



Greater Denton Arts Council

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Background

- **Greater Denton Arts Council**

- GDAC was formed in 1969 and has been fostering and supporting the arts for almost 55 years!
- Our board is currently made up of 15 members that include artists, musicians, thespians, UNT and TWU professors, deans and directors, and advocates from and around the community.
- The mission of GDAC is to be a catalyst for creativity, advocacy, and collaboration. The Patterson-Appleton Arts Center is our home where we celebrate the arts, inspire innovation, and engage community.



Exhibitions and Events

- **Materials Hard + Soft Exhibition**

- International contemporary craft competition and exhibition that has run for 37 years
- Celebrates the evolving field of contemporary craft
- Submissions from all over the country, and often, outside of the country as well. This exhibit is hailed as one of the leading craft exhibits and admission is highly sought after among artists.

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- **Thursday Evening Programming**

- The Patterson-Appleton Arts Center is open late every Thursday evening and offers free programming to visitors. These events are often attended by people from outside of Denton.
- The programs offered on these evenings range from hands on workshops, musical or theatrical performances, exhibition openings, etc.

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- **First Friday Evenings**
- GDAC began participating in First Friday evenings this year.
- The programming includes musical, dance, and/or theatrical performances and with each one, we have drawn in a larger crowd.

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- **Gallery Exhibitions**

- Within our 3 galleries, GDAC averages around 16 exhibitions each year. These bring in visitors from Denton as well as outside of the area.
- In addition to the exhibitions, workshops and programs based on the work in the shows are created, drawing more interest in the exhibition and increasing traffic.



Future Plans

- Creation of a new signature exhibition grounded in contemporary practices and immersive/digital techniques and experiences.
- Art experience package options for conferences/conventions/other visiting groups.
- New “Electric” exhibition beginning this October focusing on light art installations inside and outside of the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center.
- Art festival in December.
- Popul Vuh exhibit. This exhibit is bringing in work from a Professor at NYU. The exhibit has only been showcased in one other museum in Texas and will likely draw visitors from all over.
- Murder Mystery Evening Events

Questions?