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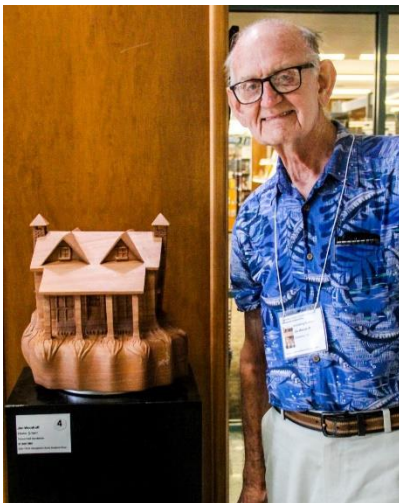
I hope you're all doing well. Summer is here, my favorite season of the year. I think it's because it always reminds me of my childhood days of being carefree and outdoors from sunup to sundown, experiencing a life of barefoot, shorts, and shirtless shenanigans. The freedom to explore the natural world.

It's comparable to how art and creativity can make us feel the same way. Seasonal fluctuations of highs and lows, like the short-day depressions of winter, growth in spring, spiritual awakenings of summer, and relaxing days of fall, a constant ebb and flow of emotions and embraces. The cycles of creativity.

For the month of May through early June, I was absent from Texas for a show commitment and family needs, and regrettably was not able to help with this year's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgetown Public Library Show. Upon my return, I visited the library and was blown away with the amazing sculptures displayed throughout their two floors. Works from both new and longtime members represented TSOS well. I truly hope that all can visit before the end of the exhibit. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to this year's awards recipients! The show will continue to run through July 26<sup>th</sup>. TSOS, once again, thanks the Georgetown Public Library for hosting this annual event, as well as the Georgetown Arts and Culture for their generous award contributions and yearly support.

**2024 TSOS Georgetown Public Library Summer Sculpture Show award recipients:**

**1st Place:** Jim Woodruff for *Homegrown*



2024 TSOS Georgetown Public Library Summer Sculpture Show award recipients continued:

**2nd Place:** Rodney Butler for *Iron Dragonfly*



**3rd Place:** Ashley Thompson for *Pathway*



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**Honorable Mentions:**

**Metal:** Laura Armstrong for *Flamedrop*



**Ceramics:** Kaki Bassi for *Lickety Kiss*



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**Wood & Stone:** JJ Priour for *Endure*



**Other Media:** Dar Richardson for *Dream Holiday Wish*



**People's Choice:** Ronnie Wells for *Prickly Pear Sanctuary*



**Librarian's Choice:** Ken Law for *Armadillo*



Our next public exhibit event will be on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, for Austin's annual museum day. The UMLAUF Sculpture Garden and Museum will once again host TSOS for this wonderful exhibition. This will be a juried call for artists, so be on the lookout for an email arriving within the month of July.

## In Memory

**Artist, Michael Epps 1947 – 2024**

Michael Epps passed away on June 18, 2024. An award-winning sculptor, Michael was an enthusiastic, contributing member of TSOS. For nearly 20 years, he served on the board of directors and on several committees.

Michael served as TSOS vice president in 2011 and was recognized for his leadership as TSOS president for 2012. Throughout his tenure and beyond, Michael was always involved, participating in nearly every meeting, and event. He also arranged programs and organized many significant opportunities for members to exhibit and sell their work.

Always outgoing, friendly, encouraging, and eager to help, Michael was respected and appreciated, and he will be missed. Michael had requested no formal service be held. His family requests that we respect their privacy.



# Member News

## Kat Warwick in Texas Sculpts III

I am thrilled to be included in the lineup of Texas artists chosen for this exhibition - Texas Sculpts, the premier annual sculpture exhibition showcasing the works of 13 accomplished sculptors from throughout Texas. The artists were selected from a group of recognized artists whose works are valued by art collectors from throughout Texas and beyond. The show is from July 6th - August. 24<sup>th</sup> with the artist reception on July 13, 5-7 pm. Location : Art Center of Plano, 901 E. 16th Street, Plano, TX 75074.

For more information - <https://www.artcentreofplano.org/texas-sculpts-2024>



## Matt Donner at Macon Arts Alliance

Matt Donner had his first solo show in over 32 years, in his hometown of Macon, GA. The show was exhibited from May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. The exhibit was an incredibly successful experience, which can be best described as magical. He traveled with 15 bronze and ceramic pieces, cross country in his pickup truck, no room for passengers, representing previous and newest works. The show had been a year and half in the making, and captivated friends, family, and collectors in a tangible and emotional way. Art truly can bring people together. A special thanks goes to Michael Hall's Studio and Foundry, as well as Pyrology Foundry, for their collaboration with this successful event.

Macon Arts Alliance is thrilled to present 'Evocative Animals: An Untethered Exploration,' a solo exhibition by Matt Donner.



## Regional News and Classes

### **Tom Gingras - Explorers of the Elementals and Keepers of the Fire:**

I'm teaching private welding and metalwork sessions at the new studio - Studio 502 - in Briarcliff/ Spicewood. I've been meeting folks for a free introductory session so we can assess goals and establish protocol (safety and welding "fashion"). Initial focus will be on safe practices with oxy-acetylene (gas) welding known as "The Mother of All Methods." It's a long drive out here for most folks so sessions will be an hour and a half. Sorry that I can't do groups. Also...

My wife and I have planned an open studio/gallery for the weekend of July 13th and 14th. Come by and share projects in process, what's next, and what's happening for you. Texting is the superior method for contacting me. Please begin your message with "TJT" and I'll know to sort you out from all of the political "fluff." Contact #(512)797-6860.