

Inspiration Fest 2024 List of Exhibitors

March 2, 2024, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lakeway Church 2203 Lakeway Blvd, 78734

FC = Fellowship Center, CH = Fellowship Center - Club House, SD = Kids Ministry – Discovery

Exhibits

Terri Siefert: Fellowship Center Kitchen (Interactive) FC-01



Cooking/Hospitality Terri is a native Texan with a passion for good ol' Southern hospitality. She loves to entertain and make others feel special. After many years of sharing her gifts with family and friends, she has just opened her own cottage industry, Terri's Table, where she can fulfill her passion and calling to serve others through hospitality & the culinary arts.

Amy Low: Fellowship Center FC-03



Crochet Artist Amy Low is a self-taught needleworker. She started with cross stitch and worked up to crocheting. She started soon after the birth of her daughter 27 years ago and now makes toys, blankets, sweaters, scarves, hats, and more. Amy says, "It's a fun and comforting hobby, and I love to hear other stories about their journey from fellow crocheters!"

Richard V. Battle: Fellowship Center FC-04



Author Richard V. Battle is the multi-award-winning author of ten books, with an eleventh on the way, and has been a public speaker on leadership, motivation, faith, sales, and volunteerism for over 30 years. He is an experienced corporate executive and non-profit leader who serves organizations in an advisory role. His books are available on Amazon and from all booksellers.

Andrea Kieffer: Fellowship Center FC-05



Card Artist Andrea Kieffer creates handmade greeting cards in honor and memory of her beloved daughter, Melissa, who passed away in 2019 after being diagnosed with MELAS, a Mitochondrial disease, in 2011. Making cards allowed Melissa to give back, spread awareness, and fundraise for MELAS. Andrea is continuing that tradition to raise awareness and fundraise in her daughter's name.

Georgia Hagan: Fellowship Center FC-06



Artist Georgia's love for painting blossomed while she took lessons at a local art museum in her teens. Years later, she had the opportunity to learn Chinese Brush Painting while living in Indonesia. She enjoys creating animal portraits and has been looking for ways to make her pictures more life-like.

Anneka DeCaro: Fellowship Center FC-07



Artist Ever since I had a blank canvas in front of me, I have been creating art. Stirring conversations from spectators with artwork is a process that continues to draw me back to creating. The church led to a limited conception of how the image of God can be manifested. The body of Christ is infinitely diverse in its composition. The pervasively monotonic image of mother and child can be spiritually myopic. My paintings portray the tenderness shared between a father and his children.

Charles Besondy: Fellowship Center FC-09



Author Charles is the recipient of 10 literary awards for Christian fiction. His first novel, *The Hidden Saboteur* was released in 2018. Today, The Lighthouse series of thrillers which explore the spiritual battle for our hearts, includes four major novels, a novella and a short story. His latest thriller, *Road to Nineveh*, was released in 2024. All books were self-published and are available from Amazon in multiple formats. CharlesBesondy.com

Sofia Besondy: Fellowship Center FC-10



Artist Sofia's acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor, charcoal, collage, and alcohol Ink paintings express life as a wondrous fractal of God's creation. Often using bold colors, she explores subjects such as portraits, cityscapes, landscapes, flowers, and collages. She believes that an artistic ability, no matter how crude or refined, is a gift from God to be shared. She has had twenty-seven exhibits in the Austin area. She is honored to be the Chairperson for Inspiration Fest 2022-24. SofiaBesondyArt.com

Becky Murphy: Fellowship Center FC-11



Potter My art has been through many iterations through the years. Currently, I'm a potter. I have been working with clay since 1994. I find working with clay very freeing. I like things that are a little wonky, a little weird, fun and open to interpretation. I love for people to walk up and burst out laughing at something I've made. I feel that art doesn't always have to be serious to be good.

Vicki Erikson: Fellowship Center FC-13



Artist Vicki has been drawn to be creative from the time I was young but was not educated in art until I began college. After college, I taught art for many years at all grade levels and dabbled around in all mediums but didn't focus on collages until I retired. I believe being an artist comes in many forms and is much the same as spiritual gifts...we must use them for them to grow.

Elaine Smith: Fellowship Center FC-14



Artist Elaine has worked in many mediums during her 30 years as an artist and art teacher. She'll be exhibiting alcohol ink, which is a relatively easy technique to learn. She loves to teach art and share how she feels God's presence when "in the zone" while painting.

Bijal Ghelani: Fellowship Center FC-16



Artist Bijal has been passionate about art since childhood. The discovery of the fleeting beauty of the world around us through global travels added and continues to add fuel to the artist in her for over a decade. Working exclusively in oils, she weaves intricate narratives on canvas through rich texture and vivid hues, capturing the essence of diverse landscapes and human experiences. She invites viewers into a shared tapestry of emotions & connections.

Mindy Crowe: Fellowship Center FC-17



Potter I began my journey in clay about 25 years ago when I wanted to fill an artistic void in my life. I have been interested in many types of art in my life and found fun in the clay. Dirt Divas Pottery

Melinda Yates: Fellowship Center FC-18



Artist Melinda's portfolio reflects studies in charcoal, canvas, and drawing as I produce letterpress cards and mixed media artwork for clients. In 2007, I faced an Acute Leukemia and bone marrow transplant. This life changing period brought rejuvenation for writing and painting as my written words grew deeply articulate and blank canvases expressed whimsical movement. In the God space between, I find my soul's balance. ExpressionsbyMelinda.com

Allain Hankey: Fellowship Center FC-19



Kiln-Fired Glass Artist After the sudden death of her husband in 2016, Allain was overwhelmed with grief and loss. Her husband had been a lifelong artist using a variety of mediums, most recently kiln formed glass. Months after his death Allain was finally able to go into his studio where she found peace and healing.

Exhibits & Demonstrations

Steven Lavaggi: Fellowship Center - Club House CH-01



Artist I inspire people with spiritual images and messages. I give my viewers a glimpse into the unseen reality which lies beyond our natural perception. Creative expressions transcend merely static art on walls and ascend to levels of experience that evoke tranquility and peace along with exhilaration and joy. This is art which speaks to the soul. My endeavors express the intangible spiritual dimension of life; my creative intent through art and jewelry is to express hope, love, and faith.

Kathleen Stafford: Fellowship Center - Club House CH-02



Artist/Demonstrator Kathleen completed her bachelor's degree in fine arts and did post grad study at the Academia di Belle Arti in Rome, Italy. She painted and traveled with her diplomat husband for over 40 years in the Middle East and Africa. Her paintings and prints have been acquired by American and foreign embassies, and museums around the world, including the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art Museum shop.

Michael Neumann: Fellowship Center - Club House CH-03



Artist Michael is a retired attorney who discovered the wonders of painting in 1967. For him, paintings are most successful when he brings God and His presence into the painting. In this way, painting can show others the beauty and meaning of God's creation.

Rashmi Thakur: Fellowship Center - Club House CH-04



Artist/Demonstrator Rashmi Thakur goes beyond traditional canvas painting, offering an immersive journey into joy, beauty, and gratitude. Her creative versatility is evident in the use of various mediums—fluid watercolors, vibrant acrylics, timeless oils, and colorful textiles. Rashmi believes in the transformative power of art to relax, inspire, and heal. Gives back through charities and art education. Having exhibited in numerous art shows in Texas and Italy since 2016, Rashmi's work has garnered international recognition.

Demonstrations

Michah Brenner: Student Center - Discovery SD-1A



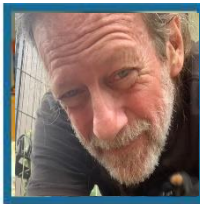
Digital Artist/Demonstrator Michah will be exploring the art of story, and how you can tell yours using technology. Dive into modern artistry and learn a new skill.

Gail Threinen: Student Center - Discovery SD-1B



Artist/Demonstrator Gail has worked in the arts, including music, theatre, and painting. In her experience living in Singapore and China, she fell in love with the Asian style of watercolor painting and the art of Chinese Calligraphy. She has won awards nationally and internationally. "I believe Art comes from the soul. A wonderful feeling of grace and peace flows through you to create something gratifying."

Guy Burchak: Student Center - Discovery SD-1C



Artist/Demonstrator Guy is a creative illustrator exhibiting drawings and paintings. He demonstrates creative illustrations that he hopes will inspire your own creative expressions. Applying a lifetime of creative professional experiences: Fine art, illustration, graphic art, industrial design, and sculpture for original creative expression.

Potter's Hands: Student Center - Discovery SD-1D



Potters. Learn about clay and pottery and how you can be involved in the group.