

March 2024 TSOS Newsletter



Dear TSOS Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and having a good start to the new year. I've been enjoying the creative process, a continuation from the previous year, and realize how much of my life is fulfilled while creating. I've always had trouble accepting myself as an artist, thinking being an artist is a perception of society. I am always blocking my energy with deceptive thoughts invoked by my imposter syndrome and insecurities as an artist. Yet, deep down, I've always believed everyone is an artist or can be an artist. The insecurities come from the fear of how we think others will feel about our art. That really doesn't matter. Art is my purpose. Art can be your purpose. To keep my thoughts positive, I have dry erase boards hanging in my studio with ongoing projects, goals, affirmations, and anything of importance that involves my artist's life. I pass these boards as I walk into my studio. The boards have become one of the most important things I first see. And some of the most important words that remind me of my purpose are permanently displayed:

Art opens peoples' eyes to another purpose. We impact people in our own way. My art impacts the lives of other people.

I'm sharing these thoughts in case you also have lingering contradictions of being an artist. If you have a burning inside you, or can't stop thinking of creating, then you have this purpose as well. My advice is to keep feeding this fire.

If you want to share this fire, this creativity, your art, then you will have a chance as the Georgetown Public Library will once again host TSOS for our annual summer show. The Call for Entry will be announced soon, so please think about participating. We'd love to see your work in person. The world would love to see your work. If you have any ideas, any works in progress, your studio space, or anything worth sharing, please let us know so we can help expand your art world. Spring is a new beginning. Take care everyone and keep creating.

Upcoming Events:

[TSOS Informal Social Gathering](#) March 16th – to register, email [Dar Richardson](#)

TSOS Annual Summer Show hosted by the Georgetown Public Library, the call opens Mar 2 through Apr 13.

Matt Donner

President, Texas Society of Sculptors

Member News



To see JJ's work and read about his practice go to <https://www.tsos.org/2024-march-JJ-Priour/>

Mary Yznaga in ART04 Studio Tour

Mary Yznaga will be participating in the ART04 Studio Tour April 20th & 21st, along with 50+ artists. My studio is at 1910-1912 Goodrich Ave. with four other artists. The hours are 11- 6 p.m. on both days.

Visitors are welcome to come visit the artists in their studios located in the 78704 zip code. More information including maps and artist profiles at: <https://www.art04studiotour.com/> and @art04_studiotour.



Kat Warwick has International Sculpture Day Gallery Open House

Join us to celebrate the amazing world of sculpture! In celebration of International Sculpture Day, the amazing sculptors of Hardwick Studios are opening their doors to the public! Four artists each with their own unique style, philosophy and technique. Demos, Tours, Refreshments, and of course fabulously creative sculpture will be for sale.

April 27th, 2024 2pm - 4pm, Hardwick Studios, 2345 Hardwick St., Dallas TX 75208



John Maisano in Society of Animal Artists

I am honored to have been chosen to be a signature member in the SAA (Society of Animal Artists). It's a great society of animal sculptors so this was a wonderful surprise this year.

My new roadrunner sculpture, "Takes a two to Tangle", was chosen for this year's show at the Sonora High Desert Museum show in Tuscan Arizona March 9th - June 9th, <https://www.societyofanimalartists.com/2024-wildlife-wonders-exhibition-gallery/>



John Maisano in National Sculpture Society 90th Annual Award show

I had my Great Wave sculpture chosen for the National Sculpture Society 90th Annual Award show. Show can be seen online now - <https://nationalsculpture.org/exhibitions/90th-annual-awards-exhibition/> and will be shown at Brookgreen Gardens in Pawleys Island, SC starting August 5



Pat Moberly Moore at Assemblage Gallery

Pat Moberly Moore is exhibiting her bronze sculptures along with paintings by Maxine Price at the Assemblage Gallery, 306 S. Main Street, Suite 106, Buda, Texas 78610, 512-312-9665. Exhibit starts May 1.



Matt Donner in Annual Animal Kingdom International

Matt Donner was awarded best in show for 3-D in Fusion Art's 8th Annual Animal Kingdom International Online Juried Art Exhibition with his bronze White Rhino submission. For this exhibition, both 2D and 3D artists were encouraged to submit their best artwork depicting animals, both domestic and wild. Fusion Arts received a diverse collection of quality artwork from artists all around the world, including the the US, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, China Taiwan, Estonia, France, Germany, Lithuania, Dominican Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and New Zealand. The exhibition will be featured on the website homepage for 3 months. Matt Donner will receive a cash prize and an invitation to participate in Fusion Art's Annual Group Show in Santa Fe in 2024. His white rhino was cast at Pyrology Foundry and Studio in Bastrop.



Valérie Chaussonnet at Austin Community College

My steel three-part piece is entitled "Patent Pending. Three Revolutionary Devices Awaiting Approval: UFO Detector, BS Meter, Love Oracle." It was originally a commission for the Patent Pending project, which toured starting at the Charles Adams Gallery in Lubbock, Texas, in 2015, then in Laredo Community College in Laredo, Texas, in 2016; and at the Contemporary Art Museum Plainview in Plainview, Texas, in 2018. The show runs Jan 16 – Mar 7, with artist Reception Feb 17. Location is Gallery 2000, The Art Galleries, Austin Community College, 6101 Highland Campus Dr., Austin, TX 78752



Regional News

Elizabeth Bonura's Art Studio in Hutto

Elizabeth Bonura of [Bonura Studios](#) has the following events happening:

- [Beginner Figure Sculpting](#) classes starting in March. Students will learn the foundational techniques of creating a figure sculpture using a 3D model as a reference. This course is perfect for anyone looking to begin their journey in sculpting the human form.
- [Advance Figure Sculpting](#) with a live model begins on March 20th.
- [Taylor Studio Tour](#) April 6-7, 2024 in Taylor, Tx
- [Slice of Pflugerville](#) Saturday, April 27, 2024 11 a.m. to 6 p.m - Elizabeth will be doing a few sculpting demonstrations during the event.

