While spring flowers will soon bow to the Texas heat, the sculpture garden outside Betsy Dennis Forster Art Studio Complex remains.

Mark Monroe, associate professor of art, regularly assigns the metalwork flowers in his "Introduction to 3D Art" class.

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Art & Art History Department Announces Nelson Winners; Showcases Student Art in Virtual Exhibit

The annual Jane Nelson Materials Award winners were announced, and their work is showcased alongside student art in the juried End-of-Year Online Student Art Show. The Nelson Materials Award is sponsored by the J. Nelson Art Fund and includes a cash prize intended for art supplies. The competition is open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are continuing studies in Austin College studio art. Austin College faculty judged the student artwork entries.

The 2020 Nelson Materials Award winners are Phung Banh ’21, Bird Luker ’23, William McCarthy ’21, Madison Taylor ’22, and Cynthia Zapata ’23.
Cummins Retires, Continues Research and Writing

For more than 40 years, Dr. Victoria Hennessey Cummins shared her lifelong love of history, specifically Latin American history, with Austin College students. She embraced the liberal arts community, and small classes allowed meaningful interaction with students and colleagues. “I had the luxury of having picked a job that lets me concentrate on the thing I like best—history,” she said in a campus interview a few years ago.

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Austin College Musicians Join International Effort

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Ricky Duhaime of the College’s Music Department has participated in the Classical Music Festival Eisenstädter Sommerakademie held annually in Austria. As continuing faculty of the music institute, he has shared the festival experience with several of his students.

While the global pandemic caused the cancellation of public gatherings around the world, Dr. Richard Zielinski, festival artistic director and conductor, produced a YouTube “collage concert” featuring excerpts from Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9. Duhaime, on clarinet, and Rizwan Jagani ’15, on viola, both performed in the virtual collaboration.

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