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Photos by Madison Simmons

Stay-at-home dad and artist Stuart Wallace investigates one of his collected moss balls. He suggested a pop up art show at the Georgetown Art Center when the planned exhibit wasn't ready Thursday because Peruvian customs had delayed the shipment of works to the art center. **Below**, Mr. Wallace explains the blotches of blue paint on the wasp bodies to Laura Sewell, center, and Jane Estes. Ms. Sewell is the manager of Sarofim School of Fine Arts Administration at Southwestern University. Ms. Estes is a writer and columnist for the *Sun*.

Moss, wasps save the day at art center

By MADISON SIMMONS

After an unexpected stay at Peruvian customs delayed works from the next Georgetown Art Center exhibit, Art Works Board member Stuart Wallace offered up a suggestion — a pop up art show, one night only.

And that is how the white walls came to house ephemera made immortal.

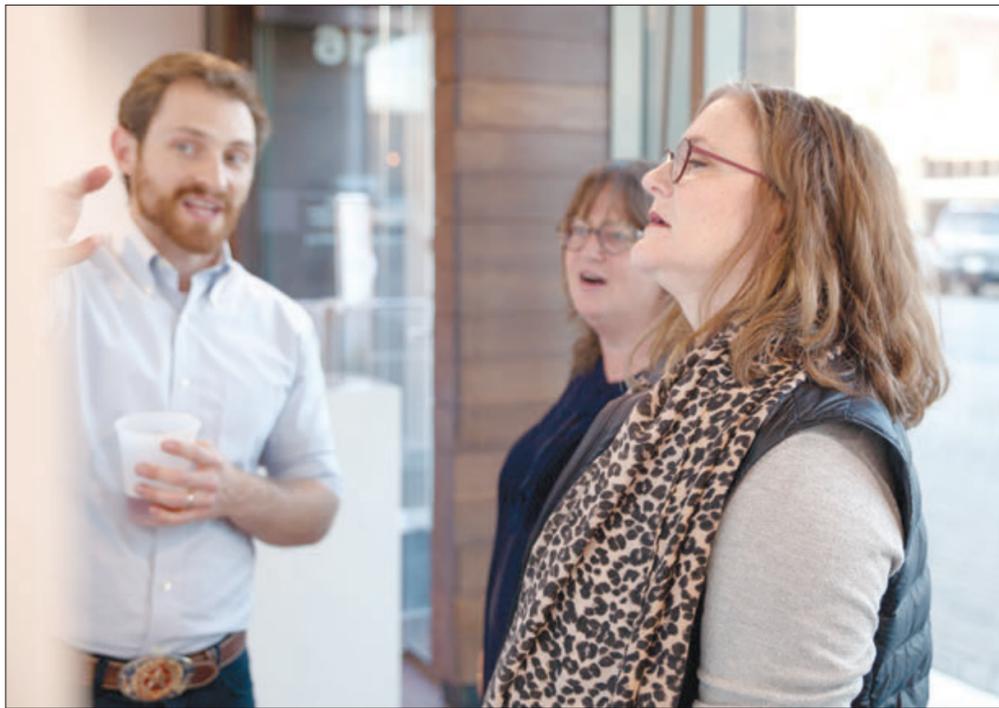
Macro-photography of wasps, shimmering gold with streaks of peacock blue, shared space with painted boards strewn with moss balls.

Mr. Wallace has been into wasps and moss balls for a few years now.

"I lived overseas for a while and when I came back I had never seen these moss balls before," he said.

Many consider them a nuisance, potentially bad for trees. Mr. Wallace began clearing them from neighbors' yards

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Jarrell school bursting at seams

Bond would pay for new campus

By JONATHAN ADAMS

Every two years for the past half decade, Jarrell Elementary School has had to remove a grade level.

The first one to go was fourth grade in 2013, when it was moved over to Jarrell Intermediate School.

By 2015, the district had to move the third graders over to the intermediate school to accommodate for more growth.

"My first year here, we were a pre-kindergarten through fourth grade campus and opened with around 515 to 520 kids," Elementary School Principal Jack Wilson said.

"Every two years, it seems like we have to lose a grade, but within two more years we have to get our enrollment back up."

Instead of using the intermediate school as a Band-Aid fix to an influx of young children, the school district wants to build a brand new elementary school on the east side of Interstate 35 off of County Road 314 in the Sonterra subdivision.

The project would cost an estimated \$30 million and is part of the \$54 million school bond on the May 6 ballot — the largest bond in district history.

If the bond passes, the new school would open as a pre-kindergarten through fifth grade campus, allowing Jarrell Elementary School to do the same.

"If I get a pre-kindergarten student and they stay with me all the way through fifth grade, I get them for seven years. This is the longest stretch that they'll be in the same campus for their entire educational career," Mr. Wilson said.

"It helps us get to know the kid and the parents, and the parents get to know us. Having a kid for seven years is helpful; it's easier to track their growth and progress."

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Dr. Sherwin Kahn of Georgetown has filed to run against Mayor Dale Ross in the May 6 election.

The deadline to sign up for the municipal elections was Friday.



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Challengers file for mayor, council

Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross has a challenger to his title as mayor: Dr. Sherwin Kahn filed for the seat Thursday.

"Everyone's been asking me to do it. It's not in my nature to be a politician, but when no one stepped up, after my near-death experience, I figured it's time to do it," he said.

Dr. Kahn was in a serious car wreck three weeks ago that left him with a broken shoulder.

The retired family chiropractor, an outspoken Democrat, does not know if he stands a chance against incumbent Dale Ross.

"But at least there's two people on the ballot," he said.

On Friday morning, David Sray filed to run for the District 2 City Council seat. He will run against Valerie Nicholson for the seat being vacated by Councilman Keith Brainard. Mr. Sray is a senior project manager at an Austin software company and directs shows at the Georgetown Palace Theatre.

Rounding out the ballet, Lawrence Romero will run against incumbent Rachael Jonrowe for the District 6 seat.

—Madison Simmons

Museum looks for volunteers

Those who have an interest in history, particularly in Williamson County, can volunteer at the Williamson Museum.

The museum, off South Austin Avenue on the Square, is in need of greeters and education volunteers to help keep the building open each day, said Katy Oliver, visitor services coordinator.

"A lot of what we do is accomplished through volunteer work, so we have a really small staff and, usually, a lot of volunteers," Ms. Oliver said.

"It's really neat; there's a lot of fun stuff here."

Greeters welcome newcomers to the museum and show them around, but do not give tours. Education volunteers help with events like Pioneer Days, Summer History Camp and give presentations about history.

"The education volunteers can even go to schools and help give presentations," Ms. Oliver said. "Sometimes we have stations and that volunteer will dress up and talk about history."

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Andy Sharp

Play it cool

Sabrina Uriegas, playing Maria, left, and Leslie Gaar, as Anita, act during the Thursday night dress rehearsal of the Georgetown Palace Theatre's production of *West Side Story*, playing through March 26.

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