



## **FCAA WINTER NEWS**

### **EXHIBITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS...**



**WE ARE SAD TO SEE THE 'DRAWINGS BY DAVID STINSON' EXHIBIT PULLED.** Each drawing was quite extraordinary in detail. The exhibit was wonderfully eclectic, and very well received by a wide-ranging audience. The closing brunch reception was well attended, and the food tasty.





Photo by Carolyn Galloway

## **A CREATIVE AND COZY LOOK AT JACKIE STEMPEL'S ART QUILT EXHIBIT** follows David Stinson's exhibit. Don't miss it.

### ***"Artist's Statement:***

***In 1996, when my husband, Judd Scott, was discarding several outgrown flannel shirts, I thought they could be used to make a warm quilt. After struggling with the construction of a bed quilt, I realized that lessons would be valuable, if I wanted to continue with this craft. Having a quilt shop within walking distance of my office, I found myself using the lunch hour to peruse their books and fabrics. I soon found myself enrolled in basic quilting classes.***

***My sewing skills were well developed. My grandmother had taught me to sew when I was 8 years old and I had continued sewing for myself and my children, and constructing costumes in a theatre school.***

***As I continued learning the process of creating a quilt, I was able to apply the design principles that I had studied during high school and college. When choosing fabric for a new project, I am aware of color, first, and soon see the texture when two or more fabrics are juxtaposed in a design. Some patterns are changed completely if a constructed block is turned a different direction. Line and motion become visible in the final hand or machine quilting of the piece.***

***Selecting fabrics, deciding on a block pattern, cutting the fabric, sewing the pieces into a block, and piecing those blocks into an overall design, as well as the hand quilting became very therapeutic to my mind and my arthritic fingers. The complete process is a joy.***

***I have been privileged to attend classes and retreats where I have learned from well-respected teachers, designers, and quilters. Each class I attend, or show I see, provides me with more ideas and skills to try in future projects.***

***Some of my quilts turn out beautiful, some don't. They are all to be loved and used.***

***Jackie Stempel"***

## **JACKIE STEMPEL BRUNCH RECEPTION SET: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 11-2 P.M.**

THE BRUNCH FOLLOWS a class by Maurya Beth Holland, artist and NTCC art instructor. The Paint Your New Year's Cheer wine glass CLASS is on Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>. A few words from Ms. Holland:

*"Hi! My name is Maurya Beth Holland. I am the owner/Instructor of Art from the Heart. My studio specializes in glass etching, mural painting, custom art work, teaching drawing and painting in all different mediums and having art parties for all ages and all different occasions.*

*I have been invited to the FCAA's Cultural Arts Center to hold a glass painting party on December 29, 2016. We will be painting wine glasses in preparation for the end of the year festivities that will soon be approaching. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. and should end our fun at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$25/person with all supplies furnished, including wine glasses. If you would like to paint more than one glass you may purchase additional glasses for a nominal fee there at the party.*

*I hope to see you there at the Franklin County Art Center for some relaxing fun. In the meantime, have a very merry Christmas.*

*Thank you,*

*Maurya Beth Holland  
Art from the Heart"*

Class participants will have a chance to let their paint dry while taking a closer look at Jackie Stempel's gorgeous Art Quilt Exhibit during the Brunch Reception like the following example.



*Quilt Detail photographed by Carolyn Galloway*

## LADIES & GENTLEMEN



*All Franklin Follies photos shown taken by Jack Cook*

**If you missed this year's fantastic Franklin Follies production (In the Eye of the Beholder), we're really sorry...** When talent is released it is practically impossible to contain. You may want to get your tickets now, for next year's production. A heartfelt thank you to Ronnie Barker, Gail Reed, Lisa Lowry, Linda Hammond, Robinett Banister and headline talent Cade Hohenberger as Jericho Jones whose heart came through in his ending speech; he summed up the benefits of an elixir that was simply water, the water of life and the birthing of the very talents hidden in each one of us waiting to be discovered. How delightful to watch the blooming and development through words, dance and song in the very people that surround us each day. God bless everyone involved from the least to the greatest. You are more a part of the community heart than ever before.



Susan Reeves at the Optic wrote a very nice article and with her permission we include it in this news. The Follies set also took advantage of the Courthouse created by the McAllisters for the Chamber and Robinett Banister finished out the look with a wonderful canvas backdrop of the other buildings located east of the courthouse.



# “Franklin Follies soar across the stage

By SUSAN REEVES

*Optic-Herald Staff*

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Franklin Follies was brought back to life and soared across the stage at the Mount Vernon ISD’s auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 3.

More than 400 people braved the rain to watch the variety show that included local community members acting, singing and dancing. Many cast members took a giant step out of their comfort zone and shined as stars of the stage. The little blips and bobbles during the production made the entire show more endearing. Organizers of the show have indicated that they are already planning for their next show.

Members of the cast and crew included Katie Adcock, Lorri Agee, Robinette Banister, Cole Barker, Ron Barker, Red Dog Barker, SuFran Bass, Cody Bradford, Jo Beth Brewer, Biff Brown, Michayla DeLeon, Courtney Grigsby, Keitron Fountain,

Jeff Hightower, Cissy Hohbein, Cade Hohenberger, Linda Hammond, Janie Huckeba, Dan Hoke, Brad Hyman, Stephanie Hyman, Ellen Jagers, Billy Jordan, Janet Jordan,

Lisa Lowry, Kristian Marshall, Stephen Marshall, Donna Massey, Shannon McCorkle, Bob McFarland, Martha Oxford, Ruth Palmer, Maria Powell, Diane Ramsay, Michael Ramsay,

Gail Reed, Meredith Reed, Allison Rios, Michelle Reeves, Don Rose, Larry Scott, Karen Smith, Stacey Tenery, Carolyn Tillery, Rex Tillery, Bryan Tittle, Chanda Willis, and David “Tex” Willis.

DVDs of the show are being produced and will be free with a paid membership to the Franklin County Arts Alliance. The membership is \$25 and can be mailed to P.O. Box 1276, Mount Vernon, TX 75457. Please include your contact information, and you will be notified when your copy is available for pick up. If you desire to have a DVD mailed to you, please include an additional \$5 for postage and handling.

For questions or more information, feel free to contact Gail Reed [903-767-2917](tel:903-767-2917), Linda Hammond [903-588-5549](tel:903-588-5549), Ron Barker [903-466-3456](tel:903-466-3456) or Jeanie Pamplin [903-305-8023](tel:903-305-8023). Proceeds from the show will help support the Franklin County Arts Alliance.

- 2016”



Gail Reed said, “ It was heartwarming to see so many people come out and support the Follies and the Arts Alliance the other night. We appreciate everyone who attended, the cast and crew, and everyone involved. It was a fun night and a fun experience. We look forward to doing it all again next fall!”

Most FCAA members are aware that FCAA Hotel-Motel tax funding was non-existent in 2016. The Follies have breathed new life into our creative hopes for 2017. The importance of tax money becomes less crucial when you have a community full of creative talent? If you missed the Follies on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, SIGN UP as a FCAA member for \$25 and get a free DVD.



# about us:

Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center on the corner of Rusk and Dallas streets. FCAA has been promoting the arts for twenty plus years encouraging creativity through all artistic expressions being instrumental in community by implementing the Welcome Sign that is now cared for by the City, sculpture in various areas and the Mt. Vernon Music Park on school grounds. Programming is announced through the *Optic-Herald*. Fellowship of the Brush meets evenings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. LAMADE (Letting Art Make A Difference Everyday) meets most Friday morning except holidays; Efton Edward's Art Classes meet Tuesdays and watch for NEW ART CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY with NANCY BEAUCHAMP. Exhibits at the CAC change frequently and can be seen by appointment or during open hours on Fridays from 10-3. Special openings occur throughout the year. The Old Jail Center on Kaufman is open by appointment. Contacts are: Christian Galloway [903-434-9130](tel:903-434-9130); Jeanie Pamplin [903-305-8023](tel:903-305-8023); [franklincountyarts@gmail.com](mailto:franklincountyarts@gmail.com); on face book and at [www.franklincountyarts.blogspot.com](http://www.franklincountyarts.blogspot.com), US Mail, P.O. Box 1276, Mount Vernon, TX 75457.

**2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**. This Pot Luck event honors special volunteers and gives the membership the opportunity to vote in the 2017 officers and newly nominated directors.

**WINTER LIFE CLASSES** this year include a January 21<sup>st</sup> class taught by Katherine Lee concerning the personal benefits of volunteering.

**COFFEE HOUSE** March 11th ...The popular Coffee House Open-Mic and MVISD High School Art Exhibit are held every spring. This event is always a lot of fun.

**CHILDRENS PROGRAMING...** Check with chair Keitra Stoker. Big plans are in the workings for FCAA Summer Children's programming usually scheduled for late July and early August.

**FALL 2017...**September activity includes the annual **FILM FESTIVAL** emphasizing film education and showing of locally produced short films.

**NOVEMBER FOLLIES ...** the event everyone is talking about. **THE FRANKLIN FOLLIES ARE BACK!** The exact date in November 2017 production will soon be announced.

*The Franklin County Arts Alliance proudly recognizes members, sponsors and participants that have helped us promote the arts for over 20 years. 2016 was an especially blessed time and we certainly thank everyone who stepped on board to help us through a difficult year of complete tax cut shortage. THANK YOU ALL!*

**OUR WEBSITE IS BEING RESURRECTED!!!** Lisa Stocks is the person behind the website. We are still working out all the kinks, but check it out.  
[www.franklincountyarts.com](http://www.franklincountyarts.com)

**.....OTHER NEWS.....**

**MUSIC & GOODIES AT CAST PARTY**



Dylan's guitar playing and Darrell's drumming at cast party were sensational! Thank you to Ruby Neely and Linda Bolton, and all others who brought delightful contributions to the party, from shrimp to chocolate. Dorcey "Bud" Finney played bar tender.

## ADDED TO PERMANENT COLLECTION



### *Super moon*

*The super moon peaks out from behind the Franklin County Courthouse through puffs of clouds. Spotting the super moon over Franklin County on Monday, Nov. 14 was a hit or miss proposition with clouds covering much of the sky. A super moon happens when a full moon coincides with the moon's closest approach to earth, making it appear to be 12 to 14 percent bigger. The next occurrence will be Nov. 25, 2034.—Cutline from the Mt. Vernon Opic Herald used with permission*

The MOON SETS OVER Mt. Vernon... John Reeves took a photo of the recent full moon in its closest proximity to earth over the courthouse. He has generously given a copy of that photograph to the Arts Alliance. It is in the process of being framed by the Frame-Up and will become a coveted addition to the Franklin County Arts Alliance's permanent collection.

## **CAC DECORATORS...**



ANTIQUe DEALER FAY HOFFMAN has led a life of accomplishments from an early stint of modeling at Neiman Marcus, to designing the interior of jets, including one for Idi Amin. She has been awarded top sales awards and her mind never stops creating. Her right hand, Jerry Ann Bullock creates colorful displays for Fay that promise a great outing even if you choose not to purchase an antique or old dresser that looks better than anything you've ever seen before. Next time you are in Mt. Pleasant take Second Street (a one-way) west from the square and park in the middle of the block. Enjoy your excursion and make an appointment to see the Winfield shop, 903-577- 7780.

### **OTHER CAC DECORATORS INCLUDE**

Linda Hammond, remember the Film Festival décor. She was so busy dancing up a storm in the Follies production that we gave her a break over Christmas. ALSO Check out Beverly's wreath, a welcome sight to anyone coming into the CAC. And thank Rhonda Banman; she had laryngitis but still whipped out a few bows for us. Veronica and Billy Jordan donated us the 9 ft. confectionary delightful Christmas tree that, as it turned out, originally belonged to Willie and Mary Bane, two people instrumental in the Arts Alliance development.

## **DECEMBER'S JAMMIN' WITH DYLAN**



*Pictured Aaron Aydelott & Dylan McNutt*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**, Jammin' with Dylan, was fantastic! Dylan played the electric guitar, while his friend, Aaron Aydelott played classical acoustic guitar. Each did some wonderful pieces of music on their own. They also blended their sounds together for some very nice tunes! Jammin' with Dylan is our new monthly jam session with Dylan McNutt. Look for it every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Cultural Arts Center (100 Rusk St). Please tell anyone you know that is interested in having fun jamming! All are welcome to either listen or participate! The next jam session will be **January 14th @ 7pm!**

## SPECIAL NOTE:

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, the MVISD BAND CONCERT was held at the Music Park on school grounds. The Banes were the instigating grant writers and the developers of the Music Park. Be sure and thank them. Hope you had a chance to attend that performance.

