

# January 2025 TSOS Newsletter



Dear TSOS family,

Happy New Year! I hope this past year was a wonderful and productive year of sculpting, creating, and being involved with the arts for everyone. My year was spent immersing myself in the arts, creating new sculptures for shows, teaching, and figure sculpting, all activities I'm truly grateful for. When I feel the world pulling me in different directions, polluting my thoughts, disorienting my emotions, art and making art have been the therapeutic means for me to stay centered, and I continued this journey in 2024. It's known the world cannot exist without art. I cannot exist without making art. Thus, art gives me purpose, a gift to give back to this world, and I hope TSOS members share some of the same passions moving forward into 2025.

We ended last year with a studio tour and board meeting, hosted by Elizabeth Bonura of [Bonura Studios](#). It was a wonderful tour of Elizabeth's working studio, and we appreciate her hospitality. The purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers and to discuss social events for the new year. This year will be a transitional year for me and my family. We've decided to move back to North Carolina to be closer to family, granddaughters, and those we love and want to spend our lives with. Thus, I will be passing my torch to the next president. A couple of names have been passed through TSOS, all exciting and capable of having a much more involved role with TSOS. TSOS will be in good hands for the coming years. Our newest elected officers are as follows:

Vice President: Elizabeth Bonura

Secretary: David Downing

Treasurer: Joe Kenney

I hope you have a wonderful start to 2025. Take care and much love everyone!

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## In Memory

### Artist, Dar Richardson 1937 – 2024

An enthusiastic, contributing member of TSOS, Dar Richardson rarely missed participating in a TSOS meeting or event. Always positively upbeat, friendly, and eager to help, Dar dearly liked and truly enjoyed everyone he ever met through TSOS.

Over the past 17 years, Dar contributed to TSOS, serving on the board and on several committees. He helped with arranging social, networking, and educational programs, as well as opportunities for members to exhibit and sell their work. Dar Richardson held the positions of TSOS vice president in 2010 and TSOS president in 2011.

Dar was our first featured Member Spotlight - <https://www.tsos.org/2023-november-dar-richardson/>

Dar Richardson's heart finally gave out on December 28, 2024. Dar had specifically requested no formal service be held. He was appreciated and will be missed.



## Member News

# Member Spotlight

Valérie Chaussonnet



To see Valérie's work and read about her practice go to <https://www.tsos.org/2025-january-valerie-chaussonnet/>

## C.D. Weaver's Dancing Dogs

A whimsical woodcarving by C.D. Weaver after the inspiration of Laurel Peterson Gregory, an insightful, talented, animated sculptor, whose bronze pieces show dogs in every conceivable dance position and are guaranteed to make you smile. Look up her work for a hearty laugh. Laughter is still good medicine and perhaps should be part of some medical prescriptions! I carved this piece in celebration of the recent opening of the "Southpaw Animal Care" clinic (512-549-7878) in Leander/Cedar Park by our Veterinarian son and our daughter-in-law, Dr. David and Jill Weaver.

