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## Winter 2026 Newsletter

### A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



**Make new artist friends while creating new art!** Here's your chance to meet and paint alongside artists from all over Hays County, all in the great outdoors of course!

As part of an initiative of the **Hays County Arts Alliance** (HCAA), **WVAL** joins **Buda**, **Dripping Springs**, and **San Marcos** in hosting four **plein air\*** painting events in March and April, giving artists the opportunity to paint in **multiple communities**.

Each community event will take place on a different date and at a different location, culminating in **one celebratory exhibition** featuring selected paintings from **all four communities**.

**Artists of all experience levels are encouraged to participate!**

**Plein Air Wimberley** will take place at **Blue Hole Regional Park** on **Saturday, March 28**, from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The theme is **“Water,”** with activities beginning at the **Swim Lawn** along **Cypress Creek**.

The other events are scheduled for **March 7 – Buda**, **April 11 – Dripping Springs**, and **April 25 – San Marcos**. Details will follow.

Our day at Wimberley's Blue Hole will include **plein air demonstrations** and a **Q&A session** led by local artists. **Lunch will be provided**, and participants are invited to enjoy

the demonstrations and **gather tips and inspiration.**

Cost of the Blue Hole event is **\$20 for WVAL members\*\* and \$30 for non-members.** A similar price will apply to the other communities.

For more information, or to register for Plein Air Wimberley go to [wimberleyvalleyartleague.org/plein-air-wimberley](http://wimberleyvalleyartleague.org/plein-air-wimberley) or contact Jim Street at [jim@jimstreet.com](mailto:jim@jimstreet.com)

\* **Plein air painting**, or \*en plein air\* (French for "in the open air"), is the act of **painting outdoors on-site** to capture the immediate, fleeting effects of light, atmosphere, and color in real-time.

\*\*if you'd like to **place or renew your WVAL membership** now and enjoy this discount, click [here](#) to get that done!

## GENA DESTRI PRESENTATION



**Everyone** is invited to a fabulous presentation by Austin artist **Gena Destri** at our **February General Meeting!**

It happens at the [Wimberley Community Center](#) on **Sunday, February 8th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.** A little social time begins at 2:00 before the presentation kicks off at 2:30. **Members and Non-Members are all encouraged to come!**

A little bit about Gena:

**Gena Destri is an award-winning contemporary landscape painter** whose art draws from nature's energy and the emotions it helps us carry, sweep away, or transform. **Born in Kansas and living in the Austin area** for nearly 20 years, she is drawn to the **ancestral qualities of land, water, and sky.**

**Working en plein air and from memory** in her Texas studio, Destri creates impressionistic paintings in **oil, watercolor, and acrylic** that explore how **grass, clouds, and shifting light** shape what the soul needs. Her work offers both the **vitality and calm of nature**, connecting viewers to its beauty, wisdom, and ever-changing presence. Through her practice, **she hopes to remind us of what is good in the world** and to inspire a **deeper relationship with its wonder.**

Check out Gena's lovely website [here](#) and join us on **Sunday, February 8th!**

**p.s. The Super Bowl** doesn't kick off until **5:30** so you'll have **plenty of time** to get home and get your snacks ready and change into your **Patriots** gear!!

## AT THE GALLERY

### JURIED ART SHOW CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

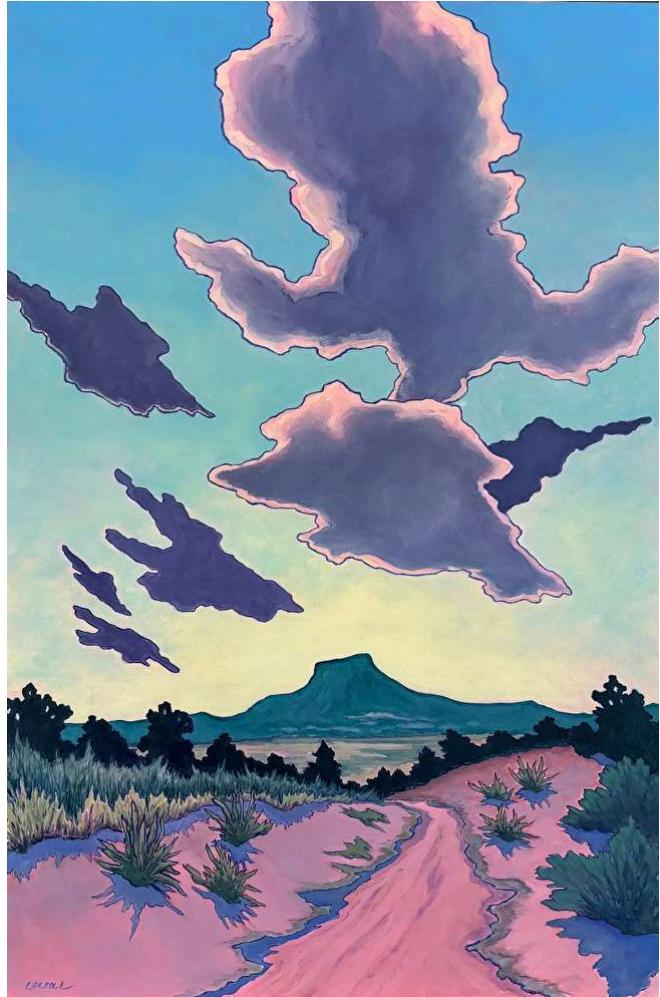
Our next **WVAL members juried art show** will open on [Thursday, February 12th](#), with a champagne reception (from 5:00 to 7:00pm) at the [Wimberley Community Center](#).

**PLEASE NOTE THIS ONE-TIME CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL FRIDAY EVENING TIMESLOT!**

Our juror will be **Debbie Carroll**, plein air painter from San Angelo. (pictured right is an example of Debbie's work).

**Everyone is invited** to mingle and appreciate all the **great talent** of our WVAL members. **See you on Thursday the 12th!**

p.s. If you'd like to **enter the show** (open to all members), information is in the **February Member Opportunities** email that arrived in every member's mailbox 15 minutes before this one did.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the date now for our **2026 Student Art Show** opening reception on the evening of **April 9th**. Often described as **everyone's favorite show of the year**, the student show features amazing pieces of art from our uber-talented **Wimberley Valley young folks** attending several area K-12 schools. These kids' **high level of talent** and **artistic vision** is always a pleasant and inspiring surprise! Join us in appreciating and encouraging the artists of the future (and today)!



## DID YOU KNOW?



...that the **Wimberley Valley Art League** has a program for displaying our members' artwork in **public spaces all over town**? We call it **Art in Public Places**. You've probably enjoyed it without even knowing!

So if you see some **beautiful original art** at one of the following places, **take an extra moment** to admire it, knowing one of your talented Wimberley neighbors made it! (And while you're at it, imagine it hanging in that **one yawning empty space** on your wall, because **every piece AIPP hangs is for sale!**)

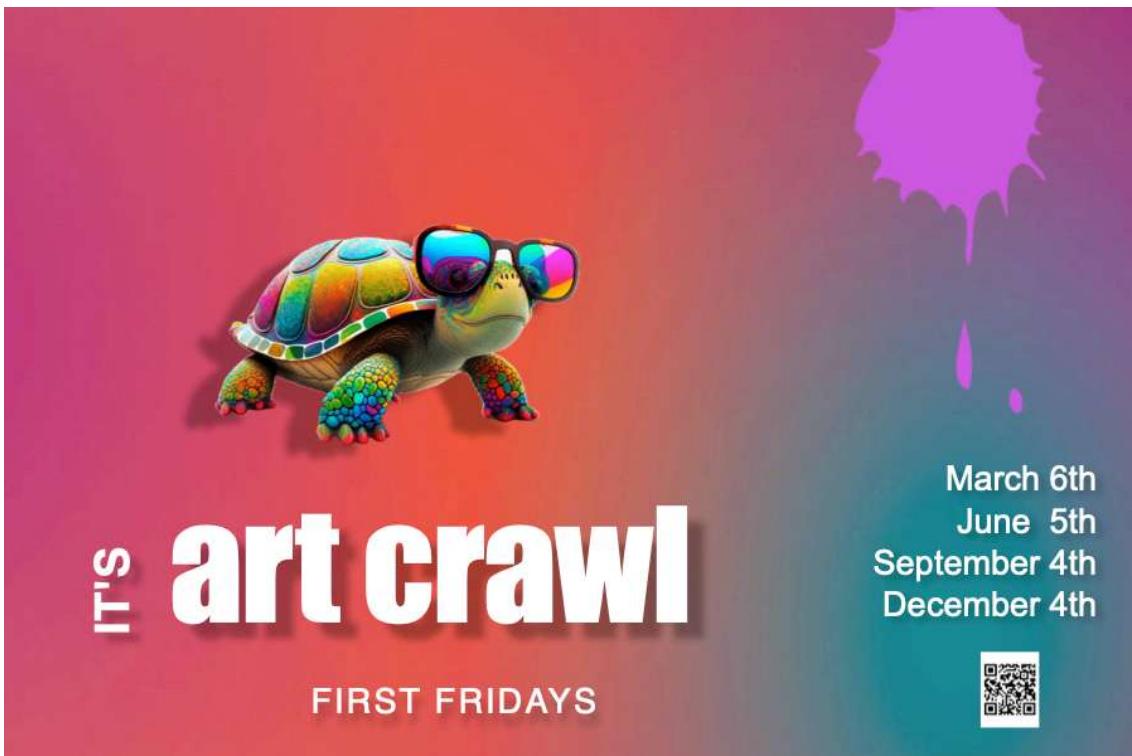
- The Wimberley Village Library
- Wimberley Medical Center
- Christus Clinic
- Ozona Bank
- Wimberley Welcome Center
- Wimberley Visitors Center
- Mission Day Spa
- Wimberley Valley Dental

Thank you to all of these organizations for supporting Wimberley artists!

p.s. February 5th is the next AIPP **changeout date**, meaning all of the above spaces will be refreshed with **new stuff!**

p.p.s. If you're an artist and would like AIPP to put your work in public places, contact **Nancy Elliott** using [this link](#).

## ART CRAWL DATES



What's Art Crawl? Click [here](#) to find out!

## projectART EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION

projectART presents **IN SUSPENSION: A Conversation Between Land and Sky**, on view at ARTSPACE.

Artists **Shannon Faseler** and **Shawn Camp** come together in this provocative exhibit to invite viewers into a conversation about **juxtaposition and transitional spaces**, specifically the space between land and sky. Join us for an **opening reception** on **Feb 13 from 6-8pm** at **ARTSPACE**.



## FEBRUARY/MARCH CALENDAR

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- **2 Monday** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **WVAL Board Meeting**, Wimberley Visitor Center
- **5 Thursday: Art in Public Places Changeout Day**
- **8 Sunday** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm: **WVAL Monthly General Meeting** with presentation by **Gena Destri**, Wimberley Community Center (\*pre-meeting social begins at 2:00)
- **10 Tuesday** 8:00 am -11:00 am: **Artists' Jury Day** for our next exhibit at the WVAL Gallery. Wimberley Community Center. Click [here](#) for the show prospectus.
- **12 Thursday** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: **Juried Show Opening Champagne Reception** at the WVAL Gallery, Wimberley Community Center

## MARCH

- **2 Monday** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **WVAL Board Meeting**, Wimberley Visitor Center
- **7 Saturday** times TBA: **Buda Plein Air event** (HCAA), details forthcoming
- **8 Sunday** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm: **WVAL Monthly General Meeting** with presentation by **Tim Liebrock**, Wimberley Community Center (\*pre-meeting social begins at 2:00)
- **28 Saturday** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: **Wimberley Plein Air** event (HCAA) at Blue Hole (see details above)

2026 EVENT CALENDAR

### A NOTE TO WVAL MEMBERS...

Be sure to look for your **Member Opportunity email** sent earlier today. Didn't receive it? You may have forgotten to join for 2026. You can do so [here](#)...

To see photos from WVAL events, and for the latest on upcoming shows **follow us** on social media.



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