



Tyler Museum of Art's Teacher Newsletter: September 2025

Exhibitions



Making a Mark: Women in Early Texas Art

The exhibition *Making a Mark: Women in Early Texas Art* presents a collection of work made by well-known women artists who created artwork during the Early Texas Art period. The showcase features a variety of art styles, mediums, and techniques.

The exhibition is currently open, and it will close on November 30, 2025.

Information about the artwork: [click here!](#)



Unearthing Big Bend

The *Unearthing Big Bend* exhibition will feature selected photography collections by Sarah Wilson and Terry Cockerham. The photography collection examines the Big Bend area through colorful landscapes, monochromatic vistas, and photos of the dinosaur fossils that were excavated from the area.

The exhibition is currently open, and it will close on September 7, 2025.

Information about the artwork: [click here!](#)

Educational Activities and Events:



Family Day: In Person

The Tyler Museum of Art's Family Day program is held every second Saturday of the month from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the museum. The event will have art activities for children and students of all ages, art books to read for all ages, coloring pages of the museum's permanent collection, and snacks. All art activities are compliant with the TEKS. Additionally, all Family Day participants will get free admission to the exhibitions.

For September, the art activity will be a Styrofoam-etching printmaking activity. The event will be held at the museum on September 13, 2025 between 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

For more information on the Family Day Event, [click here!](#)

TMA Lesson Plans for Elementary, Middle School, and High School

Lesson Plan: Dick Wray, *Untitled*



This lesson plan contains the National Learning Standards for Visual Arts and the Texas TEKS for High School art teachers. The students will study the Abstract Expressionism found in Dick Wray's painting *Untitled*. They will learn about his gesture style of painting and his painting philosophy. After discussions, the class will create their own Abstract Expressionist painting. Once the students have completed their compositions, they will write an artist statement.

To access the lesson plan, [click here!](#)

Information on the artwork: [click here!](#)



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Elements and Principles of Design: Lesson Plan and Activity

This lesson plan and following activity define each of the principles and elements of design. Art examples of each element and principle are included with the vocabulary words. The artworks used in the lesson are from the Tyler Museum of Art's permanent collection.

To access the lesson plan, [click here!](#)

To access the activity, [click here!](#)

For information on the artwork, [click here!](#)

Student Exhibitions:

2025 Día de los Muertos Art Exhibition

This exhibition is an annual event held at the museum. Students between the grade levels of 5th grade – 8th grade are eligible to participate.

The art activity is to be determined by the teacher and can be either a 3D or a 2D project. Examples of the artworks include: *ofrendas*, *alebrijes*, and other artworks that depict the iconography or culture of the holiday.

The teacher will select 30 pieces from each participating grade level to deliver to the museum. **The artwork will be delivered to the museum between October 6, 2025 – October 19, 2025.**

The exhibition will be free and open to the public from October 26, 2025 – November 2, 2025. The museum will hold a reception for the event.

5th – 8th grade teachers need to email the museum at ranthony@tylermuseum.org to let the education department know you want to participate in the event.



Schedule a School Tour with the Tyler Museum of Art



Planning a Free School Tour and Art Activity

If you are interested in scheduling a tour and art activity for your students at the museum, please contact ranthony@tylermuseum.org and provide the following information:

- The grade level of the visiting students;
- The number of students who will attend;
- And three days in your class schedule that are available for the tour.

For more information, [click here!](#)

Tyler Museum of Art Connection

For more information about the Tyler Museum of Art's events, activities, and educational tours:

Email: ranthony@tylermuseum.org

Call: 903-595-1001

Tyler Museum of Art: Memberships



Members get free admission to all exhibitions plus access to members-only gallery openings and special events.

Free or discounted admission is available to hundreds of other museums through our North American Reciprocal Program (NARM) Card.

TMA Memberships are available at various levels, each providing support for our community-driven exhibitions and educational programs.

For more information, [click here!](#)

The next TMA Newsletter will be sent to teachers on: October 1, 2025.

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