

Arts and Culture Committee Year-In Review

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Arts and Culture Committee – Year in Review

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Arts and Culture Committee



Board Members

Amy Cave – Chair, Brianna Cattell – Vice Chair, Dawn Valentine – Secretary, David Moore, Chris Stevenson, Rita Ford, Jennifer Evans, Chris McGuire, Tad Perryman.

Attendance Percentage

87% Attendance rate for the fiscal year.

Encourage Participation

Committee members encourage participation through sub-committee involvement, volunteering at community events, and supporting arts and culture within the city.

Strategic Focus Area Outcomes

C.2 Provide Attractive, Unique, and Connected Spaces for Community Interaction.

Community ENGAGEMENT



Serving the Community

Many members of the Arts and Culture Committee are deeply rooted in the community and represent a wide range of local organizations and partners, including the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District, Dallas College, Brookhaven College, The Firehouse Theatre, and local independent artists.

Engagements:

Arts and Culture Committee members stay actively involved by serving on one or more of five sub-committees that bring art and culture to life in our community. Members also volunteer at City-wide events throughout the year, including Gateway to the Globe: A Multicultural Celebration, Girls Make History Camp, Haunts and Houses, Branch Arts Live, and Day of the Dead Celebration, among others.

Community Involvement

Our partnerships and community connections strengthen the impact of arts and culture throughout the city. Collaborations include:

- Firehouse Theatre
- CFBISD Texas Big Art Day, Farmers Branch Carrollton Art Association Art Show, Farmers Schools Art Show
- Westside Art Trail
- Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department
- Mustang Station Arts and Culture District

Accomplishments of the Arts and Culture Committee





This year's Branch Arts Live, held at its new home at the Gussie Field Watterworth Park Amphitheater, continues to grow in popularity. The event showcased many local dance groups and, for the first time, included live musical performances.

Farmers Branch Arts and Culture Yard Signs

This initiative promotes community pride while encouraging residents to support local artists.

Fall 2025 Utility Box Wrapping – Phase Three

By the end of 2025, seven themed utility boxes will be wrapped throughout the City, adding vibrant, public art to the community.

Westside Art Trail Installations

New art pieces will be installed along Mercer Parkway, west of Luna Road, in the coming months, further enhancing public spaces and engaging the community with accessible art.



Future Goals



Art Trail Literature Handout

Develop a handout highlighting the newest installations coming to the Westside Art Trail. Each featured piece will include a brief biography of the artist and their personal statement, giving residents and visitors insight into the creators behind the art.



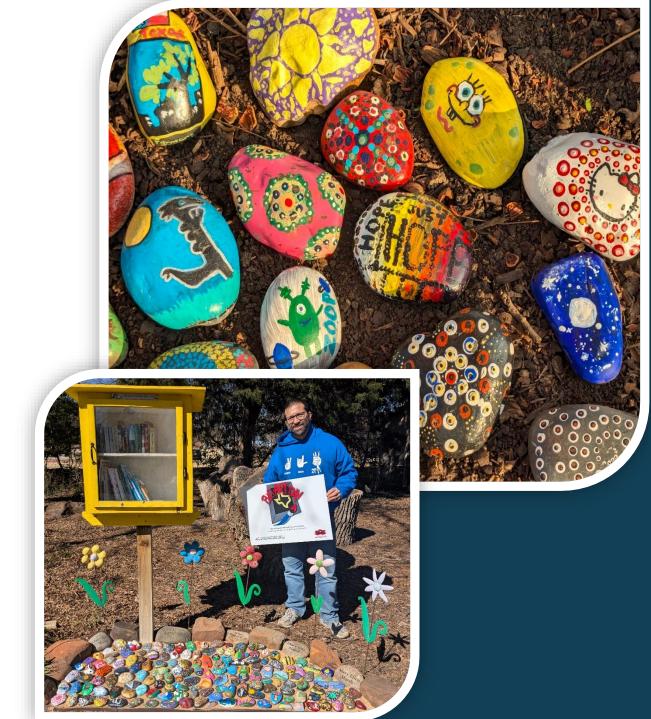
2026 Utility Box Wrapping Contest

Launch the next phase of the our popular utility box wrapping initiative, engaging local artists/students and celebrating public art in our community.



2026 Artist Exchange

Provide a networking outlet for local artists to share their work and perspectives. This program will give residents a voice and bring new artistic experiences to the everyday life of our community and local workspaces.



Questions

