

ART BEAT OF TEXOMA



Featured Artrepreneur: Mark Nagel

Starting and growing a business takes a lot of hard work, and entrepreneurs who stay focused on their goals are more likely to succeed. Sparrows Gallery is a great example of this dedication. Mark Nagel, who is well-experienced in paint sales and picture framing, has been an important part of the gallery's success. His knowledge and love for art have helped make Sparrows Gallery a top spot for art lovers.

North Texas Arts Festival Update

Denison Arts Council is proud to announce the third annual North Texas Arts Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10 AM to 5 PM in historic Katy Depot located in Downtown Denison, TX.



Call For Dumpster Proposals 2025!

The Denison Arts Council, in collaboration with the City of Denison, is excited to invite artists and teams to submit their ideas for painting dumpsters. It's all part of our mission to Activate the Alleys adding beauty and drawing attention to alternative business entrances on Main Street. Your canvas? A city-owned, family-friendly dumpster, prepped and ready for your artistry. Join this innovative public art movement!

Submit your proposal today!



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Explore the vibrant arts scene in Denison with our latest newsletter, featuring exciting updates on upcoming events, artist showcases, and community initiatives!



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FEATURED ARTREPRENEUR: MARK NAGEL

Sparrows Gallery was founded in 2015 by Tamie Odom. It opened in Downtown Denison when the right building became available, allowing Tamie to fulfill her long-time dream of starting an art gallery. Mark's background in the paint business and 39 years of experience in picture framing made him the perfect fit to help Sparrows Gallery succeed. After a few years, Tamie decided to retire in 2022 to spend more time with her family in Georgia. Mark, who remained committed, kept working to grow Sparrows Gallery.

Mark later teamed up with Knight Furniture, which allowed the gallery to expand even more and continue being an important part of the community. Through this partnership, Sparrows Gallery has successfully brought its art collection to the Sherman Knight Furniture location. They are about to expand to the Gainesville Knight Furniture location.



Sparrows Gallery is one of the largest galleries between Dallas and Oklahoma City. It represents a diverse mix of local, national and international artists, displaying a rich variety of creative works. Committed to supporting artistic growth and community involvement, Sparrows Gallery is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and participates on the board of the Denison Arts Council.

Mark describes Sparrows as a traditional art gallery that features a wide range of works from 32 talented artists. The gallery focuses on quality and craftsmanship, showcasing various artistic styles and techniques. Mark also offers custom picture framing services, using over 39 years of experience to deliver great results at competitive prices. Additionally, the gallery provides art classes in different mediums, encouraging creativity and skill development in the community. To keep up with the growing interest in art, Mark has added more classes and supplies. He regularly arranges gallery shows and events, giving artists and visitors the chance to connect and enjoy the beauty of art.

As every business owner knows, businesses face challenges. Mark's hard work and commitment have created new opportunities, built resilience, and sparked creativity. He is an example of how focusing on potential solutions can help overcome obstacles. Mark pointed out that the art business is particularly tough because it has many inherent difficulties. "There are relatively few brick and mortar galleries in the country. It takes a lot of work, staying involved and connected in the community, and going above and beyond expectations. We have grown in size, even through difficult times." Dedication to one's business in the face of challenges is vital to entrepreneurship. It involves a deep commitment to one's business in good and bad times. This dedication often translates into long hours, sacrifices, and a willingness to partner with one's community to achieve success.

Mark emphasized that being focused and committed is very important for new entrepreneurs. "If you are an entrepreneur just starting out you have to be just a little crazy. There are ways to make more money with less effort. So do it because you love it, because it's your passion." Entrepreneurs who are driven by their passion tend to keep going no matter how tough things get. They are more likely to come up with new ideas and create businesses that reflect their values and dreams.

Interested in learning more about Sparrows Gallery?

It is easy to keep up with their future events on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sparrowsgallerytx>



North Texas Arts Festival Mark Your Calendar for May 17!



For the 3rd year, juried local, regional, and national artists will display and sell their work in Denison as part of the North Texas Arts Festival.

This year's event has relocated to the historic Katy Depot and surrounding Katy Plaza park. Various artist demonstrations will be held, as well as performances throughout the day. This is a family-friendly event, open to the public.

While you are in town, discover the Cultural Arts District and take the Public Art Walking Tour through downtown. Denison is home to hundreds of public art pieces including murals, sculptures, painted dumpsters, and more.

Visitors and locals alike will be able to explore the city's vibrant art scene, take part in interactive activities, and enjoy local restaurants, wineries, and breweries within and easy walk from the event.

To apply to as a participating artist at the event, please complete an application online by May 10, 2025 at www.Zapplication.org.

Art You an Artist? Submit Your Work for Consideration in One of Our Upcoming Shows...

- Experienced
- Emerging
- Boutique
- Wearable



VIBRANT Visuals

January 6 - April 4

Now Showing at 517Gallery

When it comes to communication, color is unbeatable. Unconscious or otherwise, color can evoke emotions, inspire reactions, and change modes of thinking. It can excite or soothe your mood, raise or lower your blood pressure, and even whet your appetite! Whether it's innate or learned, it's undeniable that color has a vital impact on how we go about our lives.

The current show, Vibrant Visuals, explores energetic use of color. Works in the show embody bright, vivid, emotional color in a variety of styles and subjects. The DAC invites you to visit the show and dig a little deeper into how the art, and specifically the colors, make you feel.

Show Run: January 6 - April 4

Closing Reception: March 8, 2025 4-6 pm



Doc Holliday Festival Returns!

Join us to celebrate the boomtown of Denison in the 1870-80s when Doc Holliday had an office in Downtown Denison. Events will include old west reenactors, authors, performers, historians, gun fights, wagon rides, wild west photo ops, costume contests, live music, petting zoo, kids activities, and much more...

Enjoy living history on this fun-filled day - April 26, 2025, 9 am- 5 pm Downtown Denison, TX

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nude at 90: The Works of Donna Finch Adams | Opens April 17
Featuring New Works in Acrylic @ 517Gallery

Doc Holliday Saints & Sinners Festival | April 26 @ 9 AM

North Texas Art Festival | Saturday May 17 @ 10AM
Katy Depot and Katy Plaza

Altered Realities | Opens June 26

Le Salon des Artistes Juried Art Exhibition | Opens 10/03

Denison Fall Fest | Saturday October 3 @ 10 AM

BECOME A MEMBER!

The Denison Arts Council is dedicated to developing and promoting cultural art programs such as festivals, public art, grants to arts-related organizations, and performing arts events. Your membership supports programs like art scholarships, exhibitions, and music events. By investing in cultural arts programs like these, we can help grow our local economy and attract more arts-related tourism to the area.

VOLUNTEER

Join our vibrant community at the Denison Arts Council! We're looking for passionate individuals to help us with exciting art projects and events. Your support is vital to our mission of promoting arts in the community.

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