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## Happy April!

My life has been a whirlwind of late, as I'm juggling the multitude of items on my "to do list" in preparation for various shows, two of which occur this month: **Grapevine Art Project's Juried Art Exhibition**, and the **Main ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival**. All while trying to squeeze in various photography outings taking advantage of our Spring Blooms from our local gardens, to the wildflowers growing in the countryside. I'm also tickled to say that I received a little shout-out from online publication [Voyage Dallas](#) too!

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## Now Open: GAP's Juried Art Exhibit

I'm honored to say that I have 5 pieces on display (shown below) in the [Grapevine Art Project's Juried Art Exhibit](#) in the Tower Gallery found inside the Grapevine Convention and Visitor's Center located at 636 S. Main Street in downtown Grapevine, Texas.



The free exhibit runs April 6-26, 2018 and is full of art encompassing a range of mediums: jewelry, ceramics, photography, painting, block printing, textiles and so much more! If something catches your eye, guess what — it's for sale too! Gallery hours coincide with the hours of the Visitor's Center itself.

On April 14, 15, 20, & 21 GAP will be hosting *artist demonstrations*, as well as "*Make and Takes*" for youth and young adults. Spots are limited to a first come first serve basis, small fees may be requested for these mini classes. Full details will be available on site.

As part of a new initiative, GAP is raising money to be used for an **Art Scholarship Fund** to help support a graduating senior for our local Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District. On the evening of April 14th there will be a Wine Trail *drawing* for some nice items, and a *Silent Auction*. The next Saturday on April 21 there will be another Silent Auction during the **Artist's Reception** from 5-7pm.

Unfortunately for me, I will not be at the Artist Reception on April 21<sup>st</sup>, since it happens to

So, if you're not visiting me at my booth (#351) in Fort Worth, then I'd recommend you pop in for an evening of art!



## I'm Bringing my Longhorns to Cowtown.

It's hard to fathom that there's less than 2 weeks left before the start of the [Main ST Fort Worth Arts Festival](#), being held April 19-22. There's a mile of art, music and food to enjoy, and with free admission it's hard to pass up! As one of the top three juried Fine Art Festivals in the United States, the prestige of the event does leave an [emerging artist](#) like myself feeling a little daunted. And any outdoor festival in Texas at this time of year has everyone feeling nervous as we wait to find out what sort of weather we'll be dealing with. I'm personally hoping for 30% partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the low 70s.

I really hope you can come out and show your support for all the artists, but I could definitely use a friendly face too! I'll be in Booth #351 near Sundance Square at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Main Street. I'll be showing my livestock series; all the pieces depict horses and cattle rendered in an espresso monochrome. These pieces are all archivally printed and mounted meeting museum conservation standards. They will be signed originals or numbered limited editions.

Artist Hours are Thursday – Saturday 10am – 8pm, and Sunday 10am – 6pm. Festival hours run later. For all the key details visit the official website: [mainstreetartsfest.org](http://mainstreetartsfest.org)

## Emerging Artist

Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival  
April 19-22, 2018 - Booth #351



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## Texas Bluebonnets Have Arrived!

Bluebonnet season has finally arrived. I always get asked, where should I go for bluebonnets, and I have one answer for the best guaranteed displays: Ennis. The garden club of Ennis seeds the fields and provides regular reports to the city. The Ennis Visitor's Center keeps updates on projected peak on their [website](#) and a downloadable map there. You can also go to your smartphone's app store and download the "Ennis Y'all App" which has features that can provide driving navigation to points of interest from bluebonnet fields where you are allowed to go into them for portraits, public restrooms, and other sights that may be of interest like the longhorn herd. The app even helps spotlight local places to eat if you need a snack too. If you prefer the personal touch, you can always start your visit at the Ennis Visitor's Center, and they'll load you up with a map and the best spots.

While there are spots here in DFW, many of them are in areas that are immediately adjacent to high traffic, high speed roadways and I would never recommend those for family or pet portraits. They're pretty to drive by, but not all that great to actually go into with the family. But if you want to try to find closer fields these FACEBOOK accounts are great resources relying primarily on crowdsourcing: [Texas Wildflower Report](#) and [Texas Bluebonnet Sightings](#).

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## Texas Wildflower Shots



"Tandy Hills"  
Fort Worth, Texas  
2016



"True to a Stereotype"  
Ennis, Texas  
2013



"Standing Tall"  
Grapevine, Texas  
2018

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## ARTS NEWS

**A Guggenheim Fellowship Award** goes to Austin artist [Margo Sawyer](#), who is best known for large installations that have exhibited all over the world that play with examining ancient sacred space through a more contemporary perspective.

**Vignette Art Fair in Dallas** focusing on Women Artists, will be held April 10-15 as a satellite fair that runs simultaneously with the Dallas Art Fair. You can catch it at the [Women's Museum](#) at Fair Park in Dallas.

**Studio Ghibli** announced that the legendary Academy Award®-nominated Director, Studio Ghibli co-founder, and true artistic visionary [Isao Takahata](#) passed away at 82. His corpus of work elevated animation as a storytelling art form.

**Texas Sandfest** will be hosted this year in Port Aransas rain or shine the weekend of April 27-29, where sand sculptors will create temporary pieces of art.

**The 31st Annual Art Car Parade Returns** in [Houston](#) this April 12-15. featuring around 250 mobile works of art as the centerpiece.

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## CALLING DFW ART AFFICIONADOS



**The Grapevine Art Project**

Are you an artist in the Dallas / Fort Worth area looking to find a nurturing group? Or just an admirer of the arts? I would encourage you to check out the [Grapevine Art Project](#).

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