



# Palette Patter

**DECEMBER, 2024**

*"Our mission is to support members in their creative endeavors and to promote the visual arts in the Canyon Lake area"*



May we all be Blessed with good health, good fortune, and good friends!

It has been my privilege and joy to serve as president of this fine organization these past few years! Together our guild has worked to accomplish our mission "to support members in their creative endeavors and to promote visual arts in Canyon Lake"! The promotion and involvement of the children's book published this year is an excellent example of this accomplishment; along with the growing number of CLAG members and the community display venues, that so many participate in, to showcase the talent here at Canyon Lake. Each of you, by "coloring our world", are the bloodline of this mission. It has

been an awesome experience to assist and be part of this promotion of talented artists in monthly meetings, community art displays & festivals, and our annual Lasting Impressions Art Show!

Thank you to the many committee chairs for your participation in our Art Guild's function and operation! Each task is vital to our success and our guild can not survive without each of your commitments in tackling the many details needed to keep us growing! I encourage other members to volunteer for a committee task to assist, promote and support this fine "village" that we are all a part of. It is such a



rewarding feeling to be an active part of this fine organization!!

Each of you make my heart smile with your friendship, creative talents and zest for life! Thank you!!

**"Keep Coloring Our World!"**

*Adette Irish* - CLAG Prez 2023-2024

**OUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2025**

**President: Shelly Borgfeld Fitzpatrick**

**1st Vice President: Diane Parker**

**2nd Vice President: Liz Tashakori**

**Secretary: Ellyn Hickey**

**Treasurer: Mary Mlarkar**

**Parliamentarian: Adette Irish**

**At Large: Debbie Howard and Kathy Perales**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Cheryl Wooten** won First Place in

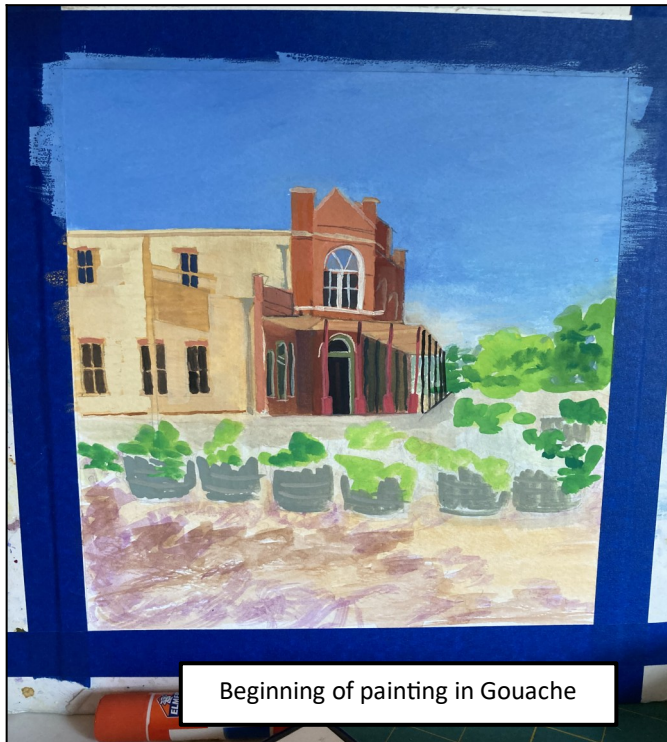
Watercolor in the  
New Braunfels Art League's

**Artoberfest Show.**

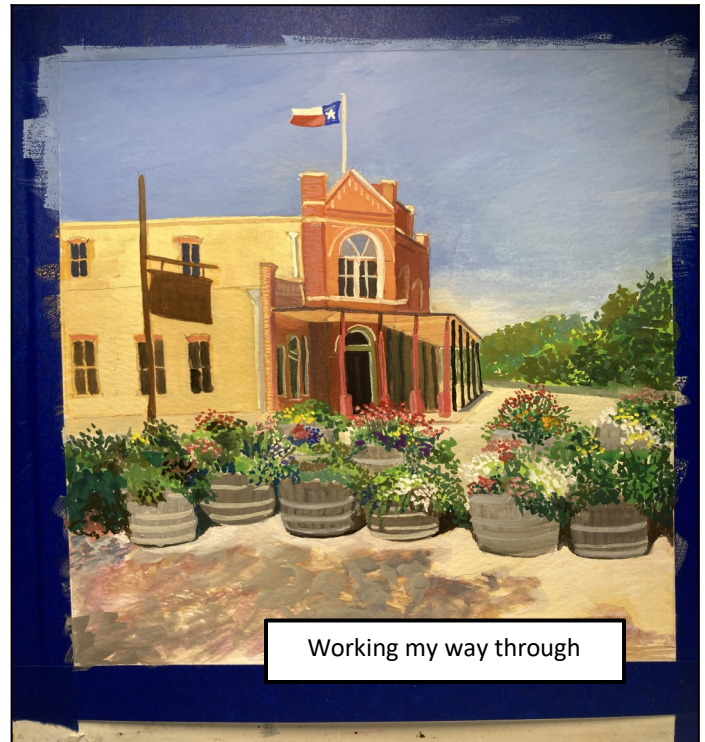




From **Gretchen Schleyer**— working on a painting of Mozie’s from start to finish in Gouache. “Took me a longer time to learn to spell the medium than to paint the picture!”



Beginning of painting in Gouache



Working my way through



Finished painting in Gouache.  
Well worth the patience  
and time spent.  
“Mozie”  
By Gretchen Schleyer

## Shell Borgfeld Fitzpatrick —our Nominee for President of the Guild for 2025

A warm “Hello” and “Thank you” for the opportunity to (re)introduce myself.

It has been a joy to be a member of The Art Guild since 2013. Some of you may recall I served as President in 2016 & 2015, and as Treasurer in 2014. My medium is photography although I have every intention of expanding into digital art, watercolor, and oil when I “retire”. My most recent production is “A Dam Book. A Collection of Pfotos, Pfiction, and Occasional Pfacts. Canyon Lake, Texas.”

After meeting my husband in 2017, I took a few years off to focus on our marriage. I also spent some time focusing on health as during my last term as president I was diagnosed with MS.

Recently I decided it was time to go back to a position of service. As Adette pointed out, there is always a place for members to volunteer!

A little about us: You get the two for one with me as my husband, Clark, and I do everything together.

Clark is retired USAF. I previously owned a mom and pop residential construction business, now we own a Real Estate Brokerage (See Shell Realty Group, LLC) and a photography business (Shell Schatzi Photography ). We also do ranch management. In our “spare time” we enjoy RV travel, DIY projects, flower gardens, binge watching crime series/history, and our two yellow labs Grit and Grace. I believe my strengths are organization, understanding policy & procedure, technology, tenacity and understanding the value of relationships. I truly enjoy supporting roles and can assist the board behind the scenes.

My goal as president would be to uphold the mission of CLAG, carry on the fine job our predecessors have done, and help every individual, through the guild, grow and reach their full artist potential.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all those who are currently or have previously volunteered. A special note of appreciation to the Lunch Divas! If you haven’t already, I hope you 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. Many hands make light work.

Hopefully that gives you all some insight as to who I am, and how I can best serve the Art Guild with God guiding my head, heart and hands in all that I touch.

I can’t wait to see what amazing and beautiful things you create in 2025!



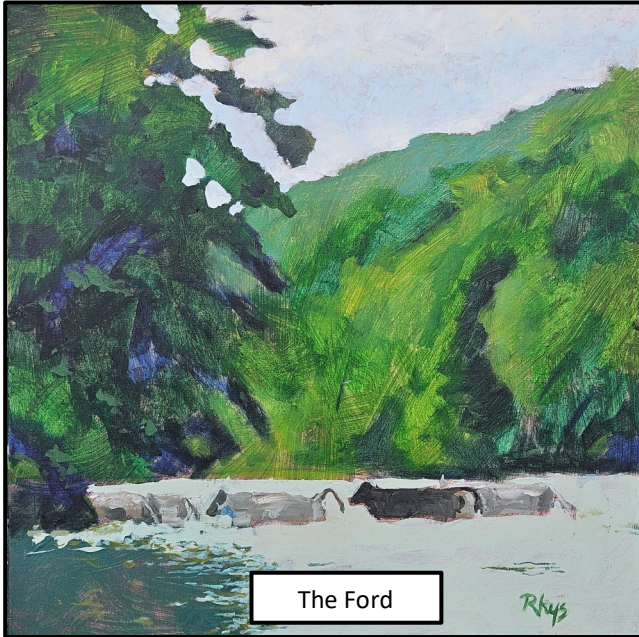
Warm regards,

*Shell Borgfeld Fitzpatrick*



**George Rhys** has six of his 20 x 20 inch Texas landscapes hanging in the fireplace room at Huisache Grill. These paintings feature scenes on the Colorado River near Smithville, in Kerrville, near Wimberley, and in Canyon Lake. Also at Huisache are half a dozen 9 x 12's at the booths. Stop in and take a look.

George also publishes a blog every week (or so) at *Georgerhys.com*. Readers find it thought-provoking and interesting. Worth looking at!



**Local Artists Help Promote Water Conservation.** The work of two local artists, **Dyan Lee** and **Terry McCaffrey**, will be appearing on bumper stickers to reinforce awareness that water is a precious resource, no longer to be taken for granted. Two different designs, with a similar message - SAVE WATER - were selected among numerous contest entries. This is a project of **Comal Water Research**, a local group concerned about the water demands of our rapidly expanding population during this prolonged period of drought. The magnetic bumper stickers will be available soon, free to those who wish to help spread the message.

Below is the bumper sticker designed by Dyan Lee.







## CLAG's New Artwork Exhibition Space Wildflour North

Exciting news! Canyon Lake Art Guild artists have the opportunity to brighten the walls of a spacious new restaurant. Wildflour North Artisan Bakery & Grill (formerly Roberts on the Lake) recently opened. It is located at 20884 FM 306, Canyon Lake, a bit west of Brookshire Brothers. The first artworks went up in July and already six paintings have sold.

### Want to take part? Here are some details.

- the art on display will be switched out four times per year. (Oct, Jan, April and July)
- artwork should have a Hill Country flair (local landscapes, flowers, plants, wild life, ranch animals, music, etc.)
- each artist may bring 3-4 artworks
- all artworks should be professional in appearance and be wired appropriately for hanging (sawtooth hangers are not acceptable)
- artwork should have name/identification on the back if not on front
- if your artwork sells, you need to replace the sold piece
- the venue does not take a commission
- sign up at CLAG meetings (the sign up sheet will be at the Dec meeting)
- bring artwork to the restaurant and complete labels for each artwork



Got Question? Contact Tracy Fortune 253-282-4752  
(CLAG Wildflour North Display Coordinator)

# Taste & Talent of Canyon Lake

## ARTIST REMINDER - TASTE & TALENT OF CANYON LAKE RETURNS TO TPML!

The Taste and Talent of Canyon Lake show is returning to Tye Preston Memorial Library on **Saturday, February 22, 2025!** This event is presented by Friends of the Tye Preston Memorial Library and the Canyon Lake Art Guild. The last Taste and Talent of Canyon Lake in 2023 was a big hit, with all \$25.00 tickets sold out in advance. Seventeen CLAG artists participated in the show itself and even more members donated their artwork to the silent auction, which was very successful. Please mark your calendars for February 22nd and watch this newsletter for details as the plans are firmed up. What do you want to display? What do you want to sell? And don't forget an item to donate to the silent auction. Applications were available at the November CLAG meeting or you can contact me at [schaules@gvtc.com](mailto:schaules@gvtc.com) or [mbgood2@gmail.com](mailto:mbgood2@gmail.com). Thank you! *Diane & Marilyn*

## CURRENT MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

As you know, we no longer print a paper directory so you are not required to complete an annual membership form as you have done in the past. BUT, if you have any address or phone or email changes, **you** are responsible for updating your online directory information. It's easy and quick to do.

Open the Online Member Directory icon on your phone.



Find and click on your name and your profile will be displayed. One of the first items listed is "Edit Member Info". From that screen you can easily make any necessary changes. Be sure to click "UPDATE" when you're done!

## NEW MEMBERS

In order for you to be listed in our online directory, please complete the following membership form so that your profile can be created. [CLICK HERE](#)

Any members who have questions about the process or who need help, send an email to:

[membership@canyonlakeartguild.com](mailto:membership@canyonlakeartguild.com)

Also, there are detailed instructions about our online directory under the MEMBERS page of our website:

<https://www.canyonlakeartguild.com>



Winter 2024-25

**FREE**

# Acrylic Painting Classes

with Tracy Fortune

**Tye Preston**

**Library in Sattler**

**Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30**

**Dec 1, Feb 12**

**Mammen Library  
in Bulverde**

**Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30**

**Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 19**

## **REGISTER**

**Sign-up on each Library's Website**

**Ages 18+**

**All Supplies Included**

**No Experience Necessary**



**Questions: Contact Tracy**

**artboxadventures@gmail.com**

**253-282-4752**





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[www.creativeculturealliance.org/workshops](http://www.creativeculturealliance.org/workshops) for INFO  
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS





# Community Display

Remember to check out the items in the TPML glass cases. There are plenty of stocking stuffers for sale from our CLAG members.

The Wildflour North Restaurant was indeed a terrific addition for our CLAG artists! Sold a painting in November. The owners are very supportive and appreciative.

For those artists that paint and are often discouraged about lack of sales...keep painting, keep improving, keep learning, and be patient. Often a change of showing location and exposure to a new audience will bring a sale. Accept criticism, especially from successful artists (they have learned it's all helpful). And, unless you have a lot of empty wall space, keep your prices affordable.

Looking forward to a wonderful, peaceful new year to enjoy art and CLAG meetings with friends. *Carm'on Brittain*



By Jan Hoobyar, one of CLAG's newest members

Happy Holidays! Remember to sign up for any of the Community Displays for 2025 at our next meeting. Brookshire Brothers and Prosperity Bank will rotate January 6th. There will be a reminder sent out to the current artists. Remember, if you sell a piece or need to take one down please replace it.

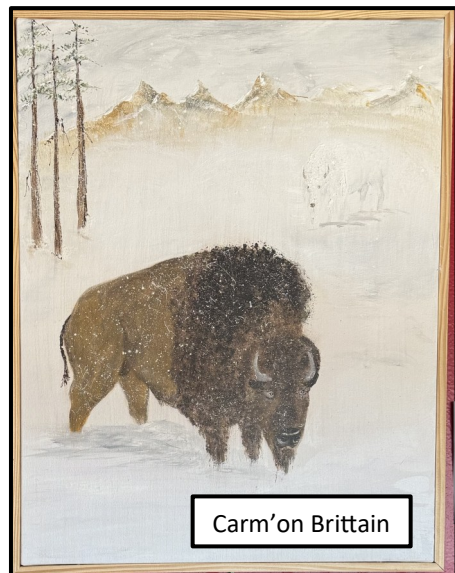
Thank you, *Patricia Buford* 713-732-6996



Gretchen Schleyer



Tracy Fortune



Carm'on Brittain



Benefiting Canyon Project Graduation Class of 2025



# Canyon CHRISTMAS Vendor MARKET

AT CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

1510 I-35  
New Braunfels, TX

December 14th  
Open from 10:00am - 2pm

**\$50** A  
BOOTH

## VENDORS WANTED

- No weather worries, event is indoors
- Sell your art, crafts, food, unique goods and gifts
- Limited spaces available



Being creative isn't always fun. But the urge to create is so strong that we push through the self doubt and the internal voice telling us we are no good. That is the time when we must sit down and paint a flower.

  
Elynn H.



★ Happy banana! ★

SEGUIN **Art** LEAGUE



Unwind Your **Drawing Skills** at the **Seguin Art League, 104 S. Austin, Seguin**, on November 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30. This class for all skill levels (age 18 and older) will focus on different drawing techniques and subjects each week. You will begin with a guided activity, then will continue on structured lessons or your own drawing projects. \$20 with basic supplies included. For more information call 830-305-0472.

**Creating Fabric Designs** will be taught at the Seguin Art League, 104 S. Austin, on December 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. In this you will learn to use block print techniques to create your own unique fabric. You will carve a reusable block using custom colors that you make. For adults. \$35 with supplies included. For more information call 830-305-0472.



### Whiskey Glazed Carrots

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| 1     | Sticks of unsalted butter                |
| 2#    | Carrots, peeled and cut into 1-2" pieces |
| 3/4 c | Whiskey                                  |
| 3/4 c | Light Brown Sugar                        |
|       | Salt and Pepper to taste                 |
| 2     | Thyme Sprigs                             |

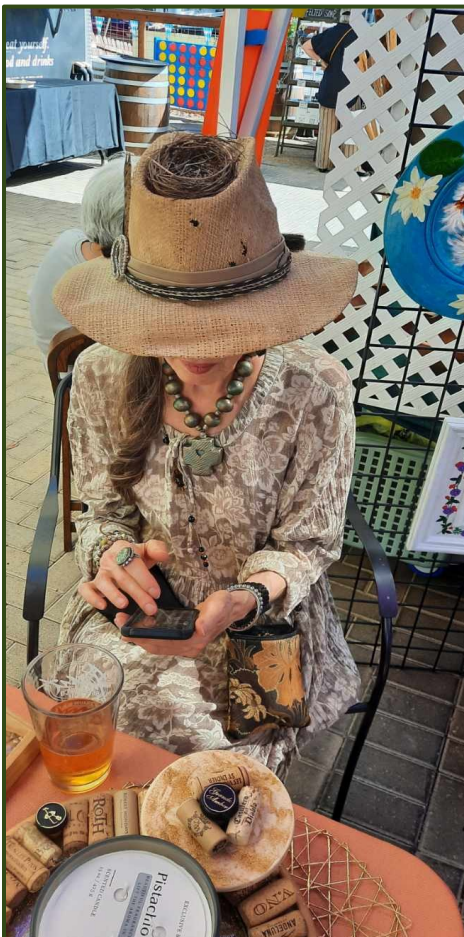
Cook Carrots till they are tender.

Melt the butter in a large pot, add the whiskey and light brown sugar. Add 1/8 t salt and 1/8 t pepper. Add Thyme sprigs and cover and cook covered for 5-7 minutes. Remove cover and cook for another 5-7 minutes. Add the carrots and stir until the carrots are covered with the whiskey/brown sugar mixture. Serve.

If not serving immediately, reheat in 400 deg. Oven for 15 - 20 minutes until heated thru.

**Gretchen Schleyer** has oil paints and brushes to **give away**, including a "Bob Ross How To" CD, and one large water color canvas. If interested, let her know and She'll give you her address for pick up. Sorry, no deliveries.

830-624-6050



In October the Greater New Braunfels Art Council sponsored an Artisan Market at the Faust Brewing Company.

Canyon Lake Art Guild was represented.

Picture on the left is Lisa Jarman, wearing a hat with a bird's nest in it. (Ask her the story behind the hat!)

On the right are Liz Tashakori and Debbie Howard.



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## Next CLAG Meeting

Tye Preston Memorial Library

16311 South Access Road, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

**at NOON**



The Lunch menu for December is **Pot Luck**. To those of you that signed up to bring something specific, I will be calling you after the first of the month to remind you what you signed up for and to find out if there are any changes. If you did not sign up for anything and still want to bring a dish, please let me know. And—please bring your own serving utensils for your pot luck item. Sandra Brenkis 608-235-7077

### There will be no gift exchange this year.

Instead, we will have games and prizes, along with donations to **Samaritan's Purse** (to help families in need due to severe weather.) And ... there will not be a demonstration today after our business meeting. Next month **Elizabeth Feriby** will be showing us her wonderful acrylic paintings. Put that on your calendar!