



Awards & Exhibits

Award - IAA's National Animal Art Juried Exhibit - Irving, Texas

The Reception & Awards Ceremony for the 2017 [Irving Art Association](#)'s National Animal Art Juried Exhibition was held Sunday, September 10th from 2-4pm at the ***Jaycee Park Center for the Arts*** in Irving, Texas. To my great delight my piece, "*Texas Longhorn- II*" was recognized with an *Honorable Mention*, which was accompanied by both an award and cash prize. Out of hundreds of entries from across the United States, across a range of visual mediums, only 65 pieces were selected for inclusion, two of which were mine.

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This photo is courtesy of the [Irving Art Association](#)'s photographer Patsy Davila, who snapped this shot of me next to my award-winning entry.

Traveling Animal Art Exhibit - Irving, Texas

Some selected pieces from that Juried Show, including my two works, will be exhibited **October 7 - November 26** in the IAA's Traveling Animal Art Exhibit at the **Irving Arts Center** located at 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd in Irving, Texas. I encourage all of you in the Dallas / Fort Worth area to hop on over to see the free exhibit.

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Cakeballs, Popcorn, Donuts and Beer - Bedford, Texas

There will be a reception on [Saturday, October 7th from 7-11pm](#) for the latest themed show--[Cakeballs, Popcorn, Donuts and Beer](#)--at the **Central Arts of Bedford** located at 2816 Central Drive in Bedford. Not only will I have work exhibiting at the show, but many of my prints (featuring a wide variety of subject matter) are also returning to the gallery. Admission is free, so please come on by to support your local artists. I'm pretty sure there's going to be some free samples from some of the food businesses in the Meadows Shopping Center.

GrapeFest 2017



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the artists of the [Grapevine Art Project](#) during this most recent GrapeFest! I had a great time meeting so many art aficionados and photography enthusiasts. People like you are what help make events like this a success, and I am grateful.

New Greeting Cards



Two new designs for 5x7" blank greeting cards made their debut at GrapeFest this year! Printed on 14 pt cardstock, with High Gloss UV Coating on the outside featuring either this image of a Sunflower, or the peacock (as seen below). I am now accepting online Texas orders for the greeting cards, you can find the current selection by clicking [here](#).

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This year areas of the United States (including our territories) and neighbors throughout the Caribbean have been brutally savaged by Mother Nature's wrath. As a Texas artist with friends in the Houston area, I anxiously awaited updates on everyone's status. Luckily, they were fortunate unlike so many members of their community.

The Texas Arts community definitely took a [hit](#), but perhaps none worse than the [Rockport Center for the Arts](#). Even the *Houston Grand Opera* received quite a bit of [flood damage](#), and the HGO is going to be out of their theatrical home for some time to come.



Organizations, and government aid too. [Jerry's Artarama](#), a well know Art Supply Store (both with physical locations and an online shop) has stepped up to the plate, and is trying to help artists impacted get back on their feet by helping to replace some of the supplies, studio furniture, etc. they lost as a direct result from the storm. Thankfully there's a large number of [Emergency Resources](#) for Artists impacted by Hurricane / Tropical Storm Harvey.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you'd like to specifically donate to the recovery efforts by directing your donation in support of the Texas Arts community, the state government's [Texas Commission of the Arts](#) website links to the [Texas relief donation page of the Mid-America Arts Alliance](#). While not targeted specifically to the Arts community, I also recommend sending donations directly to the [Greater Houston Community Foundation](#) or the [Houston Food Bank](#) they'll be assisting the entire Houston area community for months if not years to come.

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