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## Artist's imagination colors Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery

Educator and artist Sue Kemp will display her watercolors from Feb. 27-April 10 at the Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery, 1102 Lohmans Crossing.

The free exhibit may be viewed during regular City Hall office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

A native of Dallas, Kemp began painting in watercolor over 30 years ago, after a brief elementary school teaching career. She moved to Austin in 1988 and was a partner in the Littlefield Gallery on Sixth Street in the early 1990s.

Kemp's paintings have been included in gallery collections and many prestigious shows. She has earned signature membership in Southwestern Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and Texas Watercolor Society. She served as president of Texas Watercolor Society in 2012-2013. She is also an active member of Capitol Art Society and Waterloo Watercolor Group (past president). Her biography is listed in Marquis Who's Who in American Art.

"My goal is to give the everyday things in life a special place in the viewer's heart through the sparkle of watercolor," Kemp said.

She has been a faculty member of The Contemporary Art School at Laguna Gloria in Austin since 2002 and has taught watercolor for many years. Her watercolors have appeared in eight books, including a children's picture book. She was a featured artist in Watercolor Magazine, Summer - 2003 and her paintings are included in The Best of Watercolor: Painting Color, Splash 7, Painting Great Paintings from Photographs, The Encyclopedia of Watercolor Landscape Techniques, Sick Bay (a children's picture book) and others.

Kemp's large close-up painting of bluebonnets was chosen for the official 2007 "Wildflower Days" poster for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. In 2001 and 2007, she was also commissioned by the San Antonio Conversation Society to paint scenes of "A Night in Old San Antonio in La Villita," for the "NIOISA" posters. She was the lead instructor for six trips in Italy and most recently, Spain.

"I find inspiration everywhere by keeping my eyes, mind and imagination open to the possibilities," Kemp said. "I paint with lively color and a lyrical quality which beckons the viewer toward an intimacy with the painting."

For information, visit [www.suekemp.com](http://www.suekemp.com).

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