

Texas Governor and Mrs. Greg Abbott's 2015 Christmas card is a watercolor painting done by native Austinite artist, Cathy Sue Munson. The holiday card features the "first dogs of Texas" Oreo and Pancake sitting in front of decorated Christmas tree in the formal living room of the governor's mansion. Cathy Munson has a professional studio/gallery at 3319 Hancock Drive in Austin, and she is especially known for her intricately detailed wildlife artwork. She was one of six artists profiled as outstanding canine artists in the 2008 April issue of Southwest Art Magazine. Cathy is a longtime Ducks Unlimited member and serves on the Austin DU committee; she has done hunting dog artwork for chapters across the state and nation. Being a BFA with Honors in Studio Art graduate from the University of Texas, she has been commissioned to paint longhorn artwork for the athletic department and alumni center and has done portraits of the Bevo mascots for decades and a lifesize mural "Hoofbeats of Champions" in the track/soccer stadium. The artist has gallery and museum show representation in Jackson Hole, Wyoming , Prescott, Arizona , and across Texas.

Cathy is especially delighted with this great honor of painting the "first family of Texas" Christmas card for this year as Audrey Abbott was a talented young art student in C. Munson Studio art class at Laguna Gloria (AMOA) in the summer of 2004.

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