



CURRENT EXHIBITION

JOSÉ ARPA A SPANISH PAINTER IN TEXAS. On View: March 11 - May 28, 2017. Opening Reception: Friday, March 17, 6 - 8 p.m. Featured Speaker: Michael Grauer

José Arpa y Perea (1858-1952) opened a studio in San Antonio around 1901 and became an important part of the San Antonio school. Born in Carmona, the son of a cobbler, Arpa began studying part-time at the Academia des Bellas Artes (Academy of Fine Arts) in Seville, Spain, in 1876...

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CAFÉ ARTS ALISON GASPARD WHAT WILL THEY BECOME

Opening Reception: 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, April 2, 2017 On view March 30 - May 21, 2017 Featured Speaker: Artist Sherry Owens

Alison Gaspard lives and works in Houston, Texas, where she is an artist and arts educator. Gaspard graduated with a Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) from Lamar University in 2014. Currently, Gaspard works as an art educator for the Houston Independent School District, and is the founder of the Fine Arts Program on her campus (fall 2016).

In her Café Arts exhibition, What Will They Become, Gaspard visualizes youthful, solitary figures encircled by ambiguous values that have prominence, begin to fade into and simultaneously arise from these indistinct values. These values represent the unknown environmental factors that will affect and alter the figure's development from youthful innocence to adulthood.

UPCOMING EXHIBITION Sherry Owens

On view June 10 - September 10, 2017 Opening Reception: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017 Featured Speaker: Artist Sherry Owens

Native Texan and Dallas artist Sherry Owens is renowned for her sculpture made of crepe myrtle tree pieces, simultaneously evoking both the natural and otherworldly elements of the tree in her sculptures and installations.

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UPCOMING EXHIBITION RECENT ACQUISITIONS SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

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This exhibition will feature recent acquisitions from AMSET's growing permanent collection. As stated in our mission statement, we strive to provide education, inspiration and creative vision throughout Southeast Texas through our unique collections, exhibitions and public programs.

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EVENTS GO FOR THE GOLD 2017 OLYMPIC AMSETTA

The annual Go for the Gold fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th. Everyone is invited to join AMSET for the much anticipated Go for the Gold "Olympic AMSETTA" event.

The winners of Go for the Gold will be determined through a reverse drawing. The holders of the final, three tickets drawn, win gold. Third place receives \$1,000 in gold, second place: \$1,500 in gold, and one lucky winner will become the "Olympic AMSETTA" Champion, taking home \$10,000 in gold!

Let the games begin and come out to support AMSET's exhibitions and programs at Go for the Gold, where everyone is a winner.

EVENTS MARDI PARTY

Laissez les bons temps rouler! AMSET wishes to thank everyone who came out and helped with Mardi party and supported it by attending. It was huge success! We made approximately \$15,600 (net).

Thanks to Jessica Garth Whitney who organized an AMAZING event this year! Thank you to Inez Alvidres, Blooms by Claybar Floral, Katharine Carmichael of Katharine & Company, Lana Portner, Kat Holtzclaw, and Mark Nesmith, Elaine Henderson who all donated wonderful items to the auctions.

EDUCATION SUMMER ART VENTURES

Join AMSET for Summer ArtVentures July 21, this year's line-up of week-long, half-day workshops, from June 12 through 2017, is more exciting than ever, with clay, painting, painted wearables, two-dimensional mixed media, painting, clay and much more, all taught by professional artists.

YOUNG ARTVENTURES - AGES 5-7

Young ArtVentures will have the opportunity to sample clay, paint, pastels and mixed media through simplified projects formatted for age group. Classes will be augmented with story times (using art-related stories) and outdoor activities.

ARTVENTURES - AGES 8-11

ArtVentures will have exciting courses to choose from including ceramics, painted wearables, mixed media, and even claymation.

TEENVENTURES - AGES 12-14

A special week, July 5-July 7, just for those interested in exploring public art through urban landscape. Teen campers will be introduced to works from artists Banksy, Blek Le Rat, and C215. This week will emphasize the positive influence of street art on urban design while teens create a collaborative piece of public art.

The cost for Summer ArtVentures is \$75 for members, \$135 for non-members for the child's first class, \$75 for each additional child and \$70 for each additional class. The non-member fee includes a one-year family membership. Scholarships are also available.

EDUCATION MARKET BASKET PRESENTS: PROTÉGÉ 2017 COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

Teachers, friends and family joined the AMSET staff on Tuesday evening, February 21st for the Opening Reception of the 31st Annual Protégé Competition & Exhibition. Nineteen exhibitors were selected from among the 81 entries submitted by 13 high schools.

1st PLACE BAYLEE BATTISE, SABINE PASS HIGH SCHOOL 2ND PLACE MADISON CARAWAY, BRIDGE CITY HIGH SCHOOL 3RD PLACE UMER A AHMED, PORT NECHES - GROVES HIGH SCHOOL



EDUCATION AMSET's FREE Family Arts Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017

Buzzing Bees! Come celebrate spring with the serene artwork of the impressionist painter, José Arpa. We will paint impressionist-style blue bonnets, create impressionist landscapes and decorate spring flower pots, along with a myriad of other fresh, spring-related art activities.

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