling cart. Bag-the-bag recycling bags are available for pick-up at the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave., Georgetown Public Library, 402

West Eighth Street, Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 North Austin Avenue, Sun City Social Center monitors desk, 2 Texas Drive, and the Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Road. Note that extra plastic bags next to your trash cart are not permitted without a bag tag.

Go to recycle.georgetown.org for a complete list of recyclables.

Christmas tree drop-off

Christmas trees will be accepted at the city’s Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive, from Dec. 26–Jan. 31 at no charge.

Normal fees apply to oth-

er items. Recycled Christmas trees are turned into mulch, which is available year-round, free-of-charge to City residents. The Transfer Station’s normal hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The Collection Station will close at noon Dec. 24 and be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. For details, contact Texas Disposal Systems at 512-930-1715.

The City of Georgetown also offers holiday string light recycling through Jan. 31 at three drop-off locations throughout Georgetown. For more information, visit bit.ly/3nt88Zh.

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Tape recorders top Christmas list

December 24, 1920

Election of the State Democratic ticket by a majority of approximately 130,000 is shown in the canvass of the returns of the November general election, completed today by the State Election Board. The total vote cast was 387,599. Figures include all state officers except Governor and Lieutenant Governor, returns for which are to be canvassed by the regular session of the Legislature, which convenes January 11, next.

The presidential vote of various parties in Texas was Democratic 289,688; Republican 115,640; Black and Tan 27,516; American 47,669; and Socialist 5,149.

Enactment of the Siegel reapportionment bill proposing an increase in the size of the house of representatives to 483 members so as to prevent any State losing a representative, is favored by a majority of the House Census Committee, Chairman Siegel declared today after an executive session of the committee. Representative Siegel hopes to have the reapportionment bill ready by mid-January.

The School Grounds — The playground of the Grammar school is inadequate for the number of pupils who use it. This fact is patent to anyone who pauses to watch the several hundred children who literally swarm out of the building at the noon hour. The pity of it all is that there is no

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more room adjacent to the building which can be acquired and the school officials must make the best of the small room they have. Through the indefatigable efforts of the teachers and the assistance of the Parent-Teachers Club, some playground equipment has recently been provided, but only by having recess in relays can it be utilized by all the pupils. The relay plan of recess may not have been instituted as a means of solving playground problems; it subserves other purposes primarily, but in no other way could the playground or the equipment accommodate the several hundred kiddies who must find relaxation in playing during the day. We wish to compliment the pupils and teachers, however, on the cleanliness of the playgrounds. The School Board

December 22 & 25, 1977

Georgetown sales tax sees dramatic gain in '77; \$209,707,000 so far; \$153,855,000 in all of '76

December 22 & 26, 2004

Year In Review: 1. Prop 12 — to freeze property taxes for over 65 and/or disabled. 2. County Attorney race embodies hardball politics, Duty and McTigue 3. Lawsuits against Sheriff Maspero last all year. 4. New GISD superintendent Joe Dan Lee leaves his mark. 5. Drug-testing introduced to GISD students 6. Voters say yes to looser liquor laws 7. Landfill expansion sore point for Hutto residents 8. Bonds signal new life for new library and reno of community center/rec center 9. Grant allows courthouse restoration 10. Community clinic gains federal status, adds dental and mental health services.

Dear Santa Claus, I love you very much Santa and I want a Jaws game and a picture of you. Love, Hyla Hundley

Dear Santa, I won't a tape recorder, an a farset horse, an a Radio, an a Baby that-a-way I like all your randeres How are you Have a happy Christmas day' How is Rudolph Love, Kimberly Kimbro

December 19 & 23, 2012

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