

March 2025 TSOS Newsletter



Dear TSOS family,

I hope everyone is doing well and finding your peace, love, and therapy through art. This will be my last President's letter. I have decided that I will be retiring soon as TSOS president and will be passing the torch onto a wonderful and exciting member, with more details to follow soon. Don't all celebrate at once, lol!

I've really enjoyed my time as president and have made so many lifelong friends and acquaintances. I also recognize that TSOS is a member-driven organization, that relies on energy and design, ever changing and fluctuating, just as art. Sometimes you can make a piece of art, from your heart and soul, full of love and meaning, give it to someone, only for them to reject it. It can hurt, but life goes on. You learn from these moments, and walk away, because the same love and meaning, heart and soul, is recognized by others who want to hold onto that same piece of you. Being the president can seem a bit like this. Not everyone is going to love your ideas (art). You can't reach everyone's heart, and you need to understand this.

What I have recognized as president is that it takes all TSOS to come together and make ideas happen. If TSOS relies on a few members to create a piece of art, as well intended as it is received, the return can disappoint. But we must learn from this, and meaningfully give back the best way we can, while creating shows, opportunities, and comradery that will help our members succeed as artists and sculptors, regardless of how many attends. For TSOS to grow, we need members to bring ideas into reality, for example, such as social events and gatherings. If you have ideas, let us know and we can help spread the word.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be your president. I've loved every moment of it and wish the best for you and TSOS.

Matt Donner
TSOS President
TSOS Exhibitions Committee Chair

Exciting SculptFest News!

Scot Wilkinson, City of Round Rock Director for Arts and Culture, as well as, Christina Rudofsky, City of Round Rock Arts and Culture Associate, have generously given their support, time, and resources to help TSOS fulfill our destiny of reestablishing SculptFest. Not only have they provided established dates of our iconic event, they and the City of Round Rock will provide a venue for SculptFest at their future City Arts Center. This is extremely exciting and important news and more information will follow as we move closer to the dates.

Thank you, Scot and Christina!

SculptFest Future Dates:

April 24, 25, 26 2026

April 23, 24, 25 2027

April 28, 29, 30 2028

April 27, 28, 29 2029

April 26, 27, 28 2030

2025 Georgetown Public Library/TSOS Sculpture Show:

The call will open for the 2025 Sculpture show on March 1. Watch your email for more info.

2025 dates:

May 15: Entry Deadline: Thursday, at midnight

June 2: Acceptance Notification

June 14: Show Set Up: Saturday, 9am to 12:00pm

July 20: Artists' Reception: Sunday, 1:00pm

September 20: Artists' Demonstrations: Saturday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

September 27: Pick Up: Saturday, between 9:00am and 12:00pm

Member News

Member Spotlight

Matt Donner



To see Matt's work and read about his practice go to <https://www.tsos.org/2025-march-matt-donner/>



Joy Kees in *Women in Art*

Joy had 2 sculptures accepted in the 2025 "*Women in Art*" exhibit at the Hive Gallery in the Hill Country Galleria of Bee Cave, TX. The exhibit is open to the public from February 26th to March 28th during regular gallery hours, Wednesday through Saturday, from 1pm to 5pm. This is the third annual "Women in Art" exhibition sponsored by Women in Visual Arts (WIVA). This year's show, which celebrates Women's History Month, is the biggest so far, showcasing 160 pieces from 88 artists—paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, video, lighting, mixed media, and fiber arts.



Joy Kees in *Art by Fire, Four Artists Working in Clay*

Joy is one of four artists in a special exhibition, “*Art by Fire, Four Artists Working in Clay*” in the Llano Art Gallery. The opening reception is Saturday, April 5 at 6:30pm. The show, which encompasses different aspects of ceramic arts, will be open through June 21. The Llano Arts Gallery is located at 503 Bessemer Ave, Llano, TX, and is open Thursday – Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.



Valérie Chaussonnet in *From Afar with Love*

Valérie will be in a show "From Afar, with Love" - Immigrant voices in Art, opening March 14, until April 5th, at Bolm Arts Gallery, 5305, Bolm, Austin. She shows with another four immigrant artists.



Valérie Chaussonnet in *ART04 Studio Tour*

Valérie together with several sculptors from TSOS with a studio in the 78704-zip code, will be in the ART04 Studio Tour on May 2 and 3, from 11am to 5pm. I will host guest artists Kate Csillagi, Ann Armstrong, Valentina Vale and Caroline Frommhold. The address is: 2008 Arthur Ln, Austin TX 78704.

The website is : Art04.com, with info, a map, and a page for each artist. The tour is free for visitors.

The call is open to all artists having a studio in the 78704 zip code, and the deadline to apply is March 31.



C.D. Weaver New Work

A relief carving in tribute to and in honor of Francis Perkins, Secretary of Labor in the Franklin Roosevelt Administration. It is carved in the bark of a cottonwood tree.