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Keeping the Hill Country in Blanco County™

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Current Blanco County Conditions

Stage 3 drought declaration is in effect

See declaration at: [Drought Declaration](#)

See drought conditions at [Drought Map](#)

Blanco County burn ban in effect

Call (830)868-7104 prior to burning

City of Blanco Stage 4 drought declaration is in effect

Water Leak Hotlines

City of Blanco (830)554-0716

Johnson City (830)868-7111 Extension 2

**Blanco County Runs On Water
Art Contest **Finale**
November 22
Blanco Library**

Free and open to public

What an artistic success!! 26 artworks entered. 2 winners. This is the Finale of the contest. The Blanco Library has been curating them.

November 22, 2024, at the Blanco Library, 1118 Main Street (US281), Blanco, TX 78606

Come and meet:

- The artists
- The Blanco Library staff who have donated space, time, curation and talents
- Candy Cargill who is sponsoring the refreshments for this event
- The six sponsors who created, promoted and managed the contest
 - Texas Runs On Water
 - Hill Country Alliance
 - Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
 - City of Johnson City
 - City of Blanco
 - Blanco County Conservation Initiative

10:00AM to 8:00PM Exhibit of all art

6:00PM to 8:00PM Reception

7:00PM Presentation of awards

If you cannot see the art in person, the entries in the contest may be seen at www.bccitx.org/waterartcontest

Online Donations

BCCI is laying the groundwork to educate the public on what it can do to conserve and preserve the Hill Country in Blanco County. You can help this outreach effort by donating online at www.bccitx.org/donate. Remember, we are an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Gem Of The Hills 40th Birthday Party

On November 9th, BCCI volunteers joined Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky volunteers to form the **Tacos for the Cosmos** Taco Cookoff team at the Birthday Party. The team did quite well....they earned two certificates for award winning tacos.

Best Practices

The amount of support for **Best Practices** is growing. Check **Best Practices** out on our website at [BEST PRACTICES | BCCI \(bccitx.org\)](http://BEST PRACTICES | BCCI (bccitx.org)). The evolving document will change as our knowledge, current technology and our community culture changes over time. We

need your continuing input into this evolving document. Email Bill Sisak at bill@bccitx.org

BCCI Status Update

Here is some of the other stuff we had going on in the last month:

- The October 22nd Community Educational & Social Gathering had good attendance. Chad Ellis, CEO of the Texas Agricultural Land Trust sat down with the audience to discuss how to preserve land for generations to come.
- Our new brochure has been finalized and is going to print.
- The flow of data from our website donations through to our donor management system and our accounting system has been completed.
- It is time for the BCCI Board to do some Strategic Planning. November 19 is the date your Board begins creation of an adaptive 10-year plan, 5-year plan, and 2025 plan for BCCI
- Because of the success of the BCCI Community Educational & Social Gatherings in 2024, planning continues for 2025 programs. Our next available program slot is April 22, 2025. **What are your suggestions for a topic?**
- BCCI continues to have its monthly and special Board meetings at Texas Regional Bank in Blanco. **Thank you, [Texas Regional Bank](#) for letting us use your great Community Room!**

~~~~~A GOOD END TO THIS NEWSLETTER~~~~~

Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you.

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