

# ART MATTERS

Summer 2021



ELLEN NOËL ART MUSEUM

Summertime. It's finally here. Now, let's do something. The Ellen Noël Art Museum has many lively events planned to help make your summer more enjoyable. Come spend time in the garden, or if you're looking to re-engage your creative self: **Thursday Night Live** is back! Test your knowledge at **Trivia Night** or learn a new skill at **Knit & Stitch**.

Looking for a book club? Check out **Book Talk**. For your summer reading pleasure, Book Talk is exploring *Olympus, Texas* by Stacey Swann. Set-in small-town Texas, the trials and tribulations of a prominent family is akin to a train wreck you can't seem to look away from.

This year **Movie Under the Stars** presents "The Princess Bride". Grab a date or a friend (and a lawn chair) and meet us in the garden for a special evening.

Dates and times for these events can be found in this newsletter or at [noelartmuseum.org](http://noelartmuseum.org).

If you are out and about at the Parks Legado Farmer's Market (second Saturday of each month), make sure to check out the **ENAM Community Art Day** booth. Free, family fun for everyone!

We are excited to announce that ceramic artist Daiken Asakawa will lead this year's **Teen Artist in Residency Program**. Starting June 7th, this intensive weeklong program offers unique art experiences in a museum setting working with a professional artist. Accepted students will work in a fun and interactive environment while exploring new techniques and developing their own artistic creativity. For more information, please visit the Museum's website.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum is presenting a series of four in-person **Summer Art Camps** for kids ages 6 – 12, which combine gallery walks and studio experiences. Camps begin June 14th and run into July. For more information, or to sign up, visit our website or call Annie at 432.550.9696 x 213.

We also have great exhibitions for you to enjoy. The 63rd Annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition will be on view from May 27 through Aug 8th and explores *Folklore & Fairy Tales*. This long-standing exhibition is a partnership between the Museum and the Odessa Art Association, and it serves to highlight the talent of artists in and around the West Texas region.

*Never Wonderland*, features contemporary work by ceramic artists Christopher Stanley and Daiken Asakawa. Classically inspired, the artists journey through cross cultural aspects that embody the 21st Century. Join the artist and teen artists for the opening reception and artists talk on June 11 beginning at 5:30 pm. This thought-provoking exhibition runs through August 22nd.

As you can see, there is plenty that awaits you at the Ellen Noël Art Museum. Shake off the pandemic doldrums and venture in. We look forward to seeing you.



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# Event Calendar

All programs and events are FREE unless noted.

The Museum is open with modified hours  
Tue-Sun: 12-1pm (senior hour) | 1-5pm (general public)  
Open till 8pm on Thursdays


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- June 2**     **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- June 3**     **Knit & Stitch** • 6pm • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 1
- June 7-11**     **Teen Artist Residency Program** • 1:30-4pm  
• Ages 13-17 • \$100 (Advance Application) • Ceramics
- June 9**     **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- June 10**     **Trivia Night** • 6pm • Drag Racing
- June 11**     **Teen Artist Residency Program** • 5:30pm • Artwork Display Opening
- Exhibition Reception** • 6pm • *Never Wonderland*
- June 12**     **Community Art Day** • 9am-12pm • Parks Legado Farmer's Market
- June 14-18**     **Summer Camp** • 1:30-4pm • Ages 6-12 • \$110 (Advance Registration) • Ceramics and Art Sampler
- June 16**     **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- June 21-25**     **Summer Camp** • 9:15am-12pm • Ages 6-12 • \$100 (Advance Registration) • Painting and Bugs to Botanicals
- June 23**     **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- June 30**     **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only

Lauren Lee, *Kallisti - To the Fairest* (detail), 2021, digital photograph, Student Work: Abilene Christian University, *Folklore & Fairy Tales: 63rd Annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition*

- July 1**     **Knit & Stitch** • 6pm • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 2
- July 10**    **Community Art Day** • 9am-12pm • Parks Legado Farmer’s Market
- July 12-16** **Summer Camp** • 1:30-4pm • Ages 6-12 • \$100 (Advance Registration) • Textiles and 3D Design
- July 14**    **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- July 15**    **Trivia Night** • 6pm • Celebrations
- July 19-23** **Summer Camp** • 1:30-4pm • Ages 6-12 • \$100 (Advance Registration) • Cartooning and Collage and Mixed Media
- July 21**    **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- July 22**    **Book Talk** • 6pm • *Olympus, Texas* by Stacey Swann
- July 28**    **Yoga at the Museum** • 8am • Members Only
- Aug 5**     **Knit & Stitch** • 6pm • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 3
- Aug 12**    **Trivia Night** • 6pm • Dog Days of Summer
- Aug 14**    **Community Art Day** • 9am-12pm • Parks Legado Farmer’s Market
- Aug 27**    **Movies Under the Stars** • 8:45pm • “The Princess Bride” • Ages 18+



Carol H. Fairlie, *The Young Kitsune* (detail), 2020, oil on linen, Folklore & Fairy Tales: 63rd Annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition



# Never Wonderland

## Exploring the Intersections of Function, Art and Craft

Jun 11 - Aug 22

Jun 11 | 6pm | Opening Reception  
and Artist Talk

Ceramic artists have been working steadily to contribute to the art world for centuries. From prehistoric pottery to ancient Greece, from the rise of porcelain in Asia and Europe to the Arts and Crafts movement in England and the U.S., ceramic traditions have long fascinated many artists and have infiltrated their practices. But what happens when these ideas are transformed, manipulated and demystified and perhaps more worthy of a clarified position within the wider history of sculpture?

Combining the look and feel of a classically inspired artworks and infused with a cross cultural look at parts of the 21st century, Daiken Asakawa and Chris Stanley explore several of these themes as they create a ceramic journey through what they refer to as Never Wonderland.

Asakawa is an Instructor of Art at Odessa College. He has a BA in Art from the University of Texas Permian Basin. He also has an MFA in Art from Washington State University.

Stanley is an Associate Professor of Art at the University of Texas Permian Basin. He has a BS in Secondary English Education and a BFA in design with an emphasis in ceramics from the University of Kansas. He also has a MFA in Art from Washington State University.



Christopher Stanley, *It's Good to be King* (detail), 2003, stoneware





## 63rd Annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition

in partnership with ODESSA *Art* ASSOCIATION

May 27 - Aug 8

Opening  
May 27 | 6pm | FREE

All are welcome to the opening of *Folklore & Fairy Tales: 63rd Annual Permian Basin Juried Art Exhibition*. View the works in person, meet the artists and this year's juror Alex Gregory, Curator, Amarillo Museum of Art. In addition to nine judge awarded prizes, the top three popular work voted by the public receives the People's Choice Award. So come by the Museum or visit our Facebook page to vote for your favorite artwork!

To view the digital exhibition, visit  
[noelartmuseum.org/63rd-annual-juried-exhibition](http://noelartmuseum.org/63rd-annual-juried-exhibition)

### About the Juror

**Alex Gregory (Curator; Amarillo Museum of Art)**

Alex received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in May of 2003. He then attended West Texas A&M University where he earned both the Master of Arts degree and Master of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art with concentrations in ceramics and painting. Alex and his wife own and operate a gallery/studio called The Object Gallery located in Sunset Galleries. Alex is Curator of Art at Amarillo Museum of Art and teaches ceramics courses at Amarillo Art Institute



# LIVES LIVED WELL WITH STORIES TO TELL

DIANE K. BROWNE

MAY 27-AUG 8 | OPENING MAY 27 AT 6PM

Diane K. Browne  
*Alaskan Miner* (detail), 2019, pencil on paper

## Tune In The 2021 American Tour

Jul 1 - Jul 19

*Tune In* is a creative initiative fabricated by artists at the Art Factory which seeks to focus a spotlight on our most valuable cultural assets; our artists and museums which have been devastatingly impacted by the 2020 Pandemic. The project will center around an outdoor multimedia diorama created by artist Rick Lazes titled *Tune In* which will be exhibited in front of ten US museums.

The installation, a 12-foot tall diorama fashioned like a very large television, will sit in the Museum's Sculpture Garden for two weeks and is designed to let people view the art in a responsible and socially distanced manner. Six vintage televisions inside the diorama showcase a multi-media collage that Lazes and local filmmaker Seth Koch created that examines television shows from the 1960's.

Rick Lazes and Seth Koch, *Tune In*,  
*The 2021 American Tour* (detail), 2021, installation





## Thursday Night Live

Join us Thursday nights, when Ellen Noël Art Museum is open till 8pm. Thursday Night Live offers a wide variety of experiences for all visitors. Check out our calendar to see what is on for this Thursday Night Live!

### Knit & Stitch

**June 3 • 6pm • FREE • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 1**

**July 1 • 6pm • FREE • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 2**

**Aug 5 • 6pm • FREE • Fabric/Fiber Weaving Challenge 3**

All are invited to bring current projects to work on while we share techniques and ideas. This summer, the Knit & Stitch fabric/fiber challenges will be three different projects that anyone can do. No experience necessary. Information for each challenge will be offered here at the museum and results brought to the next K&S and photographed.

## Movies Under the Stars

Aug 27 | 8:45pm | 18 and up | Free



## Book Talk

July 22 • 6pm • FREE

**Olympus, Texas** by **Stacy Swann**

Set in a mythical Texas town on the Brazos river, the characters in this book give the Ewings a run for their money. Brush up on your Greek and Roman mythology and join us for this fun summer read. Book Talk is a free museum book club for adults held throughout the year.

*Gorgeous Dresses!  
Neat to see how  
they have evolved!*

- Ruby  
In response to *Betrothed:  
250 Years of Wedding Fashion* Exhibition

## TRIVIA Night

Put a team together, test your knowledge and earn PRIZES! Refreshments and snacks provided • 6pm • FREE

June 10 • Drag Racing

July 15 • Celebrations

Aug 12 • Dog Days of Summer

*Really enjoy your  
museum! Love the  
sensory garden and  
the high school art.  
Such talented artists  
at such a young age.  
An inspiring womens'  
exhibit with so many  
types of artistic  
medias.*

- Rex and Wendy Bennett  
In response to the *Women Artists: Four  
Centuries of Creativity* exhibition

## Programs

### Community Art Days

**Parks Legado Farmer's  
Market**

June 12 • July 10 • Aug 14 • Sept 11

9am-12pm • FREE

Ellen Noël Art Museum will have a booth with art activities for children. We will have bagged projects with supplies and instructions to be taken home and done with adult supervision. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!





# BOOK TALK

Join us at the Museum for an exciting program, Book Talk. Each program will begin at 6pm and include discussions of topical books and articles related to Art, current Museum exhibitions and community events.



JULY 22

6pm | FREE

The Briscoe family is once again the talk of their small town when March returns to East Texas two years after he was caught having an affair with his brother's wife. His mother, June, hardly welcomes him back with open arms, and is no stranger to infidelity herself; she's tired of being the long-suffering wife thanks to her husband's many affairs. Within days of March's arrival, someone is dead, marriages are upended, and even the strongest of allies are divided.

In the end, the ties that hold them together might be exactly what drags them all down. The Briscoes must reckon with their choices, their capacity for forgiveness, and the confines of family.

An expansive tour de force, *Olympus, TX* combines the archetypes of Greek and Roman mythology with the psychological complexity of a messy family. After all, at some point, we all wonder: What good is this destructive force we call love?

## Yoga at the Museum

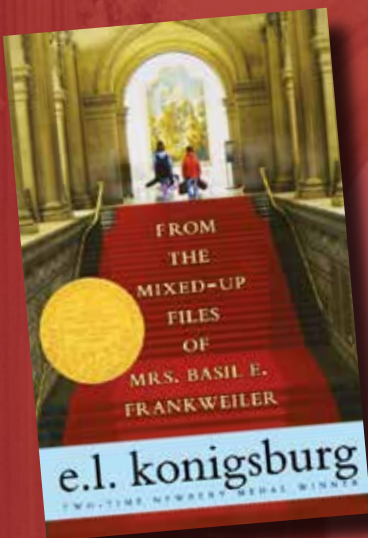
June 2 • June 9 • June 16 • June 23 • June 30  
July 14 • July 21 • July 28

Visit the Museum on Wednesday mornings @ 8:00am for museum members-only yoga classes (provided by rOming Yoga). BYOM Bring Your Own Mat and get ready to bliss your way through the rest of the week with a Yin style class. Class members will wear masks upon entering and exiting and socially distance their mats from each other. **FREE • 8am • Members Only**

## Teen Artist Residency

June 7-11 • 1:30-4pm • \$100

This Summer's Teen Artist Residency Program allows selected teens ages 13-17 to work intensively with a ceramic artist Daiken Asakawa, creating hand built and wheel thrown works. Students must apply to be accepted into this program. Applications which can be found on our website are due May 24 but may be continued to be received as space allows. Accepted participants will be notified on May 28th. On Friday, June 11th at 5:30, their work will be on display in the ENAM classroom.



## ENAM Kids' Book Club

We will be reading "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" by E.L. Konigsburg throughout June and July. Contact us to receive your free copy and get information on upcoming discussions and activities.

[education@noelartmuseum.org](mailto:education@noelartmuseum.org)  
432.550.9696 x213



# SUMMER ART CAMP

Join us for a fun summer of art camps. Students get to explore two different classes during their camp. Classes fill quickly so register today!

Suggested registration deadline is June 11, 2021. Fees must be paid in advance by phone (550-9696 X 213). A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need through the Neely Hunter Palmer Scholarship Fund. Class size is limited and classes fill up quickly. Visit our website [noelartmuseum.org](http://noelartmuseum.org) for more information or contact Annie Stanley | [education@noelartmuseum.org](mailto:education@noelartmuseum.org)



## Classes (Ages 6-8 & 9-12)

June 14-15 • \$110 • 9:15-Noon

**Ceramics**-Hand-build and throw on the wheel as you make a variety of cool things from clay that will be fired in the museum kiln

**Art Sampler**-Sample a new and different 2D or 3D art project each day

June 21-25 • \$100 • 9:15-Noon

**Painting**-Explore painting in acrylic and watercolor in the classroom and garden

**From Bugs to Botanicals**-Create art from nature-from scientific illustration to 3D critters





**July 12-16 · \$100 · 9:15-Noon**

**Textiles-** Learn to make cool things from yarn and fabric from the practical to the decorative

**3D Design-** Make fun 3-D objects including sculptures and mobiles

**July 19-23 · \$100 · 9:15-Noon**

**Cartooning and Flipbooks-** Create your own character and draw a comic strip and flipbook

**Collage and Mixed Media-** Explore the world of collage and printmaking on paper

## **Class for Teens (Ages 13-17)**

**June 7-11 · \$100**

**Teen Artist Residency Program**  
1:30-4

Selected students will spend the week working with Artist Daiken Asakawa in an intensive ceramics workshop. Students **must have apply and be accepted** into this program. \*Applications available on our website.

Teen Artist Residency Program is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, Barnett & Company Landscape, Cindy Fowler, Jeanette & Dan Hollman, Michelle & Austin Keith, Mark Knox, UBS Financial Services Inc and Ludie & Eben Warner.





# Special Events

## Exhibition Reception

June 11 • 6pm • FREE

All are welcome to the opening reception of *Never Wonderland: Exploring the Intersections of Function, Art and Craft*. See the works and hear from artists Daiken Asakawa and Christopher Stanley. Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres provided.

*Wonderful display of talents! Enjoyed the show.*

- Jennifer Miryard  
In response to ECISD Middle School Student Art Show exhibition



## Movie Under the Stars

Aug 27 • 8:45pm • 18+ • FREE

“The Princess Bride” (1987)

Grab a date or a friend (and a lawn chair) and meet us in the garden as we bid farewell to Summer with a free screening of “The Princess Bride”. This cult classic fairy tale adventure provides a magical mix of romance, fantasy, action and comedy. Snacks and beverages provided.

*I enjoyed every single piece of art displayed! I hope each artist continues with their talents all throughout life to continue to bring light to the world!*

- Naomi and Yzabella Garcia  
In response to ECISD Middle School Student Art Show exhibition



For more information on workshops, programs or classes, contact Annie Stanley | [education@noelartmuseum.org](mailto:education@noelartmuseum.org)

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