



**CHAMPIONS
FOR CHILDREN**
2025 Featured Art

ART OF CHOCOLATE

BENEFITTING CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN



These DONATED pieces will be available at a live auction only for Art of Chocolate guests.

1

LIVE FLORAL DESIGN
by Diane Reis
*Sample piece pictured
Artist: Diane Reis
Value: \$TBD

2

HOWDY TACOS
24 x 48 in
Mixed media on canvas
Artist: Dace Kidd
Value: \$1600

3

**PARTY OF PINK
SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME**
20 x 24 in
Artist: Dana Cargile
Value: \$400

4

FLOWER POWER
30 x 40 Acrylic Impasto Style
Artist: Christie Joy
Framing: Tricia Pottinger
Value: \$1,200

Scan for more information on the 2025 Art of Chocolate.



2025 FEATURED ARTISTS

DANA CARGILE

Dana Cargile received her formal art education from Southwest Museum of Art in Midland, Baylor University, and workshops in Tyler, Houston and Mississippi.

She works as an art educator, an illustrator and a professional artist. She is regularly selected for juried art shows and is represented by The House of Wynne in Tyler. She has illustrated the childrens books "Pet Fairy," "The Art of Christmas," and "The Lost Bicycle." She has created art for national church bulletins distributed by Anchor Wallace Publications. Now living in Houston, Dana's new studio is located in The Silos at Sawyer Yards.



CHRISTIE JOY

Christie Gunter Joy Art is an acrylic artist known for her Impasto Style. Her work is often referred to by collectors as "Happy Art" or "Art for the Senses." She is a graduate of Texas Tech University, is a board member of the Palette of Roses Art League, and a founding member and gallery manager of the Rose City Art Gallery and Gifts. She has received many awards including Texas Rose Festival Queens Choice 2021 and 2024 and Peoples Choice of the Texas Rose Festival 2024.

TRICIA'S ROSE CITY FRAMING

Framing for Christie Joy's artwork provided by Tricia Pottinger of Tricia's Rose City Framing, Tyler's favorite go-to frame shop. Using the latest framing technology, the shop ensures the highest level of quality and design. Visit rosecityframing.com.



DACE KIDD

Dace Kidd is a Latvian/American visual artist working primarily in the media of oil and acrylic on canvas. Dace (pronounced, "Dot-sa") completed her degree work at Art Academy of Latvia in Riga and received advanced training for two years at Accademia di bell'Arti in Palermo.

After moving to the United States in 2011, she began creating murals and developed a portraiture style. She's had successful shows throughout Europe from Venice to Berlin to Amsterdam and exhibited artwork in New York City and Miami. She works on site-specific projects and regularly shows and curates art events in Tyler and Dallas.



DIANE REIS

Diane Reis gained her experience through a family-owned floral business for 35 years. In 2011, after a baccalaureate from Texas A&M, a beautiful marriage, and three wonderful children, Diane returned to her love of floral design by launching Two Dandelions in February 2011.

Diane is involved in the Tyler Art community, teaching floral and garden design classes, serving as the Palette of Roses Art League President and as secretary of the Tyler Art and Culture Collective. She is a founding member of the Rose City Art Gallery and Gifts.



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