

# Brenham Fine Arts League

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Mon - Sat: 10AM - 5 PM  
Sundays: 11 AM - 3 PM

## BFAL Board of Directors 2025

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(new)

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## January Birthdays

Maxx Branham

Cheryle Hrachovy

Jana Jennings

Karen Marler

Sara Parker

Norma Richter

Dee Turner

Gwen Watson



## New Member:

**Karen Marler**

## On-going Art Classes

### MONDAY

**Patsy Supak**  
979- 277-2170  
Oil Class  
10:00-2:00

Contact Patsy  
for Space  
availability

### TUES/WED

**Karen Vernon**  
Tuesday only, 10am  
305-389-9748  
kvernonart@aol.com  
(Call to register)

**Sara Parker (Tu/Wd)**  
979-830-3443  
Drawing Class  
**4:00-5:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY

**Tina Szajko**  
281-543-9680  
Portrait Class  
9:00-12:00  
**Advanced only**  
12:30-3:30 General  
painting: All  
levels/mediums  
Drop-ins welcome

### THURSDAY

**Jane McKinley**  
979-885-9259  
Watercolor Class  
9:30 - 2:00pm

Contact Jane for  
space availability

### FRI

**Sherry Killingsworth**  
Pastel Classes  
(Resumes in Feb.)  
**Paint-in**  
**BFAL studio**  
**Studio Time:**  
**10:00 -2 PM**  
**BFAL Studio**  
**Fee \$3**

CONTACT TEACHERS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR & ADDITIONAL INFO

**Message from Sherry Killingsworth:** There will be 4 classes total, once a month, on the second Friday. Skipping January we'll meet February - May 2026 (February 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8).

The classes will be set up like before, starting at 10:30am - 1pm with a step by step demo. \$25 per class with a \$3 studio payment to BFAL.

Please let Sherry know you are interested: [sakillingsworth@gmail.com](mailto:sakillingsworth@gmail.com). 5 or more are needed.

## Christmas Party 2025 Highlights

Brenham High School Chorus, directed by Lauren Shelton, did a beautiful program. Santa is Lawrence Greer, a staff member at Cannery Kitchen. The elf who is Mark Reyna. Joan Rothermel, holding a Poinsettia, got honorary member award.

With Santa are costume winners Karen Gardner as "Ghost of Christmases Past" and Becky McWhorter as the Poinsettia Lady. Jane McKinley held the meeting.



**BFAL short meeting  
January 19  
CHANGE OUT DAY  
Board provides lunch  
at 11:30am**



## Get To Know New BFAL Members

**T.W. 'Pops' Vanya has spent over 50 of his 72 years painting and drawing. Graphite, charcoal, conte crayon, oils, occasionally acrylic and sometimes wood and clay for 2D activities.**

**His career has not always followed the way of the artist; a Houston Police Officer, as delivery boat crew in the yachting industry, a cabinet maker, an iron worker, a life guard and a few other pursuits along the way lead interestingly enough, to the world of western art.**

**He makes his home in the rural community of Somerville in central Texas. He has the luxury of living close to the cattle, horses, ranches and cowboys he loves to portray. Since he lives in Texas, home of the most beautiful women in the world, he never runs short of the models he loves to feature in his figurative works.**

**Most days one can find him working in the studio he built next door, painting, drawing or photographing models for his figurative works, or out in a pasture or in the working pens of a neighbors ranch, sketching horses, cowboys, and cattle, gathering the necessary references he needs for the lifelike and detailed paintings he produces. He spends one or more days a week teaching, sharing his skills with students.**

**Pops is fond of saying "...a day without art is not a day!"**

