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Cindi Holt, *Bobwhites Looking for a Lady Bug*, 2025, oil on panel
Courtesy of the artist and Valley House & Sculpture Garden



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Collectors Circle



FEBRUARY 1 | 6 PM

We invite you to join the Collectors Circle! Scan the code to reserve your spot.



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10 am - 5 pm

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Museum closed on major holidays

ADMISSION

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\$5 Seniors (65+)
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Children (4-17)

FREE Museum Members
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Happy New Year!

Throughout this issue you will read about the many experiences that people are having as they enjoy the Museum's art and history exhibitions and all the programs we offer for people of various ages.

If you have not yet seen our art exhibition in the main gallery, *Gail Norfleet: connecting faraway places*, I hope you will before it closes on February 21. After many years spent working as a printmaker creating monoprints, Gail Norfleet's more recent work on layers of plexiglass can be seen as a natural evolution. The pieces on view reveal her love of travel and just how well she has mastered the technique of painting on transparent surfaces.

Another solo show, *Cindi Holt: Little Mouse on the Prairie*, is currently on view in the second floor galleries. As a self-taught artist, Holt draws inspiration from the colorful world of her imagination and her own memories. Her colorful paintings are both captivating and enchanting. The Grace Museum will host an Artist Reception for Cindi Holt on Friday, January 9. We invite you to come meet her and help us celebrate her exhibition!

Coming up on Sunday, February 1 is our annual Collectors Circle event. This group gathers to enjoy dinner and drinks and to select new pieces for the Museum's permanent art collection. If you are interested in joining this year's Circle, scan the QR code to the left and get your event tickets online!

In our next issue of *Artifacts*, we will highlight the long-awaited debut of Abilene Heritage Square and The Grace's *new Spark Science Center*. You can read more about this project's development on page 10. We hope you will make plans to join us for the grand opening on May 18!

Sincerely,

Laura Moore

Laura Moore
Executive Director

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general operating budget

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- **Annual subscription** to the Museum's magazine, *Artifacts*
- **Weekly email** featuring info about exhibitions and educational programs
- **10% discount** in The Grace Gift Shop
- **Discounts** on educational camps & classes
- **Invitations** to exhibition receptions, gallery talks and Museum programs
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Featured artist Carlyn Ray with *Sophia*

CARLYN RAY PRESENTS

Emergence Transformation Through Glass and Light

ON VIEW MARCH 7 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Glass artist Carlyn Ray will debut her first-ever museum exhibition, *Emergence: Transformation Through Glass and Light*, on Saturday, March 7 at The Grace Museum. Drawing on years of domestic and international training with master glassblowers, including Dale Chihuly, Ray creates art pieces that reveal the poetry of light and material – transforming molten glass into expressions of growth, connection and renewal. This exhibition explores the immersive potential of art; how light, color, and form can evoke emotion and foster deeper connection. Through this body of work, Ray invites viewers to move beyond observation into feeling, allowing each piece to become a portal for reflection and inner exploration. Inspired by the belief that art can create spaces of safety and wonder, she encourages a return to presence, to experience, to curiosity, and to the light within ourselves and the world around us.

Emergence will feature 20 glass installations, with suspended and interactive elements to surprise and delight visitors. Each piece reflects a unique balance of artistry and innovation, blending traditional glassblowing techniques with contemporary design. The central piece of the exhibition, *Sophia*, is a radiant vessel made of woven glass strands that spiral multidimensionally. *Sophia* emerges from the space between everything and nothing: the luminous fullness of creation and the fertile void that precedes it. Its counter-clockwise spiral recalls the womb, the black hole, and the primordial waters: places where form dissolves, intuition deepens, and new worlds take shape. As the sculpture turns, its colors move from gold and warm hues through cool hues into black, mirroring the soul's own cycle of illumination, descent, integration and rebirth.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Carlyn Ray is a Dallas-based glass artist and designer recognized for her dynamic, hand-blown glass installations that merge craftsmanship, creativity, and community. Through her studio, Carlyn Ray Designs, she creates custom works that range from large-scale architectural installations to intimate sculptural pieces — each reflecting her belief in the transformative power of light, color, and collaboration. Dedicated to education and outreach, Ray also leads programs that inspire creativity and connection through the art of glass.

Join us for an Artist Reception with Carlyn Ray!
Thursday, April 16 | 6:00 PM



Carlyn Ray, *Sophia (detail)*, 2025
woven glass strands, Courtesy of the artist

Ann Stautberg Night Works

ON VIEW MARCH 26 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

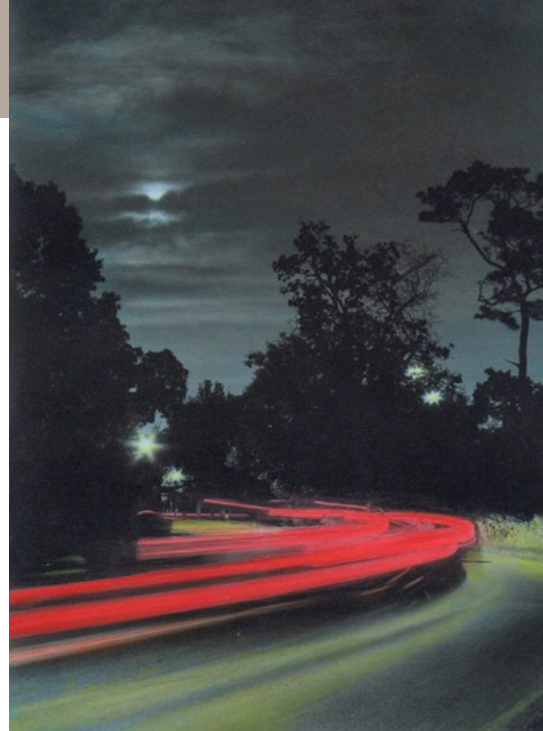
FROM THE CURATOR

The Night Works series by Houston-based artist, Ann Stautberg, challenges preconceived notions about photography. Her background in painting and printmaking adds an unexpected painterly and dramatic approach to the art of photography. At first glance, Stautberg's night photographs appear to be paintings. The large scale is deceptive, and the rich black surface is punctuated with vivid color, creating dramatic compositions akin to painterly abstraction. The technical complexity of the artist's creative process is masked by the seeming simplicity of the image. The deception is intentional and the results are a testament to Stautberg's skill and penchant for mystery that entices the viewer to "see what they want to see."

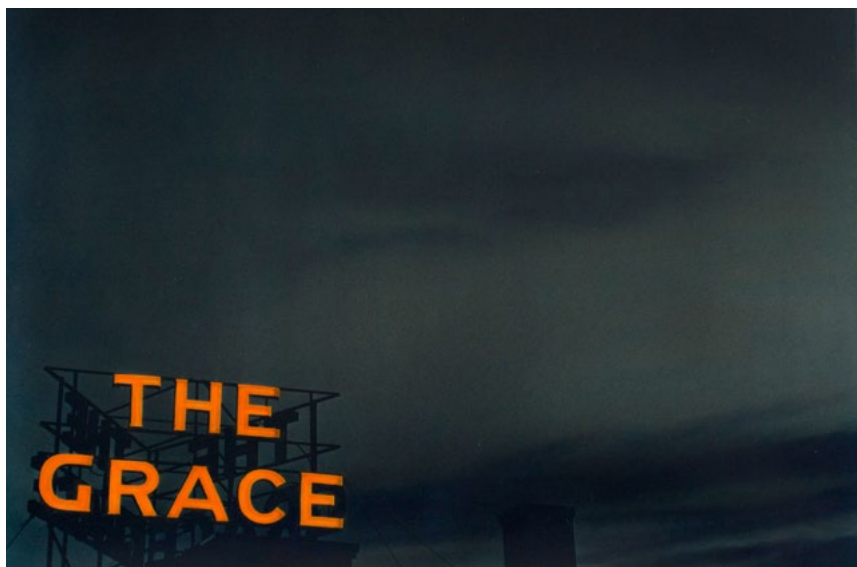
The haunting images are informed by the artist's interest in acting, drama, documentary filmmaking, printmaking, and painting, resulting in Stautberg's distinctive style of photography. She initially experimented with the application of photo emulsion on a painted canvas surface, exposing the photograph on top of the painting and using film negatives on silkscreen print and photo paper. The photographs in this exhibition are shot full frame with the highest ASA film speed to push the film to yield a grainy, painterly effect on the final silver gelatin print. The challenge is to look carefully and discover the hand painted touches of translucent oil paint on the surface.

"My husband and I walked the streets of our neighborhood almost nightly over a period of time in 2011 and 2012. After a health episode, I needed to avoid the sun so I started photographing on our walks and observing the moon and the quality of the lights at night. I like the way the darkness cleanses swaths of visual space, losing details and forming shapes. Not only moonlight, but car and street lights give qualities of illumination at night that are almost like quirks of life in the darkness."

- Ann Stautberg | *Night Works* | August, 2025



Ann Stautberg, *4-6-12, P.M.*, 2013
oil on silver gelatin print, Courtesy of the artist



Ann Stautberg, *3-18-12, P.M. Abilene*, 2012, oil on silver gelatin print
Gift of Cindy and David Durham, Ann Stautberg, and Barry Whistler Gallery

NOW ON VIEW

Through February 7

Focus on Photography: Selections from
the Permanent Collection

2nd Floor Gallery A & B

Cindi Holt: *Little Mouse on the Prairie*

2nd Floor Gallery C

Through February 21

Gail Norfleet: *connecting faraway places*

Main Gallery & Atrium

AMERICA 250



Hardin-Simmons Six White Horses, Fourth of July Parade, 2013
Courtesy of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau

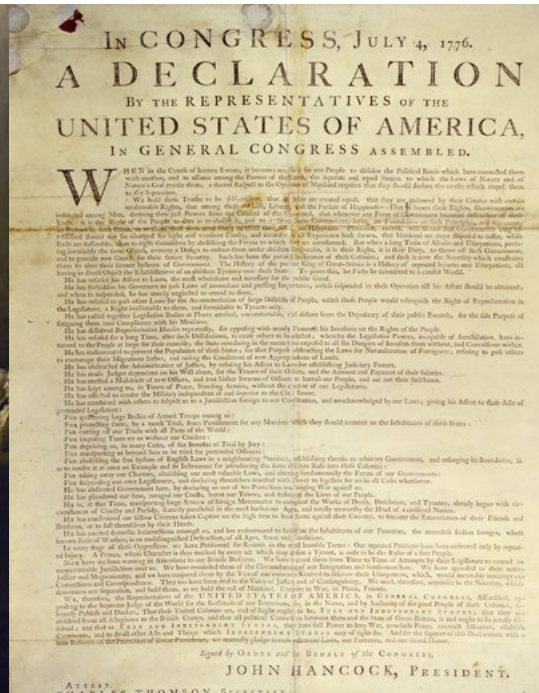
With this year marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the United States, many organizations, libraries, and museums are finding unique ways to celebrate nationwide. The Grace Museum is celebrating this momentous anniversary through an exhibition in the history gallery, along with exciting events and programs planned throughout the entire year.

America 250 is on view all year! January-December 2026

Gain insight on the history of the United States and the state of Texas in parallel with stories about our community and surrounding areas. The exhibition highlights the narratives of those who lived in this region prior to the founding of the country and those who have weaved into the cultural fabric of our lives today. Learn about the collective growth, personal struggles, and complex history of our country. As we reflect on our past and honor the contributions of all Americans through stories, photographs, and artifacts, we can look to a better future as we build a stronger connection within our community.

John Trumbull, *Declaration of Independence*, 1818, oil on canvas, Architect of the Capitol, U.S. Capitol Rotunda

Dunlap, John, Printer, Thomas Jefferson, and United States Creator Second Continental Congress. *Dunlap Broadside Declaration of Independence*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: John Dunlap, -07-04, 1776. Image. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2021667578/>.



Celebrating the Semiquincentennial

From the American Revolution to the Civil Rights Movement and into the 21st century, much has happened in the United States since the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. To celebrate our nation's Semiquincentennial, we will be providing fun and educational opportunities all year long for kids and adults to learn *more* about the last 250 years and to reflect on how these events have shaped our country.



AMERICA 250 POP-UP SERIES

To kick things off, we will provide a pop-up series from January-November. Each month we will cover a major event in U.S. history and provide a craft or activity to remember it by!

Intro to America 250 | January 22 & 29

The American Revolution | March 19

Louisiana Purchase | April 16 & 23

Check our online calendar for more dates!

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE | Thursday, March 5

Come out and enjoy a Texas Independence Day Dance in The Grace Garage! In 1836, Texas declared independence from Mexico, which would eventually lead to it becoming part of the United States. While celebrating the history of our country, it is important to remember the rich history of our state as well. Come celebrate all the things that make Texas unique at this fun FREE event. Dust off your boots and be ready to dance the night away with live music from Evan Christian & Friends.



1776 SPRING FESTIVAL | Thursday, April 9

This year's Spring Festival will transport you back to 1776. Learn what it would have been like to live in one of the 13 original colonies. Imagine having a life and family back in 1776 in the area we now call Abilene. With crafts and activities like butter making, sewing, and estimating the size of a buffalo herd, you will experience a fun step back in time.



STUDIO 1776: ART & HISTORY CAMP | June 29 - July 2

Loving all things Colonial America? Studio 1776 is the right summer camp for you! Using a variety of mediums, students will have the opportunity to explore just how different life was 250 years ago.



Check out the calendar pages for more information!



Pat McCleskey

Congratulations, Pat

We proudly recognized Pat McCleskey as our 2025 Volunteer of the Year!

Pat McCleskey was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but became a Texan when her family moved to Dallas her senior year of high school. She graduated from Texas Woman's University with a BS in nursing and gained clinical experience at Parkland Hospital where she favored working in the intensive care unit. Pat has been married for 54 years to Ralph McCleskey, now a retired cardiologist. They have two daughters, Alison and Erin, and also three grandchildren.

Pat is an indispensable part of The Grace Museum. Not only does she chair the Education Committee, but she is also a member of Los Aficionados, Dames of The Grace, and is on The Grace Museum Board. You will see Pat with a smile at every opening, festival, and special event. Pat and her husband Ralph were instrumental in building the Museum's Spark Create Lab, giving families a place of discovery, learning, and play through hands-on activities.

Pat is actively involved in the Abilene community through many other organizations as well, such as the Pensadoras Study Club, Junior League of Abilene, and Big Country County Medical Society Alliance. She worked on projects for immunizing children, as well as providing bicycle helmets, winter coats, and shoes for children in need. She has also helped with a variety of outreach programs with her church. Pat's favorite volunteer activity was doing pet therapy with her Schnauzer Jake at Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and Austin Elementary's school reading program.

Thank you for your outstanding service to The Grace Museum!



Children's Art & Literacy Festival 2025



Daniel Pierce

In Memoriam

This issue of Artifacts is dedicated to Daniel Pierce.

Daniel Pierce, our beloved friend and Facility Manager, passed away on October 7, 2025. We are so thankful to have been able to share our lives with him for the past 12 years. His time at The Grace was not just a job, but a reflection of his commitment to supporting the community he cherished. Daniel was kind-hearted, selfless, and humble. He was always happy to lend a hand wherever it was needed. Although he often stayed behind the scenes, his steady presence was the backbone of our Museum. Daniel's life impacted many people in our community and well beyond it. We know that his memory brings comfort to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

CELEBRATING YOUNG ARTISTS



February 19 - March 19

Opening Reception
February 19 | 4-8 PM

Youth Art Month is a national celebration of the visual arts! The Grace Museum participates every year by hosting a one-month art exhibition in our second floor galleries and partnering with schools throughout the Region 14 district, as well as homeschool groups. Artwork is submitted for display from students ranging in age from Kindergarten through 12th grade – over 1,500 pieces are displayed each year! This exhibition is hung with the help of Grace volunteers, many from our Los Aficionados group.



2026
Young Masters
JURIED ART EXHIBITION

March 26 - April 16

Juried Awards Reception
March 26 | 6 PM

The Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition is an annual event that celebrates the work of Advanced Placement Studio Art students in AISD with college scholarships and special awards given by a panel of jurors. The unique, collaborative event is hosted by the Abilene Education Foundation, installed by students from McMurry's Gallery Practices class, and displayed for public view in The Grace Museum's second floor art galleries.

SPARK SCIENCE CENTER



Spark
SCIENCE CENTER | AT THE SQUARE

Get ready for our grand opening!

The NEW Spark Science Center will open on May 18, 2026

Located on the Abilene Heritage Square campus, this extension of The Grace Museum is sure to become a cornerstone for STEAM education and community engagement for Abilenians and visitors to our city. "The Square" will also include the new main branch of the Abilene Public Library, Stone Owl Institute, and various rental spaces, such as the Heritage Event Center, The Campus Green and The Historic Auditorium. The Grace Museum has been working with community partners to develop this project for more than five years and will serve as the managing partner of the campus.

The Spark Science Center will bring together all branches of science under one roof to inspire curiosity and discovery! Marsha Hammack serves as director for the new center. Marsha is a retired educator with over 35 years of experience in public and private schools, most recently coaching elementary teachers in science and language arts curriculum. As part of The Grace's education staff, she has spent the past two years introducing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities into the Museum's mix of offerings, as well as developing science programs that reach diverse age groups and align with educational standards. These programs include STEAM pop-ups, Mix It Up! Art + Science classes, upcoming summer camps, and the recent STEAM Express Holiday Festival.



"I am thrilled to be part of this new venture in Abilene! The Spark Science Center will introduce young children to basic scientific concepts through discovery play. It will fuel students' curiosity by engaging them in experiments, engineering challenges, and real-world problem solving. We will also have traveling exhibits, summer camps, family events, field trips, and connections to science career opportunities that kids can explore."

- Marsha Hammack, Director of Science Center

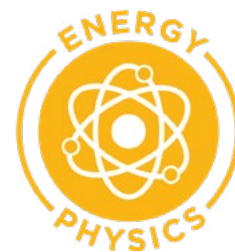


(Left) Graphic rendering of the Biology, Engineering, and Physics side
(Above) In-progress installation photos

Grace staff has been working closely with Museum Arts, a Dallas-based exhibit design and fabrication company, to create immersive, visual, and interactive displays that will excite guests. The new center will include 6,500 square feet of indoor space filled with science exhibits that come alive with over 75 interactives and supplemental programming for all ages. Step into dinosaur footprints, test the forces of an earthquake through engineering challenges, and try your hands at flight simulation or rocket launching. Large indoor classrooms will be used for camps, classes, guest lectures, professional development, and other events like birthday parties.

And that's not all...8,000 square feet of outdoor space is also being designed with play and learning in mind! This area called **Innovation Park** will feature a water table, bubble trays, Rube-Goldberg machines, musical instruments, and a racetrack exhibit. The public will be able to rent outdoor spaces to hold for family gatherings, birthday parties, and special events.

Innovation Park graphic rendering



REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE MONDAY, MARCH 2 AT 10 AM

Please be patient when registration opens, as our system often runs slower due to the large number of people on our website. Call (325) 673-4587 for assistance.



Pen & Paper Camp

June 22 - 25 | 1 PM - 4 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

Calling all drawers and doodlers! Campers will experiment with several different art media while improving their drawing skills and learning techniques to take their drawings to a new level.



Sculpt It!

June 29 - July 2 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

Students will explore both 2D and 3D as they work through the steps of creating sculptures. This camp is perfect for those who like to build and create things with their hands.



Studio 1776: Art & History Camp

June 29 - July 2 | 1 PM - 4 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

Travel back in time and celebrate America's 250th birthday with us! This special camp will combine hands-on history activities with creative art projects to give your camper a glimpse into the past.



Art Academy

July 6 - 9 | 1 PM - 4 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 7th - 12th Grade

Designed with teens in mind, students will use a variety of media such as charcoal, pastels, paint, and clay. Campers will create artwork in a positive and encouraging environment.



Paint Palooza

July 13 - 16 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

Is your child partial to painting? Unleash their inner Picasso with this camp! Students will learn how to mix paint colors as well as how to paint skillfully using various wet mediums.



All About Art

July 13 - 16 | 1 PM - 4 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

This is a great camp for all types of young artists to discover what they like best. Campers will enjoy a wide variety of projects and mediums that will inspire creativity.



KinderCamp A

July 20 - 21 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$75 Non-Members | \$55 Members

Entering Kindergarten

Help spark creativity and individual expression in your budding artists entering school! Campers will learn art basics and will practice their new skills through guided projects.



KinderCamp B

July 22 - 23 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$75 Non-Members | \$55 Members

Entering Kindergarten

Help spark creativity and individual expression in your budding artists entering school! Campers will learn art basics and will practice their new skills through guided projects.



NEW Felt & Fabric Camp

July 20 - 23 | 1 PM - 4 PM

\$140 Non-Members | \$115 Members

Entering 1st - 6th Grade

This camp is perfect for anyone interested in getting creative with textiles! Campers will experiment with sewing, felting, and other techniques unique to working with fabric.

Spark

SCIENCE CENTER | AT THE SQUARE

Scan or visit our website
bit.ly/grace-camps



Join us for our very first summer camps at The Grace Museum's NEW Spark Science Center! The four camps listed below will take place at "The Square" in our brand new facility.



Superhero Science Camp

June 22 - 25 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$175 Non-Members | **\$150 Members**

Entering 1st - 3rd Grade

Pop! Bam! Wow! Soar into the Super World of Science and explore basic concepts in areas like physics, chemistry, and engineering with hands-on projects related to superheroes.



NEW Just Add Water

July 13 - 14 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$75 Non-Members | **\$55 Members**

Entering 4th - 6th Grade

Dive into the colorful world where art meets chemistry! Campers will explore watercolor painting and discover how simple science concepts shape the art they create.



Engineering Camp

July 6 - 9 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$175 Non-Members | **\$150 Members**

Entering 4th - 6th Grade

This camp takes adaptations of fairy tales and fables and adds an engineering twist. Students must use their imaginations to generate design ideas, collaborate, and problem solve.



NEW Robotics Camp

July 27 - 30 | 9 AM - 12 PM

\$200 Non-Members | **\$175 Members**

Entering 7th - 9th Grade

Get ready to build, code, and create! Campers will design and assemble their own robots, learn beginner-friendly coding, and tackle fun challenges that test problem-solving and teamwork.

Tips and Reminders!

Scholarships:

The Grace has limited scholarships available for art and science camps. Please contact Kathryn Mitchell for more information: educator@thegracemuseum.org.

Refunds:

There will be a \$15 charge for all refunds on Grace Academy summer camps.

Member Discounts:

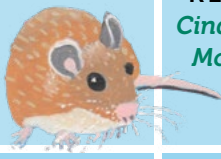
All Grace Members can enter code **campmemb** at online checkout to receive your member discount on summer camps! Membership status will be verified. Contact Sheila Scevers with membership questions: administration@thegracemuseum.org.

Food Allergies:

Snacks are provided at each camp. Please let us know if your child has a food allergy & feel free to provide your own snacks.

Watch for
updates soon
about this year's

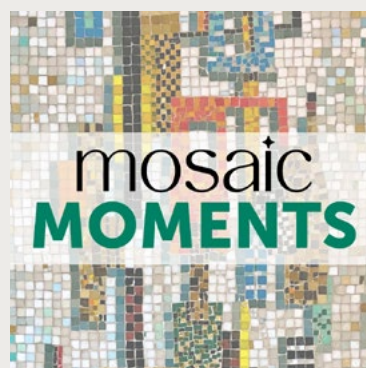
**Culinary
Camps**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GALLERY POP-UPS Thursdays 5-8 pm Watch for our FREE interactive gallery "pop-up" activities based on the current exhibitions! Look for the icon above to find upcoming dates.				1 MUSEUM CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 STEAM & GO Let It Snow! 2-4 pm	3
4	5	6 Los Aficionados Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm	7	8 Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am  	9 Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am ARTIST RECEPTION Cindi Holt: Little Mouse on the Prairie 6 pm	10
11	12 Homeschool Art Day* 9:30 am	13 Homeschool Art Day* 9 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm	14	15	16	17 EXHIBITION OPENS America 250
18	19	20	21	22  GRACE STUDIO* Acrylic Pour - Flowers inspired by Gail Norfleet 6-8 pm	23	24
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JANUARY 9 | 6 PM

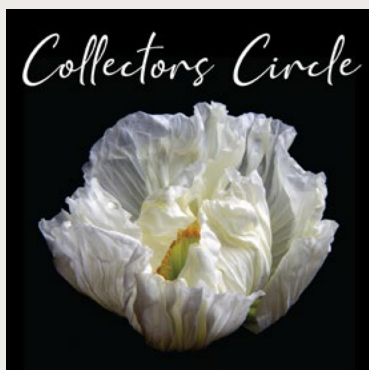
Join us for an Artist Reception with Cindi Holt! See her current exhibition, *Cindi Holt: Little Mouse on the Prairie*, and learn about her inspirations drawn from the flora and fauna that appear in her large paintings. This is a free, public event; refreshments provided.



MONTHLY | 10 AM

Mosaic Moments is back! This program is for senior adults to enjoy time together in the galleries, creatively engaging their minds and bodies. Mosaic Moments takes place on the last Wednesday of the month. *Free for Members or with regular museum admission.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COLLECTORS CIRCLE* 6 pm	2	3 Los Aficionados Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm	4	5  Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am	6 Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am	7 EXHIBITIONS LAST DAY <i>Cindi Holt: Little Mouse on the Prairie & Focus on Photography</i>
8	9 Homeschool Art Day* 9:30 am	10 Homeschool Art Day* 9 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm	11	12  BOTTLES & BRUSHES* Valentine's Fun 6-8 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION <i>Youth Art Month</i> 4-8 pm	20	21 EXHIBITION LAST DAY <i>Gail Norfleet: connecting faraway places</i>
FEBRUARY						
22	23	24	25 Mosaic Moments 10-11:30 am	26 Women's History Night 5-8 pm	27	28
Program funding by 			FREE DAILY ACTIVITIES Tuesdays - Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm and Thursday Nights 5 – 8 pm Visit the Create Lab in <i>Spark</i> on the 2nd floor and get creative with an array of art supplies and self-directed projects. Enjoy mind-teaser puzzles you can solve by yourself or with your family!			



FEBRUARY 1 | 6 PM

We invite you to join the Collectors Circle! Gather for dinner, wine, and an exhilarating evening where attendees cast votes on potential pieces to add to the Museum's permanent collection, with special guest, Cheryl Vogel, curator and co-owner of Valley House Gallery & Sculpture Garden in Dallas!



FEBRUARY 26 | 5-8 PM

Partnering with McMurry University art & history students, Women's History Night will highlight women artists in The Grace's permanent collection through interactive stations in the Ballroom. FREE EVENT!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS 10 am* bit.ly/grace-camps	3 Los Aficionados Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm	4	5 Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am Texas Independence Day Dance 5-9 pm	6 Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am	7 EXHIBITION OPENS <i>Emergence: Transformation Through Glass and Light</i>
8	9	10 STEAM Break 2-4 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 Homeschool Art Day* 9:30 am	17 Homeschool Art Day* 9 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm	18	19 GRACE STUDIO* Acrylic Pour inspired by Carlyn Ray 6-8 pm LAST DAY Youth Art Month	20	21 EXHIBITIONS LAST DAY <i>Early Downtown Abilene & Full Steam Ahead</i>
22	23	24	25 3-2-5 Day 10 am - 5 pm Mosaic Moments 10-11:30 am	26 EXHIBITIONS OPEN <i>Ann Stautberg: Night Works & Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition</i>	27	28
MARCH						
29	30	31				
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MARCH 5 | 5-9 PM

Join us in The Grace Garage to celebrate our Texan history! Attendees will enjoy live music by Evan Christian & Friends and learn more about Texas Independence Day. This event is part of the celebration of America's Semiquincentennial.



MONTHLY | 6-8 PM

Grace Studio classes are for lifelong learners and lifelong artists. Come experiment with various art techniques, media, and let your creativity soar – no prior experience needed! Classes are instructor-led and all supplies are provided.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2  Tot Spot 9:30 am & 11 am GRACE STUDIO* Easter Craft 6-8 pm	3 MUSEUM CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY	4 EXHIBITIONS OPEN <i>We've Got Spirit</i>
5	6	7 <i>Children's Art Competition Open for Entries*</i> April 8 - May 17 Los Aficionados Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm	8	9 1776 Spring Family Festival 5-8 pm	10	11
12	13 Homeschool Art Day* 9:30 am	14 Homeschool Art Day* 9 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm	15	16 ARTIST RECEPTION with Carlyn Ray <i>Emergence: Transformation Through Glass & Light</i> 6 pm LAST DAY <i>Young Masters</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  GRACE STUDIO* Mindful Art 6-8 pm	24	25 EXHIBITION OPENS <i>Memory Painters: The Art of Memories</i>
APRIL						
26	27	28	29 Mosaic Moments 10-11:30 am	30  Día del Niño 5-8 pm		



APRIL 9 | 10 AM

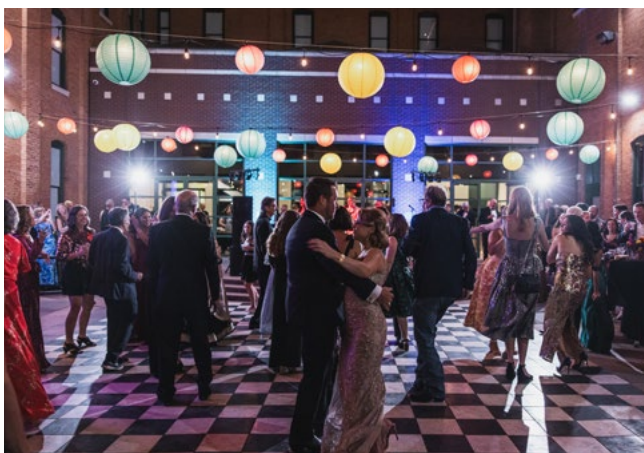
Celebrate the Semiquincentennial with us at this year's Spring Festival as we transport you back in time to 1776! We will imagine Abilene before settlers when buffalo still roamed the plains and provide crafts and activities inspired by Colonial America.



APRIL 16 | 5-8 PM

Join us for a free Artist Reception with Carlyn Ray, who will share her story of becoming a glassmaker and how she draws inspiration from fire and light to create beautiful artwork. Tour through her solo exhibition on view, *Emergence: Transformation Through Glass and Light*.

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