



FY 2016-2017

2016-2017 Exhibits

Euforia: New work by Michael Jilg and Leon Staab

June 24, 2016-August 18, 2016

Jilg and Staab exhibited large scale paintings and photographs of flowers.

Barton County Arts Council Friends and Acquaintances Art Exhibition

September 2, 2016 – October 7, 2016

The Barton Arts Council sponsored this year's community art exhibition. The local art club Artist's At Large were the featured artists, and the exhibit kicked off with a fun masquerade ball.

Quilts: New York Beauty

October 24, 2016 – December 8, 2016

Each year this inter-national quilt contest challenges today's quilt-makers to interpret a single traditional quilt block in a work of their own design. This year's quilt exhibit featured the New York Beauty block. To visually connect with this pattern the gallery's holiday decorations had a Christmas in New York theme.

Quarks, quirks, and Quantum conundrums: Works by Wayne Conyers

Also featuring ceramics by Brenda Lichman

January 13, 2017 – February 10, 2017

This exhibit featured watercolor paintings, drawings, acrylic paintings, and photography created by Conyers while on sabbatical leave. He used concepts derived from theoretical physics to drive an exhibit that tries to find meaning. "Everything relates back to the idea of trying to understand what is going on in the world that we cannot see," he said.

The gallery also featured ceramic art by Brenda Lichman. Lichman teaches in Wichita State University's School of Art, Design & Creative Industries. She was featured as an "Emerging Artist" in Ceramics Monthly Magazine in May of 2009. Her work has been broadly exhibited across the country including notable exhibitions, such as the "23rd Strictly Functional National" in 2015. "Making things is important to me," she says. "It is the way that I ground myself and connect to people and the world around me."

Cuna Mutual Retirement Solutions Art and Science Encounter: The

Geometry of Beauty-Art of Bradford Hansen-Smith

February 17 2017 – March 24 2017

CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions sponsored the 2017 CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions Art and Science Encounter at the Shafer Gallery. This year over 400 students from Barton County were able to participate in hands on workshops associated with the Geometry of Beauty Exhibit.

Our nationally recognized visiting guest scholar/artist Bradford Hansen-Smith curated and displayed an exhibit of 300 geometric constructions and art objects. In addition, he met with students, families and interested folks from the community at the CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions Family Day and conducted workshops with the following groups and venues.

- Barton Art Appreciation Classes/at the gallery
- Barton Calculus Classes/at the gallery
- Hoisington High School Art students/at the gallery
- Great Bend High School Art students/at the gallery
- Ellinwood High School students/at the gallery
- Great Bend Middle School 7th graders
- Great Bend Middle School 8th graders
- GB Middle School Art Club /at the gallery
- GB Middle School gifted class
- GB High School Art Club
- Jefferson Elementary School special education class
- Central Kansas Christian School (entire student body) at the gallery
- Park Elementary Kindergarten
- Park Elementary School 5th graders
- Jefferson Elementary 2nd graders
- Jefferson Elementary 3rd graders
- Home Scholars Association /at the gallery
- League of Aesthetic Engineers / at the gallery
- Etudian Society / at the Gallery

Hansen- Smith focused was on the geometry of the circle, “My interest is to find out what the circle is, what it generates and what it reveals,” Hansen-Smith said. “To give people the idea that the results are not the important thing, it’s the process. I want you to discover what you find, whatever you are doing you need to value the process and not the product.”

Barton County Arts Council Vortex High School Art Exhibition

April 2, 2017- April 6, 2017

Area high school students from Ellinwood, Great Bend, Solomon, Stafford, Larned, and Hoisington came to Barton Community College to get hands-on experience from art professionals and participate in a juried art exhibit Thursday, April 6. This year the exhibit and workshop was sponsored by the Barton County Arts Council (BCAC). “We applaud the generosity of the BCAC,” Shafer Gallery Director Dave Barnes said. “Without their help, we would not have been able to expand our workshop offerings, provide the students with significant awards and provide encouragement to the high school teachers participating in the event.” The exhibit serves as the framework for Vortex Day, which is designed to stimulate and enhance students’ interest and excitement in the arts. Students participated in various workshops which ranged from a

ceramic workshop to a session on photographic lighting techniques presented by Barton faculty and staff and local art professionals.

The day culminated with an awards ceremony in the Shafer Gallery to recognize the BCAC Vortex Exhibit winners in of a range of categories. Students were awarded a variety of art supplies depending on their placement. The high school art teachers were given \$100 Dick Blick gift cards to assist supplying their classrooms.

Barton Student Exhibition

April 13, 2017- May 12, 2017

“This show is our opportunity to enter into the process of validating our student artists’ hard work and vision and making of it, art with meaning,” says gallery director Dave Barnes.

The juried exhibit was judged by artist and retired Fort Hays State University faculty member Kathleen Kuchar. Awards were donated by The Credit Union of America in Great Bend, Karen and Dale Shaner, Don and Barbara Beahm, The Great Bend Tribune, Eagle Communications, Bob Feldt, Kent Weltmer and Maureen Leahy. Additional prizes were donated by Billie Bonomo in memory of Barbara Hoar and Esther Maher.

Pam Martin won Best of Show for her Raku Jar.

Gallery Events

BAC Artist Masquerade Ball

An evening of music, dance wine and celebrating local artists.

Barton Hospitality Committee Fall Frolic

Barton CC faculty and staff were served light refreshments and had the opportunity to chit-chat and enjoy the current exhibition.

Kansas Academy for Victim Assistance (Kava) Regional Conference

Museum tour with a presentation by Krystall Barnes concerning the therapeutic and healing value of art for victims of abuse and care providers.

Quilter’s Night

Area quilt guilds were invited to come for a private showing and discussion concerning the New York Beauty quilt exhibition. Cookies, coffee and good conversation were served.

Class of 1966 Tour

The Great Bend High School class of 1966 visited the gallery for a personalized tour and reception.

New York Brunch

In connection with the New York Beauty Quilt Exhibit, the League of Aesthetic Engineers enjoyed a quiche and fruit breakfast while telling stories about personal experiences in New York City.

McCrae Marionette show and Holiday Open House

The Kansas City based Puppet Theater returned to delight audiences with a fun holiday puppet show. The holiday open house also featured Santa Claus, Christmas in New York decorating scheme and props, large-size felt board, Christmas trees, and the quilt display.

Piano Teachers Association Fall Recital

The gallery hosted the annual Fall Piano Recital for Great Bend piano students.

Barton Orchestra Concert: Strictly Strings

The gallery hosted the Barton Orchestra's annual concert and provided a reception for the college orchestra members and guests.

Regional Music Contest

The gallery provided the perfect acoustics for the choral competition held by district high school music programs.

Young Professionals Mixer

The gallery hosted a Chamber of Commerce YP Mixer. Beverages, and an Italian meal were served.

Etudian club

The gallery hosted the quarterly meeting of the Etudian Club, the oldest women's organization in the US. The gallery director gave brief presentation concerning the Geometry of Beauty Exhibit and conducted a hands-on paper folding mini-workshop.

Workshops and Art Activities

Fantastic Flowers clay workshop

Christina Lamoureaux conducted a clay flower making workshop for students and adults. This workshop was in connection with the Euforia exhibit and took place over two Saturdays.

Marvelous Mask Making Workshop

In connection with the BCAC Community Art Exhibit, Scott Beahm conducted a two day mask making workshop for young artists.

Brenda Lichman teapot demonstration

The St Justa Guild, Barton Art Department and the Gallery sponsored a workshop with Brenda Lichman, ceramics instructor at Wichita State University. She demonstrated studio processes and glazing techniques.

GALLERY VISITS

Quilt Exhibits Activities

School groups including 80 children from Helping Hands Preschool toured and participated in art activities related to the quilt exhibit.

Holiday Tree Decorating

Students from several public and private elementary schools decorated Christmas trees.

Barton Classes

Art Appreciation classes attended sculptural process presentations in gallery several times during the year. Barton drama classes were also held in the gallery. Students learned about graphic communication styles and storytelling techniques and then developed short narratives based on the Shafer bronzes.

Story Time

Throughout the year the gallery sponsored story time events for mothers and young children. For example, in connection with the Euforia exhibit, 3-5 year olds were invited to the gallery to listen to stories about flowers and to make a balloon flower with Anna Hayson from Rana Luna Boutique.

Special Projects

Matters of Creativity Symposium at Fort Hays University

Our Gallery's staff were featured speakers at the Hayes State Matters of Creativity Symposium. Scott and Dave gave presentations concerning art and community engagement.

Empty Bowls clay workshop

The gallery is working with ceramics instructor Bill Forst to create press mold bowls which will be sold at the upcoming empty bowls event to benefit local food pantries.

Glen and Elaine Mull classroom outreach Art Cart

The Gallery Director made a presentation to local public school principals about outreach opportunities made possible through the Glen and Elaine Mull Educational Outreach or "Art Cart". This enabled us debut our program with the Geometry of Beauty workshops. We have a full schedule of art activities this year for elementary school summer school programs. Art Cart Outreach events have occurred at 21 venues and met with over 400 students.

Kansas Kids @ Gear up

Gear Up is a service to teens in the Foster care system designed to prepare them for college. The Shafer Gallery is a partner organization and offers students in Gear Up opportunities to create and learn about art. Bill Forst donated time to make bowls with them for the Empty Bowls food bank charity project. In addition, Scott taught art classes for in the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Empty Bowls

The Shafer Gallery, Barton Ceramics, St. Justa Guild, and the Barton County Arts Council are working together to make ceramic bowls with students and adults to raise funds for the local food pantry. The bowls will be sold as a part of the BCAC Community art festival this fall.

CAP Visits

Staff provided course evaluations for graphic design classes in Hays High School and Hoisington High School which counted for concurrent credit.

Art Talks

Dave Barnes gave a series of lectures during the spring semester concerning the Italian Renaissance.

Grants

Cuna Mutual Retirement solutions

CUNA continues to sponsor and fulfill its three-year commitment to the Art and Science Encounter Series.

Barton County Arts Council

The BAC continues to sponsor and fulfill its three-year commitment to the VORTEX High School Art Day and Exhibit as well as The Friends and Acquaintances Community Art Festival.

GLEN AND ELAINE MULL CLASSROOM OUTREACH “ART CART”

We are pleased that the “Art Cart “Outreach is under way with continued underwriting from the extended Mull family via a grant administrated by the Golden Belt Foundation