

# November 2023 TSOS Newsletter



Dear TSOS Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the much-needed fall weather. It's been a while since we last published our newsletter, and we appreciate your patience. We have been working hard to make beneficial changes to TSOS and want to become more inclusive and open with our members and your ideas. Please take a moment to visit our website, as we have added new features - an updated events calendar, opportunities list page, members spotlights, and coming soon, we'll have a resources page.

On September 17th, Austin Museum Day, the UMLAUF Sculpture Garden and Museum hosted the Texas Society of Sculptors for our annual one-day show. We had 18 sculptors showing various disciplines of work to the public. Many members were veterans of the show, while a few others were showing for the first time. To create more of an interest in our art, we asked the public to place stickers for their top choices and a People's Choice Award was presented at the end of the day. The award was narrowly decided by just a few votes, and I'd like to say congratulations to Ken Law with first, and Caterina Suttin with second place. Well deserved. I'd also like to say thank you to our Umlauf Exhibition Committee, Melissa Symmonds, Candy Nichols, J.J. Priour, and Joe Kenney. I also would like to thank the UMLAUF Museum and Sculpture Garden, Katie Edwards, and Rachel Aquino for making it a wonderful experience.

Having an exhibit or show takes a respectable amount of coordination, communication, and time. It's symbolic of how TSOS manages. When speaking with board members, I'm always reminded that TSOS benefits from having many hands helping. This goes without saying. We are a group of artists, and to create a show, website, newsletter, etc. is a bit like herding cats. It takes a lot of energy and time.

Soon, I will step down and be replaced with our newest President. The President's tenure lasts for 2 years. Not only are we searching for the next TSOS President, but we are also looking for volunteers to step forward to help with the following positions: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Chair, Exhibitions Chair, Membership Chair, and Social Media Director. As a group of artists, we have the potential to carry forward ideas that would improve TSOS and the art community. Any ideas or suggestions to are welcome.

Thank you,

Matt Donner

President, Texas Society of Sculptors

## Member News

Member  
**Spotlight**

**Dar Richardson**



To see Dar's work and read about his practice go to <https://www.tsos.org/2023-november-dar-richardson/>

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## Mary Yznaga & Valerie Chaussonnet in Austin Studio Tour

See the Austin Studio Tour 2023, West location at 1910 and 1912 Goodrich Ave. for two weekends, Nov. 4 & 5 plus Nov. 11 & 12, noon to 6 pm. Come visit us under the white tents for amazing art and live music.

Five artists including Mary Yznaga, Stop #158- Steel flora & Valerie Chaussonnet, Stop #146, steel and fiber sculptures and oil and watercolor paintings

Live music, 2-4 pm, both weekends! Nov. 4 & 5 - Guitar/chanteuse Katya Redpath + guests and Nov. 11 -The Alex Coke Trio with Carl Michel (guitar) and Michael Stevens (bass) and Nov. 12- Alex Coke (sax & flute) + Elaine Barber (concert harp).

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## Joy Kees and Ashley Thompson in Georgetown Art Hop XVI

Works from two TSOS members, Joy Kees and Ashley Thompson, were selected for the 2023 Georgetown Art Hop XVI. The juried event open to all Texas artists will end Nov. 4. It is in both the Georgetown Art Center and the Georgetown Public Library.



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## Highland Lakes Creative Arts Sculpture in the Square

TSOS members will be well represented in the Highland Lakes Creative Art's **Sculpture in the Square** event in Marble Falls, TX on Saturday, Dec. 2 in Marble Falls, TX from 10am - 5pm. This pop-up art exhibit and sale of sculpture will take place in Old Oak Square, on Main St., between 3rd and 4th Streets. TSOS artists displaying their works include Joy Kees, Cat Quintanilla, Marla Ripperda, and Marian Williams. Additional information is at <https://hlcarts.com/news/f/explore-the-artists-of-sculpture-in-the-square-on-december-2nd>

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## TSOS Members in the UMLAUF's *Apropos Show*

Three TSOS Artists, Avery Connett, Matt Donner, and Laura Sturtz, are participating in the [The Apropos Show](#) at the UMLAUF Sculpture Garden + Museum.

*Apropos* is a juried group exhibition of contemporary art that thoughtfully addresses an aspect or aspects of Charles Umlauf's work. Some artists might pay homage to Umlauf's sculpture or subject matter, while other artists might question or problematize tenets embedded in Umlauf's oeuvre. *Apropos* will be a wide-ranging exhibition that displays a variety of responses to Umlauf's work, offering viewers a chance to reflect on a multitude of themes. Show dates: Sept 7, 2023 - Nov 26, 2023



Avery Connett, *Supplication to Self*



Matt Donner, *White Rhino*



Laura Sturtz, *Bathing Mermaid*

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## Elizabeth Bonura in Annual Outdoor Georgetown Sculpture Tour

Elizabeth Bonura's sculpture "Babywearing Family" won 1st place in the 2023-2024 Annual Outdoor Georgetown Sculpture Tour.



## Cindy Debold in Cedar Park

The City of Cedar Park bought Cindy Debold's stainless-steel sculpture 'Balancing Apple,' in September. It had been in their Sculpture Garden exhibit for a year. For years I had planned to do abstracts of all my realistic sculptures and this piece is an abstract of 'Life is a Balancing Act'. I had originally planned to put a book and apple on top of the head of the realistic version and after making them in oil-based clay, decided it didn't need it but, I thought the book and apple was perfect on the abstract version. The realistic version is a limited edition of 11 and the abstract version is a limited edition of 7. The piece is 66" tall and 62" wide. I've made abstract drawings of many of my realistic pieces and clay maquettes of several of them. When I first started going to the Loveland Sculpture in the Park Show in Colorado, around 25 years ago most of the sculptures were realistic, but this year I noticed more were abstract sculptures and they also seemed to be the best sellers. I even sold 3 abstract pieces and only one realistic.



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## Regional News

### Elizabeth Bonura's Art Studio in Hutto

Elizabeth Bonura has opened an art studio in Hutto, Tx - Bonura Studios - where the focus is on sculpture! Ongoing figure sculpting classes will be occurring monthly as well as classes in other types (painting/drawing/jewelry making). Not only can you take a class or buy art supplies, but you can also tour the production area where Elizabeth's team molds, casts and finishes her small family sculptures that are all cold cast. To see class list and register go to <https://bonurastudios.com/collections/class-and-workshops>

