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T.W. "POPS" VANYA IS MAY ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The Museum of Western Art has named T.W. "Pops" Vanya as its May Artist of the Month. A wine and cheese reception featuring the artist will be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:30 pm. This event is free to attend.

T.W. "Pops" Vanya, originally from Durban, South Africa, has had a circuitous journey to art. Prior to becoming a full-time artist 20 years ago, Vanya served as a Houston Police Officer, a delivery boat crew member in the yachting industry, a cabinet maker, an iron worker, and a life guard. He and his wife, Kathy, currently live in a 110-year old home near Somerville, Texas, where they live close to the cattle, horses, ranches and cowboys he loves to portray.

Primarily working in oil, Vanya depicts a variety of motifs within his practice. The current exhibition at the Museum features works portraying ranch and prairie life, as well as traditionally Texas-themed paintings.

Vanya has exhibited all over the nation, and has won numerous awards. Earlier this year he participated in the 2019 Texas Artists Invitational Show at the Pearce Museum in Corsicana, Texas where he won the Permanent Collection Purchase Award.

The Museum of Western Art is located at 1550 Bandera Highway in Kerrville, TX. Museum hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, please call the museum at 830-896-2553.