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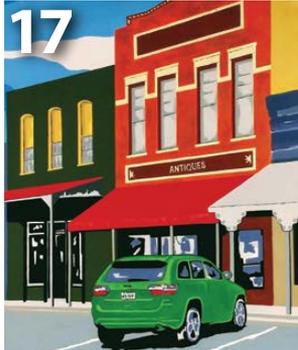
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DRUM ROLL, PLEASE!

Two Aubrey High School Band Members Named to the All-State-Band

By Amy Ruggini



Erin Lim and Xander Rouk were recently named two of the top high school musicians in the state of Texas

by the Association of Texas Small School Bands. The two Aubrey High School band members were named to the all-state band after performing at the virtual ATSSB area audition in January.

Fourteen Chaparrals were named to the all-region band in November, and Erin and Xander were among six members of the Aubrey High School band program that advanced to the area auditions.

“We have amazing students in our band program in Aubrey,” AHS director of bands Jason Noyes said. “Erin and Xander have put in countless hours of practice in preparation for these auditions. I am beyond proud to have them in our band program and so excited for them to have this amazing honor.”

The duo are accomplished musicians. Erin was named an all-region performer at flute for the last three years and advanced to all-area auditions for the last two. The senior has also served as one of AHS marching band’s drum majors for the last two years, which is a huge leadership role. As a drum major this past school year, she became friends with Xander, who was the percussion section leader.



Xander advanced to the all-state band this year as a sophomore. For the percussion audition, he had to perform on three different instruments: snare drum, marimba and timpani. He also plays piano, which he started playing when he was five years old. He was encouraged by his band teacher in fifth grade to join percussion, and he has been making a lot of noise ever since.

As the region audition process began in the fall, a group of band members, including Erin and Xander, began to practice more after school. For Erin, advancing to the all-state band was a goal she had already set for herself at the start of her senior year.

In order to accomplish her goal, she decided to make a change.



“I changed my mindset,” Erin said. “I always think when I’m practicing that I have to go through my warm up, and then do this, and then do that. So, I need to practice for at least 30 minutes. So, this time, I decided that I would make sure I touched my horn at least five minutes a day. I wanted to make sure I was playing every day and thinking about playing every day.”

She told Xander about her plan, and the

two made a deal. They would send each other screenshots of their practice log from an app showing how much they practiced at home.

“It definitely helped me,” Xander said. “It is hard to get started. Once you get playing, it is fine. Just having five minutes turn into 20 minutes can really help.”

Erin said it pushed her to practice when she received a text message from Xander.

“He practiced so then I had to practice.”

Their hard work was rewarded when each received phone calls from their band teachers in January telling them that they had been named to the all-state band and would have the opportunity in June to play and audition for chairs at the ATSSB All-State Band Clinic and Concert.

Both were surprised and proud when they heard the news.

“It does mean a lot because it’s cool just seeing that I can get this far,” Xander said. “It is going to push me in the following years.”

“It was my goal for my senior year,” Erin said. “I achieved it, and I’m very happy about it.”

While they are waiting on the music for their upcoming audition in June, the two have not stopped practicing on their own. They have been practicing every day, and whoever breaks the streak has to buy dinner.



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In symbolically shaking off the proverbial dust of 2020, the Prosper Community Library has entered the new year with a fresh slate of programs, events, and activities that the staff is excited to offer.

Because many of the offerings are virtual, the participation levels, referred to as impressions, are expected to be high, says Library Director Leslie Scott. "We expect that the number of

impressions throughout the community will be rather extensive," she said. "Due to the wide variety of programming for all ages and interests, the staff expects our offerings to be quite popular with our residents."

The library is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Patrons are asked to observe COVID safety protocols

while in the library browsing for materials. Soon, in person passive programming for families will be hosted by the library, once again adhering to health and safety protocols in order to safeguard staff and visitors, and to ensure compliance with health restrictions.

"Passive programs for families will be offered each month," she said. "For three weeks during the month, families may participate in a fun activity in our program room. January's theme is 'Giant Games,' and February's theme is 'Construction.' We'll add more each month."

Virtual programming is mostly hosted on the Prosper Library YouTube channel, including story times, helpful household tips, science craft ideas, Dewey Decimal Dinosaurs, as well as a virtual reading club that will host discussions of the One Book, One Town selection. The One Book, One Town selection will be announced this month, a book which captivated the staff, and is expected to enchant readers of all ages.

"Also, the Prosper Community Library Facebook page is a fun place where we add funny posts about the staff's pets and what they're reading, suggestions for books that are like some of your favorites, questions and answers about the library, and announcements of what's to come," she said.

The instantly-popular Take and Make program, where craft kits with ingredients to be assembled at home are included, will be continued. A twice monthly Take and Make kit for bookmarks has been recently added.

Among other innovations and offerings this year are internet hotspots for checking out and the launching of Dial-A-Story. With their parents' permission, children can call the Dial-A-Story line and hear youth services librarians read them a short story.

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Keep those Local Dollars Flowing in 2021!

By Wendy Haun
Pilot Point Economic Development

We've all done it.

Why put on real pants, real shoes (ugh) and drive down to the amazing local shop to do your retail therapy, when you could just as easily stay at home in your favorite leggings and buy something similar online. You don't even have to do your hair for that!

But the truth is – shopping online or at big box retailers can leave an impact on our small towns. Consider this: **out of every \$100 spent at a local shop, \$68 of that stays right in your area, according to research provided by the American Independent Business Alliance.** That small business owner continually reinvests in the communities they serve, provides local jobs, uses services from other local business to spruce up their space or buy products, and keeps stimulating the economy within. And by keeping our local economy thriving, it makes each one of our small towns that much of a better place to live.

Your shopping dollars can absolutely make an impact locally. We are working to make shopping local right here in Pilot Point as easy as a few clicks. Go to our refreshed business listings at DevelopPilotPoint.com (under **Opportunities** and click **Find a Business**). How many large corporation businesses do you see? Not very many. But scroll through those pages and you can find dozens of ways to easily **support your local**



economy for simple things, like your next T-shirt print for your club, a place to get your car repaired, lodging or event space and so much more.

Studies also show that while small businesses also reinvest in their local economy, they also reinvest just as heavily in their workforce. They are less likely to lay off their workers during a downturn. You can patronize those locally owned restaurants and know that when you're giving a generous tip to your server, you're not only helping someone who could live right down the street from you, but that money will likely also be spent here in town.

The first quarter of the year is always a little slower following the Christmas rush. But this year, when you're thinking of

where to spend that Visa gift card someone stuffed in your stocking, close that laptop. Grab your mask. And find your happy in a locally made good, delicious fresh latte or just treat yourself to a spa day. After the holidays, you've earned a little pampering!



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Sun, Soil and Water for Your Vegetable Garden

Time to Start Planting-Part 1

By Janet Laminack



Did you start vegetable gardening last year? If so, you weren't alone but you may have gotten a late start. Let's kick this year off right by planning (and planting) earlier.

The essential ingredients for a vegetable garden are good soil, full sun, and water. Soil is the most expensive part of vegetable gardening and it is really tempting to skimp on that. But since the sun is free, maybe you can spare some money for soil.

The soil supports the plant, holds moisture, provides nutrients and contains organisms (such as earthworms and microorganisms) that turn dead stuff into good stuff. It's worth getting a soil test every few years so that you know what your soil needs. We recommend the Texas A&M soil lab, of course, but there are other labs. Go to soiltesting.tamu.edu, click on submittal forms and select the urban form. A \$12 routine analysis will give you basic fertilizer recommendations, but you can pay more to determine micronutrients, organic matter, or even salinity. If you have a raised bed or container garden, you can easily change the soil into something wonderful for your veggies.

Next important ingredient for a vegetable garden is full



sun. Ideally, eight hours of direct sunlight a day. Some veggies will do ok with less sunlight, but for maximum production sun is key. If you don't have an appropriate space, there are community gardens throughout the area that have plots available. Some are free, some have a small charge or requirements such as donating a portion of the produce. Contact us if you have trouble finding one (or, if you are part of an organization that has plots, let us know, we may not have every one identified).



If you have a small space, you can grow veggies in containers. Some are better suited than others, so do some research. Besides just planting what you want to eat, consider the value in what you are growing and the real estate you are giving up. What I mean is, get a bang for your buck. Everything tastes better homegrown, but is planting squash worth it? Do people rave about freshly harvested squash? No! They talk about ripe off-the-vine tomatoes

(these claims have not been fully researched). Fresh herbs can be pricey in stores but many can be easily grown in a small space or incorporated into flower beds. This week alone, I have harvested rosemary, thyme and parsley from my yard for cooking. Not only will you feel super fancy, but using herbs can be a healthier seasoning than salt and fat.

And the last must have for vegetables is a reliable water source, as they need frequent watering. Remember to place your garden so it's convenient to water in the heat of the summer. Municipal water is usually better quality than well water in our area, but rainwater is the absolute best. So if you can't make it rain on command, think about putting out rain barrels to collect it for later use.

It's not too early to get that garden in!

For more information, visit <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/>. There are fact sheets and archived Facebook Live videos with great tips. Also, our Master Gardeners have locally specific information visit <https://dcmga.com/> and look under North Texas Gardening. You can even call/text or email the Master Gardener Help Desk and get answers to your questions at master.gardener@dentoncounty.gov or 940-349-2892.

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Meet Josh Stark and Norman Ashton from Stark Design Studio, LLC

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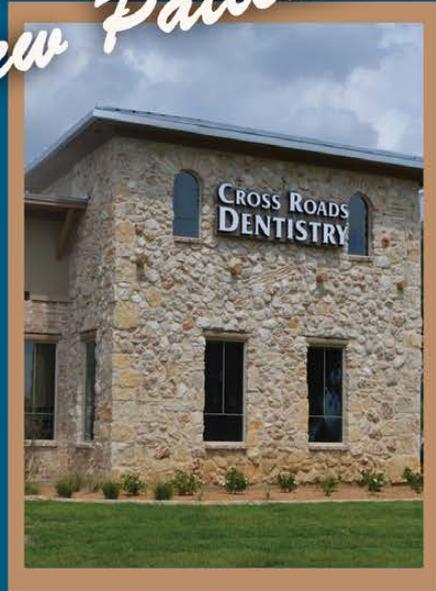
Lead designer Josh Stark holds a professional bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Oklahoma and has 30 years of professional design experience. While his passion lies in residential design, he has extensive experience in construction management, project management, and information technology systems design. He is a certified project management professional (PMP), a certified scrum master (CSM), and a certified scrum product owner. (CSPO).

Business manager and designer Norman Ashton holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has more than a decade of interior design and construction management experience. He also holds statewide board positions for insurance risk pools and has held the title of Risk Manager for a local water utility in Fort Worth for thirty years. On top of all of that, Norman is a helicopter pilot!

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By Jodie Linton-Prickett

There is something very exciting about building a new home or remodeling an existing one. It is also very energizing to think of doing these things and incorporating smart home technology! Smart homes are not just a trend, they are here to stay.

When building from the ground up or remodeling, it gives the homeowner the opportunity to put their personal stamp on the place

they are going to reside. The ability to choose everything from colors, lighting, cabinetry, and floor coverings to the actual footprint and plans of the home. It also gives the client the opportunity to work with their builder to add all of the up-to-date technology to make their home smart. This brilliant addition does not just add all of the conveniences such as ease and accessibility, relaxation and comfort, as well as safety and security, but it also increases resale value. By adding smart locks, lights, wireless speakers, temperature

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If you want your project, including your smart project to go smoothly the most important thing is choosing the right contractor or builder. Working with a company that has your best interest in mind, who understands their products, and are able to work

within their client's vision so that they receive what they expect in the final outcome.

Selecting a builder with the expertise to explain the project from start to finish is important. It helps the job stay on budget and finish on time. If you are looking for a builder with the capability of understanding your new build or remodel expectations topped off with excellent customer service reach out to Roy Garrard from Tartan Homes and Remodeling in Oak Point, and schedule an appointment.



TARTAN HOMES AND REMODELING



Garrand has been in the building business since 1993. He has completed over 400 homes in a wide variety of architectural styles and sizes.

It was when the housing market took a nose dive that he ventured out and started his own business. Even though it was a wearisome time to start up in this industry, he understood during this time that people were willing to remodel instead of move. He built his business model based on how he would like a project to go if he was the client. Communication was crucial, as well as working with subcontractors with high standards and excellent work ethics. It is important that the professionals he works with have superb expertise in their area of specialty and the capacity to communicate effectively with clients.

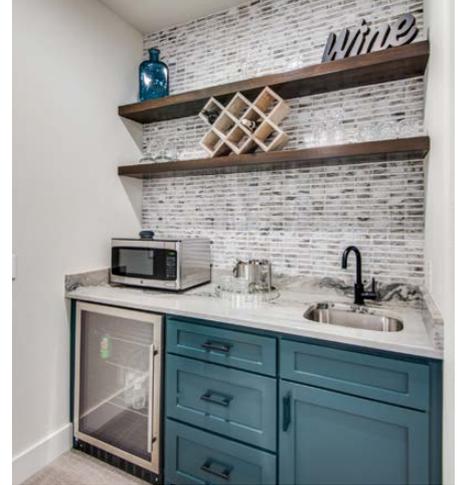
Garrand has always enjoyed building things and finding solutions to problems. With this being a daily occurrence in his line of work, he is doing what he loves.

“There is always a solution you just need to be persistent and find it. I have set up my organization with the expectation that good communication is key between all parties, subcontractor, vendors,



homeowners and myself. In this type of service industry I like my people to be on time and if there is an issue, please make me aware of it,” says Garrand, “Everyone likes to know what’s going on and when things will be done. My goal is to move your project along daily, by knowing the trades lead times and scheduling one right after the other. This helps to avoid down time.”

Business has been on the upswing over the last few years. Delighted clients have been instrumental in the name recognition of Tartan Homes and Remodeling in the 380 Corridor. This is a direct result of the quality of work and craftsmanship they provide.



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FAMILY FIT LIFESTYLE



By Jessica Small, Denton County BLT Extension Agent



Family and fitness are two things you can combine to make exercising worthwhile. Creating healthy lifestyle habits are beneficial to you which promotes longevity. Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages. Being active as a family can be fun and rewarding to everyone. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Choose MyPlate recommends that adults need at least two and a half hours each week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day.

There are some helpful tips to keep in mind with exercising as a family. Be sure to set specific time to do your workouts. Determine which time lasts throughout the week will best fit your family's availability. Try doing something active after dinner or on the weekend with a morning walk or hike.

Use what is available at home. No

need to go purchase any workout equipment. Be creative and use items around the house. Planning activities that require little or no equipment. Some examples of activities include walking, jogging, jumping rope, playing tag, and dancing.

Another great way to add physical activity as a family is to include work around your house as a way to move. Involve the kids in yard work or other active chores. Have them help you with gardening or raking leaves, or even vacuuming.

Planning for weather conditions is also a key component when doing exercise. Choose activities that do not depend on how the weather may be. Try mall walking (before stores open), indoor swimming, or even active video games such as the Nintendo Wii Fit.

One last thing to keep in mind is to turn off all TVs nearby. Set a rule for everyone stating no one can spend longer than two hours per day playing

video games, using the computer or iPad, and watching TV. The less screen time the better.

Creating a family fit lifestyle can be easy and enjoyable. Try this out with your children and be creative on your physical activities. Also, be sure to stay hydrated during any type of exercise.

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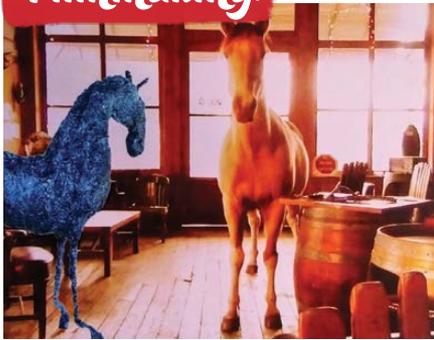


If you live in Pilot Point you may have met Justine Wollaston or have seen her up on scaffolding creating a mural. If not, it is nearly impossible to live in the area and not have encountered her work. You will find her murals and sculptures throughout the town and surrounding areas.

Justine's talent and creativity is not limited to painting. Her inspired mind is always fully charged. While mostly recognized for her murals and horse sculptures, she is also a filmmaker and writer. She has authored educational and fiction books, and a musical play.

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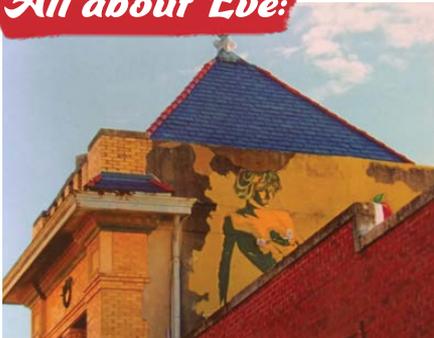


Justine shot and edited the documentary "Be Heard" for producer Jason Burden. The film follows six local songwriters, including the talented Theresa Arnold, from inspiration to live performances. The film can be seen on Amazon in Prime Video.

Many locals are familiar with her whimsical 2013 short film, *The Legend of Lola*. It's a worm tale worth telling due to the creative energy from over 140 people who participated in the project.

She also created the feature *Lowbrows: An Arthaus Comedy*. The film indulges Justine's fascination with fiction as reality. She likes to investigate the juxtaposition of the two: What is fiction? What is reality? She suggests "everything is perception, so life is Theater of the Absurd". This film is also available on Prime Video.

All about Eve:



Justine's most famous work to date no doubt is Eve. You can't miss her if you are traveling south down Washington. Eve is perched high on the north side of the F&M Bank. The mural, according to the artist, shows Eve in the moment just before she decides to take a bite out of the apple to begin her journey of self-discovery.

The mural generated so much hullabaloo Justine temporarily censored it while the First Amendment was addressed.



Eve was unveiled when the case settled in favor of the mural.

The image was created in 2003 and is now in need of restoration to revive the former beauty. Eve's story is so intriguing Justine wrote a musical play about the fiasco. Her goal is to produce it theatrically and eventually turn it into an Avant Garde Film.

Relationship with Art:

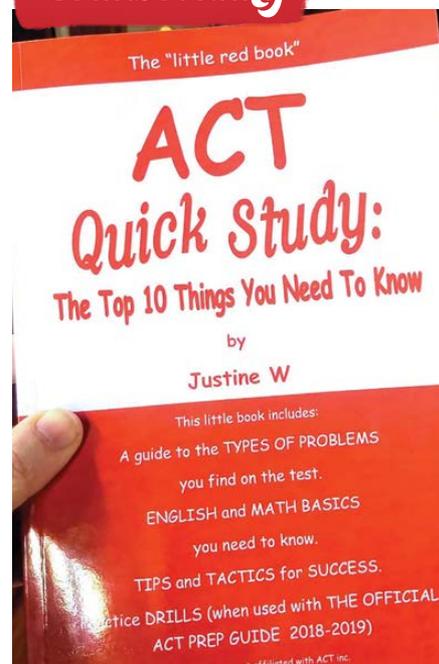


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According to Justine "art is found at the intersection of idea and execution. There is art in engineering feats, scientific breakthroughs, and well-executed football plays. The art in design is the harmony of form and function. A propaganda poster that changes or reinforces someone's attitude is art. 'Fine art' is often decorative and designed to evoke an emotional response. For instance, folks who have enjoyed a holiday at the seashore will often buy a painting of the place to take back home with them so they have a visual 'memory' of the emotional wellbeing they experienced." Justine suggests it is important for artists to "be" what they paint. "Their personalities are their style, their stories the basis for their themes. People want to buy what the artist is experiencing: the freedom they are selling in that painting of the Aspens changing in the Colorado backcountry, the love connection they explore in that decorative painting of a kiss, the drama in the way they use red with abstract abandon."

Because the life of an artist can be financially inconsistent it helps to have flexible sources of income. "Having side gigs is good because paying art gigs can get scarce. I coach algebra and geometry and the ACT/SAT tests," says Justine, who recently published a study guide on Amazon about the ACT.

Collaborating:

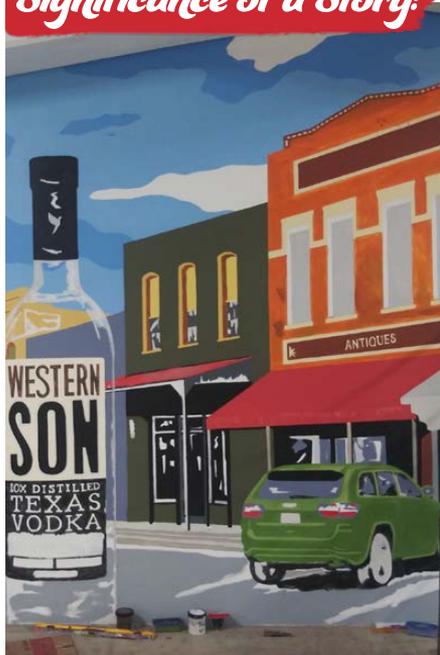


Justine feels a great collaboration brings the best out of people. Collaborators can "bounce ideas off each other, offer skill-sets and perspectives, and help when the going gets rough." One of her collaborations was an installation titled *A Dallas of Pegasi*, created with Warren Blikken. Together they redesigned the renowned Dallas Pegasus and fashioned it out of steel into various sizes then powder coated each red. They installed the Pegasi in a tree outside the Aquarium at Fair Park for the State Fair of Texas.

Lowbrows: An Arthaus Comedy was a three year collaboration with the late, local legend Bob Albrecht, owner of Lowbrows. The duo kept the project fun and focused on their friendship, which nurtured the idea and kept it expanding and evolving. "There is a lot of work involved in a project, and the physical and mental exhaustion takes its toll. It takes courage to see a project through. That's when you need each other the most," Justine says. She credits their remarkable connection with being able to pull off a film that "has no right to exist".



Significance of a Story:



"I am a firm believer in the significance of story", says Justine. "Our stories are ultimately the only things that matter. The work I do seeks to elevate this idea." To that end she wrote the (somewhat controversial) story about the library mural and printed a copy for the library so patrons could read about it.

The Word Machine is one of Justine's favorite projects. "I love problem solving. And ops-jobs. And I love it when people trust my vision: somehow that draws the best out of me. Wendy and the Friends [of the library] were open-minded and fun to work with." The mural is on the south facing wall of the library located on Washington Street. The key to the image was incorporating the dark screen-covered windows that dominate the wall. The design needed to advertise the library and appeal to all ages. Justine drew inspiration from Dr. Seuss and designer Le Corbusier to create an image showing two horses adding shapes and color to a machine that turns the shapes into colorful letters.

Justine has painted a lot of murals. She says each wall offers its own challenges. "All mural experiences are different. Sometimes I'm up high battling my fear of heights, sometimes I'm crouched at an odd angle hoping I don't get paint in my eye or a leg cramp. Painting outside means waiting out the rain or using an umbrella to hide from the sun. I've learned to use smaller brushes and hold as little paint as I need and brush in between gusts of wind or the paint gets flung everywhere."

Justine enjoys painting murals because they are "art for everyone". She believes they are "a way for us to understand

each other and express our common experience". She is currently working on the third of a series of four murals at Western Son Vodka. The first image shows the company's start in Carrollton, the second their move to Pilot Point, the third focuses on their increasing success, and the fourth will be a concert image celebrating their connection to the community. For Justine it is "an incredible opportunity to collaborate with one of our local success stories".

Artistic Endeavors during Lockdown:



"One of the neat things I got to do while on lockdown was focus on a project I have wanted to do for 20 years: *Cool Tales from the Fridge*", says Justine. She likely does not know how much her creativity was healing and delighting to those who happened upon and followed the project on social media. It was fantastic to see her new images as they appeared and you could only imagine what she was going to be featuring next. Justine photographed items from inside her refrigerator then created watercolor illustrations on postcard paper and published them with an accompanying anecdote. She then gifted the postcards to her fans!

"The contents of a fridge tells a lot about people. Are they card-carrying carnivores or vegans? Do they have kids, dogs, cats? Are they laid back about their environment or do they prefer to assert control? Does someone in the house suffer an illness? Are they about to celebrate something? Do they cook or eat out? The questions and subsequent stories they evoke are a gold mine," says Justine. "I would love to embark on an adventure across the States and interview all sorts of people in countless communities about the contents of their refrigerators to hear the stories of their lives. It would be cool to video the conversations and get their portraits with fridge objects and illustrate selected items then put it all together in a TV show and book."

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Also while we were on lockdown because of Covid-19 Justine revisited an ABC book she wrote and illustrated years ago and reinvented it as a coloring book for children of all ages. She was able to self-publish it on Amazon. She is delighted when people send her images of their colored-in pages. "I want to reprint the book eventually using the pages I get, with each child (and some adults) getting credit for their contribution."



According to Justine the difficult thing about being an artist is trusting you have something to offer. "You also have to learn how to fail over and over but still get up and dust yourself off and decide you will try again tomorrow." When asked why she creates she candidly responded "because I dislike reality and am constantly trying to escape it." She sees her job as a professional creative as a way to add fiction to reality for her fellow humans. "Living is alternately fraught with danger and crushed by responsibility" she says. "The reason I am an artist is it gives me the excuse to pursue fiction with abandon...and sometimes I'm lucky enough to be paid to do so."

How to Follow Justine:

You can visit her on social media:

Facebook: [houseofjustine](#)

Instagram: [@houseofjustine](#)

To see her films please go to Amazon.com and search in prime video:

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Let's Talk About What We Are Going To Eat!

Time to Start Planning and Planting Spring Veggies-Part 2

By Janet Laminack



In part one I talked about soil, sun and water for your vegetable garden. This week let's talk about what we are going to eat! (After we do some things and the weather cooperates and time passes.)

Most of our vegetables are considered either cool season or warm season which designates the time of year they grow best. Even in north Texas, we can grow food just about all year. I'm not saying you'll have a substantial or varied diet, but it'll be homegrown.

When you are a beginner gardener, you don't know what is easy to grow and what is difficult. Should you use seeds or buy little plants? Direct seeding into a garden bed requires consistent monitoring and moisture. I'm usually not that great at that kind of consistency and there are only a few veggies that I will seed. Seeds are much cheaper and give you more variety in selection. I'm always impressed by those people who start trays of tomato plants in the winter for planting once it warms up. Not me. I'll go to the store. And sometimes, more than once if there's a cold snap. I believe in supporting the horticulture industry, ya see?

Here are some vegetables that even I would direct seed from February - March 1st: beets, radish, turnips, Swiss chard, carrots, sweet corn, lettuce and English peas. I might try parsley, it does reseed itself in my garden, so maybe it's not too elusive for me. You need a large block of corn in order to get good pollination and corn production, so

I wouldn't recommend growing that if you have limited space. Plants that I would suggest buying as transplants to plant in the near future would be broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.

It is also time to plant potatoes and onions, but we don't grow them by seed. We grow potatoes from seed potatoes; the eyes of a potato will sprout creating another plant. One seed potato can be cut into pieces (one eye per piece) for planting. This time of year, you will want to put out onion sets, which are tiny onions in order to get those nice large bulb onions this summer. You can grow onion from seed, but it's too late to do that now.

In order to not have a jillion radishes ready the same week, sow some seeds every week or two. That way you will spread out the harvest a bit. Our leafy crops can continue to grow while you harvest. Plucking off a few leaves

at a time rather than uprooting the whole plant specifically on chard, spinach and leaf lettuce. Head lettuce (like iceberg) is a different story. We have so many excellent leaf lettuce varieties that are ornamental as well as delicious. They come in different colors like bright green, reddish/purple or even polka-dotted! The leaves also vary from frilly to skeletal to just plain roundish.

I am just scratching the surface here, but hopefully you will find some inspiration to try growing your own food. We have so many resources to help you and that's what we are here for. Check out our webpages: dcmga.com and aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu. Or get personal attention by contacting our Master Gardener Help Desk by phone/text or email. 940-349-2892 or master.gardener@dentoncounty.gov. Leave a message and they will call you back!



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