

Brenham

Fine Arts League

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Mon-Sat: 10AM - 5 PM

Sundays: 11 AM - 3 PM

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(new)

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January Birthdays

Maxx Branham

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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. 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!"

