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## CENTER STAGES THEATER WORKSHOPS

Brazosport Center Stages is proud to announce a new program for our community. We will have a myriad of adult workshops throughout 2013. January will kick off with a must-attend workshop entitled, *Win That Roll!* Have you ever wanted to direct a play, but didn't know where to start? In February we will teach you the ins and outs of directing a play. More workshops will continue throughout the year and will pertain to costuming, lighting, scenic painting and directing. Registration is limited to 25 people, 17 years old and above. Registration fee includes both sessions, and participants are strongly urged to attend both sessions. Online registration at [brazosport-centerstages.org](http://brazosport-centerstages.org) only: \$25 for two sessions/non-BCS Members; \$15/BCS Members. These are the first in a series of adult education workshops underwritten by the BCS Audience Development & Education Outreach fund. Dates and times for other workshops will be posted on the BCS website: [brazosportcenterstages.org](http://brazosportcenterstages.org)



**January 23 & 30 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Win That Role!** • During this audition techniques workshop, participants will practice "cold-reading" auditions and will be taught strategies to discover character and conflict with little or no preparation. Local actor, director, and theatre educator, Wes Copeland, will lead this two-session workshop designed for adult actors new to the stage, as well as those with years of experience.

**February 20 & 27 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Everything You Never Knew You Never Knew About Directing – A Brief Primer** • This director's workshop is designed to help both experienced and would-be directors understand the fundamentals of directing a play. Basic script analysis, working with designers, stage composition, movement, and the "language of actors" are covered and practiced over this two-session course.

## DUST OFF YOUR USELESS KNOWLEDGE AND HEAD TO SCHOLASTIC BOWL

February 20 & 27 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Fool and the Judge are once again looking for people with heads full of useless knowledge who will donate a couple of hours of their time February 9 to raise money for science education at the Planetarium. Get together with three of your friends and join this fun, casual, sometimes rowdy, competition. This seventh annual Scholastic Bowl begins at 7 p.m. and takes place in the Large Theater. High school and adult teams of four people compete with lots of other teams in this fast-moving competition.

James Heller, chairman (and the Fool), said, "Questions range from current events to science, geography and local activities. The teams all compete together and the questions are answered on paper. No one is singled out, unless, of course, they choose to behave the way the Center Stooges team does." Friends and family are encouraged to watch the fun, privately test their knowledge and cheer on their favorite teams.

Team entry fee is \$100 and sponsorships are available for individuals who would like to help those high school teams that are unable to pay their own team fees. "Polish off your useless knowledge, call some friends, think up a silly team name and join the Scholastic Bowl fun to support this remarkable Planetarium," Heller said. For more information, to become a sponsor, or to enroll a team, call Sarah Heller (the Judge) at 979-798-1966. Team enrollment deadline is 5 p.m. February 6.





# Calendar of Events at THE CENTER for the Arts and Sciences



In the Planetarium Lobby: Space exploration wall with NASA TV, interactive computer stations and displays • ViewSpace: Images from Hubble, Spitzer & Chandra telescopes with the latest news about our solar system, updated daily by astronomers at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Maryland. • Gift shop items include the latest in astronomy books, supplies & gifts for all ages. Lobby is open to the public at no charge while school is in session, Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and before Planetarium Shows.

**January 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and Friday, January 18 • 7 p.m. • Cosmic Colors** • Cosmic Colors will take you on a wondrous journey across the entire electromagnetic spectrum. Discover the many reasons for color – like why the sky is blue and why Mars is red. Take a tour within a plant leaf and journey inside the human eye. Investigate x-rays by voyaging to a monstrous black hole and then back at your doctor's office. You will even see the actual color of a dinosaur – based on recent evidence. Get ready for an amazing adventure under a rainbow of cosmic light! Also, **Tonight's Sky** • What's over your house tonight? Tickets available 20 minutes before the show. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students. Call 979-265-3376 for information.

**February 5, 12, 19 & 26 and Friday, February 22 • 7 p.m. • Winter's Bright Circle** • Gemini, Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Canis Major... Bright stars, ancient tales, interesting astronomy and the planet. Also, **Tonight's Sky** • What's over your house tonight? Tickets available 20 minutes before the show. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students. Call 979-265-3376 for information.

**January 15 & February 19 • 7:45 p.m. • Astronomy Club** • Following Planetarium show in the Planetarium • Open to the public.

**February 9 • 7 p.m. 2013 Scholastic Bowl** • Fundraiser held in the large Theater supporting science education at the Planetarium and many programs offered at The Center. Teams of up to four people put their heads together to answer questions on subjects such as science, the arts, history, geography, current events and local activities. We encourage community organizations, alumni groups, church groups, family members and work groups to compete. Admission is \$5 at the door. The entry fee for each team is \$100 and money is available for high school teams that wish to compete, but do not have the entry fee. For more information, call Sarah Heller at 979-798-1966.



Rated one of the ten best museums in Texas by Frommer's Travel Guide. Largest collection of shells on display in the South with shells from around the world. Life-size dinosaur casts; amazing wildlife; exciting fossils; glamorous gems & minerals; fascinating archeology; hands-on children's area piques children's interest in the natural world. Displays change frequently. Visit [www.bmns.org](http://www.bmns.org) or call 979-265-7831 for more information. Open Tuesday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday • 2-5 p.m. and during Center Stages productions. Free admission.

**January 13 • 2 - 4 p.m. • BMNS Annual Meeting** • Trustees and members gather to hear about everything that happened in 2012. The public is very welcome and there is no admission charge. After a very brief intermission, the first BMNS Board of Trustees meeting will be held as well to elect officers for 2013.

**MUSEUM AFFILIATES**  
**February 5 • 7 p.m. • Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County** • Meetings, the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Museum, are open to the public. Bring a covered dish to share. For more information, see [www.seashellsearchers.org](http://www.seashellsearchers.org)

**January 8 & February 12 • 7:30 p.m. • Brazosport Archaeological Society** • Meetings, in the Museum, are open to the public. Join them in their study of the prehistory and history of the lower Brazos River region. The Society is a non-profit organization created to stimulate an active interest in the discovery, conservation, and salvage of archaeological sites, and the recording and preservation of archaeological remains using scientific procedures. For more information, visit [www.bmns.org](http://www.bmns.org).

**January 28 & February 25 • 7 p.m. • Brazosport Birders and Naturalists** • Meetings, the 4th Monday of every month in the Museum, are open to the public. All those interested in birding and conservation of our natural resources are welcome. For more information, visit their page on Facebook.



**GALLERY EXHIBITS**  
Free admission to all galleries; exhibits change every 5-6 weeks. Center Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday • 2-5 p.m. and during Center Stages productions. The Thelma Martin Members' Gallery displays original works for sale by League members. The Art Shop sells original artwork, cards, stationery, miniature paintings, ceramics, jewelry and other small gift items.

**January 3 - February 3 • Moments in Time** • Works by BAL members Peter Janecke and Jared Paul Wilson. Sponsored by Mangan, Inc. Opening Reception Saturday, January 12, 7-9 p.m. Open to the public.

**February 5 - March 10 • Works by Amanda Danning** • Though acclaimed for her forensic sculpting abilities, Amanda is an accomplished sculptor in her own right. She has worked in and with all sorts of subject material and in various scales using a variety of different media including wood, bronze and resin composite. A passion to draw was the beginning of her artistic journey and it continues today when she sets brush to canvas. She has been commissioned to do portraits, both personal and historical. Though she paints primarily in oils, she also enjoys drawing in pastels as well. Sponsored by BASF. Opening Reception Saturday, February 9, 7-9 p.m. Open to the public.

**COMMUNITY SATELLITE EXHIBITS**  
Work by Art League members on exhibit in the community at the following locations: The Dow Chemical Co., A.P. Beutel Building • Lake Jackson Civic Center • Lake Jackson Public Library • Clute City Hall Lobby

## SPECIAL THANKS...

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**IN THE BAL STUDIO**  
**January 12 • 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Saturday Art Special** • Jerry Bachman, *Magical Painting Techniques*; \$25/Non BAL Members, \$15/BAL Members; plus materials & sack lunch. Call Duane Alcorn 979-265-0777 to enroll and for information.

**January 27 • 2 - 4 p.m. • General Membership Meeting**

**February 20, 21 & 22 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Pastel Workshop**; instructor, Betty Klasel. Contact Duane Alcorn at 265-0777 for registration and materials information. Cost per person is \$225, \$50 deposit due upon registration. The class will be limited to 20 people.

**Oil & Pastels Class • Tuesdays beginning January 8 • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** • All skill levels. \$50/month (4 classes). Call Dolores Reynolds, 979-266-9805, or email [dolrey@comcast.net](mailto:dolrey@comcast.net) for registration, supplies and details.

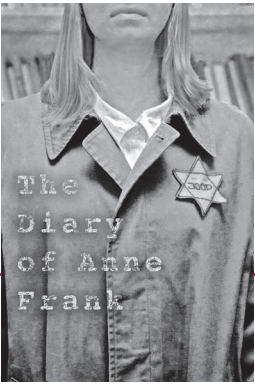
**Paint-In • Mondays & Wednesdays all year • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** • An opportunity for members to learn from each other while working on their own projects in varied media. These fun & casual sessions are very helpful for beginners, and everyone is welcome. Come three times as a guest; membership required thereafter. Information: Reba Bonorden, 979-297-8345.

**Life Drawing • 1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 2-4 p.m. during Paint-In** • \$4 model fee. Information: Harry Sargent, 979-297-4766.



**January 13 & February 24 • 2-4 p.m. • Gerrard Teen Guild Meeting** • A learn-by-doing theater program with monthly meetings for teens. Newcomers welcome. Please bring a folder & pencil and wear shoes with closed toes to all meetings. Call The Center Office, 979-265-7661, for more information.

**February 15, 16, 22 & 23 @ 7 p.m. & February 17 & 24 @ 2:30 p.m. • The Diary of Anne Frank** adapted by Wendy Kesselman • Arena Theater • In this gripping new adaptation from the original stage play by Goodrich and Hackett, newly discovered writings from the diary of Anne Frank, as well as survivor accounts, are interwoven to create a contemporary impassioned story of the lives of people persecuted under Nazi rule. Craig Fritz, director.



**TICKET RESERVATIONS**  
***The Diary of Anne Frank***  
(\$13/adults; \$10/children)

February 6: Online Box Office opens for Center Stages Members.  
February 10: Center box office opens for Members only  
February 11: Both online and Center box office open to the General Public.

Center box office: 979-265-7731, 2-5 p.m.  
Online reservations at [brazosportcenterstages.org](http://brazosportcenterstages.org) require credit card, Visa, Discover & MasterCard accepted. Secure site, password protected.

**February 24 @ 2:30 p.m., 25 & 26 @ 7 p.m. • Auditions and crew signup** for the April 19 – 28 production of *Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig • This energetic comedy of mistaken identities features two down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors who have been reduced to performing in the Amish countryside of Pennsylvania. When they learn that a wealthy old woman in search of her two long-lost heirs is on her deathbed, they devise a plan that sends them on the performance of their lives. Cast includes 4 women and 5 men. Director: Dennis Ulrich. Performed in the Arena Theater.

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**February 23 • 7:30 p.m. • Subscription II Concert: Young at Heart** • Concert includes *Tracing Arcs* – Ryan Walker, *The Magic Flute Overture* – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Overture to *Fidelio* – Ludwig von Beethoven and *Manfred Overture* – Robert Schumann, plus the Winner of the Young Artist Competition. Concerts are performed at The Clarion at Brazosport College • Tickets, \$17 for adults and \$12 for students, can be purchased online at [clarion.brazosport.edu](http://clarion.brazosport.edu) or at The Clarion box office the day of the performance. Flex tickets can only be redeemed through The Clarion box office.

The Center will be closed December 31 & January 1 in celebration of the New Year & February 18 in recognition of Presidents Day

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