

BPAC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – February 9, 2024

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Fall and Winter Recap:

- Nov. 4, 2023: We hosted a craft class 12:00 -1:30 with instructor Karen Kaiser who presented a Fall Collage class.
- November 17, 2023: Our Red Chair Lecture on was a presentation by UNT Special Collection Director, Morgan Geringer who drew a crowd of 30 attendees in conjunction with a display of historic branding irons from the collection. This collection has not been publicly displayed for over 30 years. We are talking to the Special Collections of extending the loan for a year (there is still art display space on the walls above the branding irons). We also had a hands-on demonstration afterwards around the campfire where we heated some irons and branded the marks on wood.
- December 2023 and January 2024 first Saturday art classes: Did not make, but our upcoming February 3, 2024, Valentine's Workshop class already has participants signed up.
- We are continuing into the spring with the first Saturday art classes ages 15 to adult from 12:00 - 1:30 pm Fee \$25 to \$30 depending on the project.
- Our Saturday sketch group continues to meet each Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 pm. It is open to the public with a theme each week.
- Hill College instructor, Karen Kaiser, has put together a great system for kid's arts and crafts at our festival events. Karen puts out at least 5 different crafts, with all the prepared materials, examples and easy to follow instructions. Families can work alongside their little ones. The farm has provided volunteers to oversee traffic flow and clean up. Karen provided materials for Fall Fest and Christmas on the Farm and plans to continue to volunteer in the future.

Upcoming art programs:

- Brad and Kay Smith with Tilt Vision Art will be hosting workshops on Saturday afternoon 1:00 to 4:00 pm on January 27th, February 24th and March 23rd 2024. Three different artists will be presenting topics of learning to find your inner peace while creating abstracts, Graffiti Grove with Travis Avila, Mural Magic with Brad Smith.
- First Saturday Art class on February 3, 2024, Valentine's Workshop; 12:00 – 1:30 pm; Fee \$25.00
- First Saturday Red Chair Lecture March 2, 2024, 4:00 pm Annabelle Massey Art Exhibit and Reception.
- First Saturday Show Me How Fair April 6, 2024, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- First Saturday Art Class May 4, 2024, 12:00 – 1:30 pm Ages 15 to Adult Fee: \$30