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### June Birthdays

Linda Brannen  
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## On-going Art Classes

MONDAY	TUES/WED	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI
<b>Patsy Supak</b> 979- 277-2170 Oil Class 10:00-2:00  Contact Patsy for Space availability	<b>Karen Vernon</b> <u>Tuesday only, 10am</u> 305-389-9748 kvernonart@aol.com (Call to register)  <b>Sara Parker (Tu/Wd)</b> 979-830-3443 Drawing Class 4:00-5:00pm	<b>Tina Szajko</b> 281-543-9680 Class time is now 11am-3pm for the summer months.	<b>Jane McKinley</b> 979-885-9259 Watercolor Critique Class (Some prior watercolor exper- ience needed) 9:30 - 2:00pm Contact Jane	<b>Sherry Killingsworth</b> <b>Pastel Classes</b> <b>(Will resume in the</b> <b>fall- see note below)</b>  <b>Paint-in</b> <b>BFAL studio</b> <b>Studio Time:</b> <b>10:00 -2 PM</b> <b>BFAL Studio</b> <b>Fee \$3</b>

CONTACT TEACHERS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

# News and Events



## The BFAL Demo on Monday June 15

We will get a treat this month from the winner of a 1st and 2nd place ribbon plus Best Floral in the recent BFAL/LSAG show. New member, **Jennifer Pergande**, will be sharing her process for finding inspiration and arranging her botanical still life compositions to create a work using both oils and acrylics. She is inspired by her own garden, all of nature, and her personal memories. Her artwork harkens to the elegant French and Flemish still life works but is contemporary and modern as well. Her award winning paintings are below and both have been sold to collectors since the competition. The top one is called "Golden Pear".



## LSAG SHOW- June 11-13

### How can BFAL members help?

**Please volunteer!** Even one hour of your time can make a tremendous difference in the success of a show this large. Click on this link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t0gQlpvfEFRIMEu8JHnTF\\_QbLkOgMt53/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106983295884927906723&rt\\_pof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t0gQlpvfEFRIMEu8JHnTF_QbLkOgMt53/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106983295884927906723&rt_pof=true&sd=true)

and find a slot that is open. Then phone Donna Rogers at 936-203-2966 and she will fill your name into that slot.

Your support will help the success! **Don't miss it!**

### Lunch June 15 Host / Hostesses

**Becky McWhorter**  
**Cheryle Hrachovy**  
**Tetyana Aleksenko**  
**Bren Hardt**  
**Jennifer Pergande**  
**Donna Royer**

BFAL members doing demos:

- Karen Vernon
- Cynthia Hanks
- Bruce Varley
- Manny Boudreaux
- Jennifer Pergande
- Sherry Killingsworth

**Full schedule is in attachment to email.**

# Featuring BFAL Members



Shawn Daniels specializes in wood turned pieces. He says *"I do segment turning as well as irregular shaped and salted pieces like the one in the picture that I'm holding."*

Shawn has been doing turning for 6 1/2 years which he says is a short time. He likes to try new materials and new techniques and enjoys the exploration and discovery of the art form. His workshop is at his home in Carmine. He shows his work at DAG and at Farmers Markets and art festivals.

Debbie Witt just came back to art after a 25 year hiatus and is very appreciative of the opportunity to be part of BFAL and DAG. She loves painting almost every subject and tries to group things in collections. Debbie says *"I am looking forward to what the Lord has in store because He's brought me into the gallery and I am meeting a group of wonderful people."* She says *"This pastel painting I named 'Just Chilling'. I loved his expression as it says to me he is very relaxed, comfortable and happy there."*



The photo to the left, "Meteor over Bristlecone Pine", was selected for **Plantasia: A Botanical Art Show**, held May 16, 2026 from 6-10pm at Hardy and Nance Studios, 902 Hardy St., Houston, Texas 77020. Congratulations to Michael Mallory, [michaelmalloryfineart@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmalloryfineart@gmail.com)

# DOWNTOWN ART GALLERY

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**Summer is here and the gallery will be joining other downtown merchants by participating in the yearly Summer Sip on June 5 from 4-8 pm. Jana and Sandy have volunteered to help serve our Summer Breeze Punch that night. The gallery receives a lot of exposure as several hundred guests attend this event.**

**Our three new gallery members, Diana Dusek, Jana Jennings and Debbie Witt have been working the desk and have just submitted artwork for the May changeout. Please take time to familiarize yourself with their work. We had a successful changeout day thanks to the help of Ed H., Mike, Judy, Marchita, Charles, Manny and Patsy. Thank you for your time and effort!**

**The gallery will also participate in the Where's Waldo event sponsored by the Book Nook. Children will search to find the Waldo character in the gallery and receive a credit (worker will initial card) when they do so. These credits make participants eligible for Book Nook drawings and prizes. Again, the gallery receives good exposure by our participation.**

**At the May meeting, Patsy addressed the issue of a slowdown in revenue the gallery has been experiencing. Unfortunately, gallery traffic is slowing due to the rising cost of living which lowers discretionary spending funds. The majority of our customers are visitors and fewer people are traveling and making day trips due to the rising price of gas, etc. Please keep this in mind when placing artwork for sale in the gallery—the price point at which most of the artwork is selling seems to be in the \$75-\$100 range. We are selling some artwork at higher price points but not as much as in the past several years. We are also experiencing competition for those discretionary dollars from the additional new shops in the downtown area. Our strength is that we display such a wide variety of wonderful artwork at reasonable prices. We encourage all of our amazing artists to keep producing quality art while taking the aforementioned information into consideration.**

**Regards,  
Katherine Reyna  
President, Downtown Art Gallery**