



**APRIL, 2025**

# Palette Patter

*The Purpose of Canyon Lake Art Guild, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, shall be to encourage, develop and promote creative artists; to educate and stimulate the community toward a general interest in the arts; to sponsor a charitable art scholarship for a Canyon Lake area high school senior and to contribute towards the enhancement of Canyon Lake as a cultural arts center.*



There is nothing quite like a spring day. The kind of day where Golden hour describes the better part of the day. There is still a hint of a crisp breeze in the air, and the subtle scent of honey from the agarita blooms. The shadows cast by the leaves dance in such a way as to give you that nostalgic feeling of childhood days gone by... And it leaves a Lasting Impression - to coin a phrase by Kathy Perales.

We got a call from Dad today. He was headed out to fill the feeders with us. We rode over in the mule with our Labs - Grit & Grace. As Dad tears open the bag, I can smell the grain. It takes me back for a second to the days we picked up hay and feed from Ernie's in Cibolo in the 70's. Then I am back to the here and now. We are all standing around the tailgate catching up on what is new with who. More often than not I can count on dad for a

pearl of wisdom or two. It usually comes in incomplete sentences. I never cease to be amazed at the matter-of-fact delivery.

So far I have written about some pretty warm and fuzzy topics. From our amazing volunteers, to warm receptions for members. However, sometimes being president presents some tricky decisions too. Being on the board is a fiduciary responsibility- In My Humble Opinion. As to be expected, we do our best to consider all the wants and needs of each member with the terms we agreed to with the IRS when we applied for 501c3, and our by-laws.

Canyon Lake Art Guild is as much for fun as a non-profit organization, but it doesn't mean we have to be for loss. There are operating expenses such as storage, hospitality, office & exhibition supplies, website fees, post office box, scholarship, meeting hall reservation donation, sales tax, Chamber of Commerce & GNBAC memberships and more. Our primary sources of income are member dues, fundraisers such as Taste & Talent, dona-

tions and dividends—and these have a “ratio” we aim to adhere to. Many of you have given me some great fundraiser ideas, and we hope to begin focusing on just that in the near future. The more we raise, the more comfortably we can operate, contribute to the arts community, and to the scholarship fund! As always, all records are available upon request.

If you attended the March meeting, you heard just some of the wins under our belt for 2025. In the coming months if you see a subtle shift or change, know that it is in my prayers that God guide my head, heart and hands in everything I do... And that we are always looking for volunteers!

As for dad’s advice, it’s a family secret. 😊

Let’s continue getting down to the business of lifting each other up!

PS. A Great Big Thank you to Liz Tashakori, Carla Yager, Carm’on Brittain, Tracy Fortune, Diane Schaule, Marilyn Good and all the volunteers and artists who helped make Taste & Talent, Spring at Wildflour, Lasting Impressions, and our community displays STELLAR!

Volunteer positions: Fundraiser committee, 1 VP, Palette Patter and 1 person to do an art demo for Friends at TPML.

*Shell Fitzpatrick*



CLAG is a proud member of the  
**Canyon Lake  
Chamber of Commerce.**

**Shelly Borgfeld Fitzpatrick**

responded to their call for photos for the Visitors Guide, and her photo "God Bless River Rd, USA" was selected for the 2025 cover. The guide will be available to the public soon.

Congratulations to Shell—  
Our very own President!

**Canyon Lake Art Guild (Corrected Wed. 26th) General Meeting**  
**March 12, 2025 Tye Preston Memorial Library, 12:40 p.m.**

**President, Shell Fitzpatrick:**

The meeting began at 12:00 at the Tye Preston Memorial Library with the blessing given by Clark Fitzpatrick. Thanks were given for the lunch ladies who served corned beef and cabbage. There is a tip jar for their reimbursement. Shell explained the signup sheets on the white board- There are various cards for members to sign (sympathy, get well) posted on the whiteboard, she also pointed out the Power Point on the television. Final call for Split the Pot was called. Shell announced many accomplishments of the board so far 2025: Conflict of interest forms signed by board. 501c3 IRS online course completed. Inventory completed. Financial audit completed. Have business cards and more on the way for display committee, as well as updated trifold brochure. Election set for the fall. Three videos: CTRN, Welcome to CLAG, and Prep Art. Taste and Talent success, Lasting Impressions up next. Plan B 2026 is St Frances- misunderstanding on dates to be remedied with Maury. Birthday texts and hospitality cards are going out. Plot twist- we have positions to fill: Positions to be filled 1vp, Palette Patter, fundraiser committee.

**Secretary, Ellyn Hickey:**

Ellyn was absent. Reminder: minutes are on the CLAG website under the heading NEWS.  
Call Committee: No report

**First V.P., Diane Parker:**

Beth McCash will be April's demonstrator.  
Diane Parker introduced the demo Gina Eby.

**Second V.P., Liz Tashakori:**

Liz encouraged members to participate and attend Lasting Impressions. March 30 is the reception and awards event. The reception begins at 1:30 and awards will be given out at 2:30. Submission day for L.I. was explained. The judge will be Margaret Craig.

Also, said we need demo volunteers for Friends of the Library fundraiser. Submit your ideas to Liz Tashakori.  
The field trip in June is to the new Meow Wolf in Houston called Radio Tave.

Chamber of Commerce Mural: Need more submissions for the mural painting group project.

Taste and Talent: Marilyn Good reported on Taste and Talent. CLAG brought in aprox \$1,140 and \$755 to FRIENDS of TPML\* Marilyn Good said she has tax forms for those who wish to claim a deduction on their taxes for their donations from Taste and Talent.

**Treasurer, Mary Mlarkar:**

CLAG has a completed operational and Lasting Impressions budget, Taste and Talent P&L, inventory, and all obligations are paid.

Finance Committee: Annual audit has been completed by Carla Yager, Adette Irish, Karen Frazier, and Mitch Cook.

Hospitality: Ellyn Hickey (absent) Sandra Brenkis thanked everyone for help with the lunch.

Membership: Susan Calafrancesco, Alicia Lund, Karen Frazier. About 45 members in attendance.

Scholarship: Nancy Ellis. The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient on March 30 at our Lasting Impressions art show.

Nancy Swift asked why we need to have a fundraiser as CLAG is a nonprofit organization. The answer was that the guild needs to finance Lasting Impressions and the scholarship.

Mary and Shell will meet with Edward Jones in April for a financial health check.

**Community Outreach Committee:**

**Displays:** Send Photos to Ann Cook pics for website, Dyan Lee for newsletter, and Shell Fitzpatrick for social media.  
Tracy Fortune manages Wildflour North and reported that there is an Spring Art Fest at the restaurant on March 19.

CLAG members can display their art. Display is full so no sign up sheet on white board.

Carla Yager is hanging art at Brookshire Bros. and Prosperity Bank.

Carm'on is hanging art at the library on April 8 and needs art from members.

**Parliamentarian, Adette Irish:** Called to fill 1 VP, Palette Patter and Fundraiser committee

**Kathy Perales M@Large** spoke and gave a bit of CLAG history, invited members to reach out to her with any questions.

Kathy asked about interest in bringing back the printed directory aka yearbook.

**Susan Calafrancesco Membership** stood in for Ann Cook. She announced guests and split the pot \$31.50. Aprox 45 in attendance.

**Secretary, Ellyn Hickey**

Thank you to Carla Yager and Diane Parker for taking the minutes in Ellyn H.'s absence.

Gina Eby was today's demonstrator. Members may participate in making a lino print. (About twenty members participated).

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Parker and Ellyn Hickey

2025  
Standing Committees

Become a volunteer in 2026!  
Consider gifting The Guild the Blessing of  
Your Unique Strength and Skillset.  
Your Talent Will be Put to Good Use in an  
Organization Where it Will be Appreciated.

Exec BOARD Nominations October, Elections  
November,  
Installation December for 2025

CLAG has 36+ Volunteer Positions:

President  
1 VP Help wanted- Fall 2025  
2 VP  
Treasurer  
Parliamentarian  
Secretary  
Member at Large (2)

Communications (overseen by First VP Diane P)  
Call Committee - Ellyn Hickey Call coord.- HELP WANTED  
Emails - Kathy Perales  
Historian - Debbie Howard  
Newsletter - Dyan Lee HELP WANTED FALL 2025  
Social Media - Shell Fitzpatrick  
Webmaster - Ann Cook  
Photographer - Marilyn Brinker, and Debbie Alvarado

Community Outreach  
(overseen by Second VP Liz Tashakori)  
Community Displays - Carla Yager  
Wildflour North Tracy Fortune  
Library Displays - Carm'on Brittain  
NEW! FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE- HELP WANTED 2025  
Artist Demo for Friends TPML 2025

Finance (overseen by Treasurer Mary Mlaker)  
Hospitality - Sandra Brenkis  
Membership - SEE Ann Cook  
Susan Calfrancesco, Karen Frazier, Alicia Lund  
Scholarship - Nancy Ellis & Sondra von Gyllenband



# Community Display

Just a reminder to the artists bringing their works to TPML April 8th for the "Spring is Here" show... can't wait to make everyone happy that winter's on its way out!

Small, medium, or large, just bring your work (wire hangers only) To the library on **Tuesday, April 8th between the hours of 10am to 1pm!**

The time no longer is 10-2 because Tracy needs time to hang her displays at Wildflower from 1 to 3.

Happy Springing! *Carmi' on Brittain*

830-262-3143 or text

Art change out day for **Prosperity Bank** is 10:00 am and **Brookshire Brothers** is 10:30 - 12:30

on Monday April 7th. *Carla Nager*



Coming SOON

## A MURAL

What an Exciting opportunity!

The Chamber would like a mural on the side of their new building.

Something people will simply have to take a picture in front of.

6.5'x16'

Submit **DESIGN** ideas to

Liz Tashakori

[Liz.Tashakori@yahoo.com](mailto:Liz.Tashakori@yahoo.com)

281.728.8140

&

Kim Collora CLCC

[Director@canyonlakechamber.com](mailto:Director@canyonlakechamber.com)



## WILFLOUR NORTH ART SHOW ON MARCH 19TH

The restaurant provided free appetizers and there were a lot of people looking. Marilyn and Elizabeth seemed to always have a customer!



Liz Tashakori



Robert Mitch Cook



Leeann Green



Cindy Boyle



Diane Parker



Barbara Anderson



Betty Smith



Dana Hunt



Elizabeth Ferriby



Susan Calafrancesco



Brandi Wickenhuser



Tracy Fortune



Tracy Fortune



Paula Dayoub-Schneider & Roxanne Markline



Kevin Johnson



Marilyn Good

# YOUR Art on 12 Gallery & Studios

**You are invited to participate!**  
**Call for Artists to Exhibit at Art on 12**  
**April-May 2025**

Venue: Art on 12 Gallery, 13811 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas

Exhibit Dates: April 5 - May 20, 2025

Submission Date: Wednesday, April 2, 11 am to 5 pm, on a first come first served basis.

You may fill out the form and mail it along with a check to hold a space.

Make check payable to Art on 12

Reception: Saturday, April 12, 5 pm to 7 pm

Pick up unsold artwork: Wednesday, May 21, 11 am to 5 pm

Eligibility: Open to all artists

Gallery fee: **\$40** (up to 3 pieces)

Art on 12 retains 30% commissions on sales.

**Show guidelines and entry form** available on the Art on 12 website.

[Link to show information](#)

Website: [arton12.com](http://arton12.com)

# PLOT TWIST



We have had many wins so far in 2025 and although we announced that we were fully staffed 2025, the opportunity to volunteer has availed itself 2025!

These are the positions we are calling for volunteers to fill:

**1 VP 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** Shall preside in the absence of the President; shall provide monthly programs and/or workshops for the general membership meetings and shall actively assist the Communications Standing Committee. (December Party). Start as late as September.

## **Communications** (overseen by First Vice President)

Call Committee - Elyn Hickey, Coordinator

Emails - Kathy Perales

Historian - Debbie Howard

Newsletter - Dyan Lee Help wanted

Social Media - Shelly Fitzpatrick (Facebook)

Webmaster - Ann Cook

Photography - Marilyn Brinker, Debbie Alvarado

## **Fundraiser Committee** (special)

For the purpose outlining and facilitating fundraising initiatives within 501c3 guidelines for board approval.

## **Friends/ TPML Demo- Artist demo for TPML**

Contact Liz if you would like to present an art Demo at TPML.

## **Publisher of the Palette Patter**

This person shall call for submissions to be submitted no later than the 25th of the month, will assemble the newsletter, then share with Kathy to email blast on the 1st. Start as late as September. Dyan is willing to train and has suggestions for a new look!

## CHICKEN AND SPINACH CASSEROLE

2 Cups	Torn white Bread
	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
	Salt and Pepper
4 Cups	Packed Flat Leaf Spinach
1 Medium	Yellow Onion, chopped
1 Clove	Garlic, minced
1/4 Cup	Dry White Wine (If not using wine, chicken broth can be used)
2 Tbsp	All-purpose Flour
1-1/2 Cups	Half-and-Half
1/2 Tsp	Freshly Squeezed Lemon Juice
1 Cup	Shredded Rotisserie Chicken (Leftover Chicken can also be used)

Preheat oven to 450. In a medium bowl, combine the torn bread pieces with 1 Tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil, season with salt and set aside.

In a medium pot, heat 1-1/2 Tsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil over medium-high heat. Add the spinach, season with salt. Cook stirring, until wilted, about 2-3 minutes. Transfer to a colander, let it cool, then squeeze out as much water as possible. Coarsely chop the spinach and set aside.

Wipe out the pot and heat 1-1/2 Tsp of Extra Virgin Olive Oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic, then season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft, add flour and cook, stirring for about 45-60 seconds. Gradually whisk in the half and half and lemon juice bringing the mixture to a low boil and slightly thickening.

Remove from heat and stir in chopped spinach and chicken. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer the mixture to a 2-quart baking dish and top with the bread pieces. Bake until bread is golden brown and the mixture is bubbling, about 10-15 minutes.

This casserole can be made a day ahead in the casserole dish (without the bread) covered in plastic wrap and refrigerated. Top with the bread before baking.

## **Beth McCash**—Art demonstration at this month's meeting.

We'll make garden stakes for \$25 each.

Per Beth—"Creating is such a passionate experience for me. When I'm painting or working with fused glass, my fascination with color, shapes and textures takes over and I get lost in the process.." Her work is about seeing the ordinary things in life, having fun, deconstructing them, and then reimagining them into a new artistic creation. "I like to paint outside the lines and break rules with my art. Never content, I'm always pushing my creative boundaries. It keeps art and life exciting!" She agrees with Picasso that "Art washes away from the soul, the dust of every day life."

Creating a design with shapes of colored glass that she then fires. Here are some Garden Stakes.

Thank you Diane Parker for inviting this exciting artist to share her talent with us.



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## Next CLAG Meeting

Tye Preston Memorial Library

16311 South Access Road, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH**

**at NOON**



### Lunch in April

*Apricot glazed Chicken thighs,  
oven roasted potatoes,  
vegetables, salad and dessert -*



**WOW!!!**