Mission

The Texas A&M University Art Galleries department (UART) supports the educational mission of Texas A&M University by providing impactful visual arts experiences to diverse campus and regional community audiences.UART serves as steward of its collections, promoting arts advocacy and engagement across the university.

Overview & Highlights

The University Art Galleries is comprised of the J. Wayne Stark Galleries and the Forsyth Galleries, both of which are free and open to the public in the Memorial Student Center. The department employs seven full-time staff and a crew of part-time students who serve as guards.

Collection Highlights: 19th- and 20th-Century American Art | Paintings | Art Glass | Sculptures | Prints | Photographs | Drawings | English Cameo Glass | Texas Art | Native American Art | Female Artists

Rotating exhibitions range from the traditional fine and decorative arts to anthropology, history, and science, which encourages an average of more than 85 academic collaborations per year.

Accomplishments & Goals 2018-2021

- Administered public art competitions and installed art in the Commons, Zachry Engineering Education Complex, and the Student Services Building
- Created a searchable online collections database
- Expanded storage capability to secure two planned gifts of early Texas art and Native American art
- Shifted from in-person to online exhibitions and programming in 2020 during temporary closure, resulting in 253% increase in online interactions
- In 2021, will oversee design development and eventual installation of a sculpture to honor Matthew Gaines and the 12th Texas Legislature

Administration

- In-House & Traveling Exhibitions
- In-Person Events (classes, workshops, demonstrations)
- Online Events & Programming
- Collections Management & Storage
- Donor Acquisitions
- Campus Art Loan Program
- Rental Space for University Events
- Gallery Tours
- Online 360-Degree Exhibition Tours
- University Public Art Management/Maintenance
- Public Art Competitions
- Online Collection Database
- Collection Research and Publishing
- Art Resource for the Texas A&M campus

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