



Dear TSOS Family,

I hope you are doing well and having a good summer. I've had a good summer. I began teaching a bit and traveling back east to spend time with my family. We just returned from a road trip to NC with our three cats joining us. In case you want to know, our cats travel really well compared to my pups on this comparable trip.

Summer's been kind of non-stressful for me, and so I've been taking advantage of letting my creativity wander and not so focused on goals. Like taking a break but keeping your hands dirty. Having fun. Part of the fun has been teaching, and I've been grateful for these opportunities.

The annual Georgetown Public Library/TSOS summer show was a success. I enjoyed seeing all the wonderful and amazing sculptures which filled both floors of the library. Beautiful and impressive representations of art. Thank you Melissa Symmonds, TSOS Public Relations Chair, as well as Anne Evens, for all your hard work in making the show happen. Can't wait for next year!

TSOS will once again be showing at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum, on Austin Museum Day, Sunday, September 22nd, from 11-4pm. It would be wonderful if you could drop by and say hello to your fellow sculptors. And, if you've never been to the UMLAUF, at 605 Azie Morton Rd, Austin, TX 78704, it's one of the most amazing museums you'll have visited. We appreciate the UMLAUF hosting us once again this year.

If you have anything worthwhile to share, please let us know. We'd love to hear what you're up to!

Take care,
Matt Donner, President

The club toured the Pyrology Foundry today and what an absolutely fascinating operation. Not only is it much larger than I knew but they make such an incredible variety of pieces in all sizes. There was everything from 2 inches to a 42 ft tall stainless steel Buddha for New York. They do the casting for Disney (so no pictures). We just missed 6 horses at 1 1/2 times life size for Dubai. It was just amazing, and we finished at their FOUND Fine Art Gallery where they had a wide variety of bronze, jewelry, paintings and other sculpture. My favorite was a reclining life-sized moose looking at a butterfly on its back.

Melissa Symmonds, Public Relations Chair

Member News

Member Spotlight

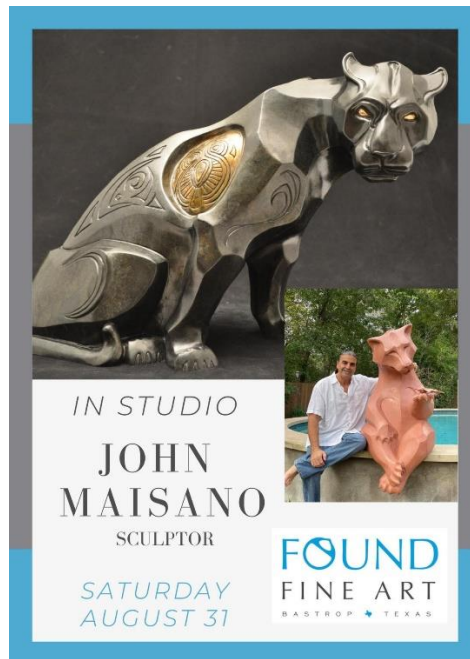
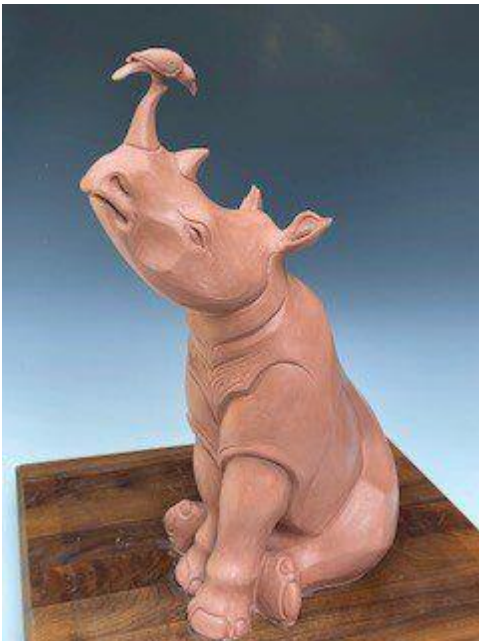
Tom Gingras



This month's spotlight is on Tom Gingras. To hear about his process and see his work - <https://www.tsos.org/2024-august-tom-gingras/>

John Maisano at FOUND Fine Art

John Maisano is the featured sculptor at FOUND Fine Art on Saturday, August 31. His work will be on display, and the TSOS tour of the Pyrology Foundry will finish up there. 912 Water Street, Bastrop, Texas. <https://foundfa.com/john-maisano/>



Marla Ripperda at Llano Art Gallery

Marla Ripperda has a three-month solo show (both paintings and sculpture) at the Llano Art Gallery (503 Bessemer, Llano, TX) Oct. 12 through Dec. 29. The opening reception is a ticketed affair called Artoberfest October 12 @6:30 pm.



Matt Donner and the Boys and Girls Club Pilot Program

During the months June-August, Matt Donner had the fortunate opportunity to teach ceramics and sculpting at the Boys and Girls Club of Georgetown. Matt Donner, president of TSOS, collaborated with Chuck Collins, executive director of GTX Connects, Cam Huff, president of Georgetown Art Works, and Kelly St Julien, branch director of the Georgetown Boys and Girls Club to create a grant endorsed, pilot program, teaching sculpture and ceramics to middle and high school aged students. The program became a success. Working from creative ideas to physical works of art was more than rewarding for all involved. We were able to reach many children who had never worked their hands in clay. TSOS is thankful for the opportunity and hopes that the program takes off for future Boys and Girls Club members.

Gregory Beck at Los Colinas

The first phase of the Ferro di Prua Sculpture installation is now complete. These stainless steel sculptures have been securely mounted to their Corten steel bases and concrete footers along the Las Colinas canal, adjacent to the Gondola dock. The next steps include the application of a rust patina to the bases and the installation of eight indigo-colored LED floodlights on each sculpture. Adding to the visual appeal, the grey tile walls behind the sculptures will feature a waterfall cascading from the pool above.

The community eagerly anticipates the completion and grand opening of the beautiful Hotel Indigo, which promises to be a stunning addition to the area. <https://youtu.be/a-Mwnvf8AKg>



Gregory Beck in Dallas

The Kiva East Santa Fe Trail Screening Fence in Dallas, TX, is now complete and installed. My design features five translucent graphic panels, created by printing on gauze encapsulated between polycarbonate sheets, and five laser-cut steel panels representing the sun's journey through the day. The entire design is framed in custom steel and illuminated by LED lights at night.

The fence stands 6.5 feet tall and stretches 50 feet in length, offering both functional and aesthetic value to the trail and parking lot. Special thanks to Levi with London Metalscapes, LLC.! <https://youtu.be/YYmuZE5h6FY>



Joy Kees in Marble Falls' Daily Trib

Joy Kees was recently interviewed for a local publication in Marble Falls. They did an in-depth feature piece on her and her work. To read the article - [Joy Kees article](#)



New Members

I'd like to welcome the new members who have joined since the last newsletter:

- Rebecca Low Sculpture Gallery Inc
- Andrea La Valleur-Purvis
- Ricardo S. Zamora
- Bob Card
- Jeanna Peña
- Lisa Nigro

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...

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.