

Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery

Bringing Art to the Ozarks since 1980

President's Message

Hello Artists,

I hope everyone has survived the very hot weather we have been having in the Ozarks. I just wish the rain would come soon – my yard is drying up!

At the end of our August meeting I was unsure about next month's "Artist of the Month" theme. But now, after getting in touch with Donna, she informed me that "Masters and Mentors" is the theme for November. Therefore, "Family" is the theme for September. Donna likes to present Masters and Mentors and will have an explanation elsewhere in this newsletter of what this theme means. For those of you who are new to the Guild, for many years Donna has shown us the many aspects of this theme and how it can help you with your art. It is a theme we have every year.

Having our new slate of Officers for next year is such a blessing. These artists seem to be very qualified to run for their positions on the board. I hope we have a large turnout next month to vote on these artists.

Also, have you been to the Gallery lately? Every time I go in there the Gallery looks better with wonderful art and improved shelves to hold that art. When working, I've had many people come in and remark about how professional our gallery looks. If you haven't been to our gallery lately, please come in and see for yourself.

Stay healthy, wise and creative!

Jan O'Neill, President

September 2025

Art-A-Facts

Table Rock Art Guild

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Kimberling City MO 65686

tablerockartgallery.com or facebook.com/TRAG2022/

Next Table Rock Art Guild Meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Social Time - 11:30 am - Bring a sack lunch

Meeting time - Noon

at the

**St Andrew Presbyterian Church
30 James River Rd, Kimberling City**

Election of 2026 Officers

**Program - Paula Buzenius will teach us how to
make paper globe ornaments**

Calendar At A Glance

Field Trips

Sept 20 - Shell Knob Artists and Creators
Market

Oct 7 - Studio Tour

Artist of the Month Theme - Family

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Table Rock Art Guild Membership Minutes - August 19, 2025

Prayer was led by Don Haberman concerning inspiration in our making of art.

Motion: Accept July Minutes by Kim Briggs and seconded by Bonnie Jacobs Peters. Passed.

Newsletter deadline is August 25th

Zazzle.com/tablerockart for ordering t-shirts and more

Sunshine by Jennifer Cole gave quote by Pablo Picasso "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Two members were mentioned for their illnesses Linda Muraski and Michael Carter.

Artist of the Month: Mystery Challenge, Kelly Hamilton acting as committee chair for the meeting. Stated that the Prize money for this and future years will be 1st place 50%, 2nd place 30%, 3rd place 20% and optional Honorable Mention with no prize money attached.

Members participating shared a brief presentation of their mystery challenge and how they interpreted the challenge, what medium they used to complete their artwork and other interesting points of interest.

Barb Hirsh presented the slate of officers for the 2026 year:

Kim Briggs, Treasurer
Carolyn Carrigan, Secretary,
Gayle Page, Second Vice President
Kelly Hamilton, First Vice President
Jennifer Cole, President

Request for additional nominations from the floor was requested and none were presented at this time.

Jewelry Workshop reminder for August 20 @ Barb Hirsh's home with openings for two more.

Paula stated that we have 31 members present, two returning members: Ed Woodhead and Janet Shannon.

Split the Pot: Alcohol Ink Pens by Suzanna Evans and \$40 awarded to Jane Ballard.

Mystery Challenge winners:

1st Helen Long
2nd Kelly Hamilton
3rd Bonnie Peters-Jacobs
Honorable Mention Gus Robben

Motion to dismiss by Helen Long and seconded by Kelly Hamilton @ 1:06pm.

Master and Mentors

In 2000, I was asked to do a "one time program on the old masters".

It was well received and continues to be a popular program after TWENTY FIVE YEARS!

I have participated every year and during my 25 master studies, I have mixed the techniques of my chosen master or mentor with my own style to create a sort of hybrid painting that displays the effect that studying another artist can have.

So, if you are struggling to identify your style or you're having trouble knowing what to paint I highly encourage you to explore a master study.

There are so many great artists out there and diving into a painters history and techniques is something I've found to be incredibly fun and inspirational and by acquainting ourselves with a variety of styles you will come to know your own.

Masters and Mentors will be the Theme for NOVEMBER Artists of the Month as well as the NOVEMBER Program. Please come prepared to briefly share information about the artist you chose and what you gained from the project.

If you have any questions please contact me at 417-249-0311. Thanks, Donna

FYI - this does not just apply to painters! ALL media of art will have Masters and Mentors! Check out someone in YOUR field that you admire and want to know more about their work and how they do what they do!

Start learning about YOUR Master or Mentor NOW, create something using their techniques or styles, and be prepared to share what you learned at the November meeting!

Jewelry Collage Workshop

On August 20, several TRAG members met at Barb Hirsh's house for a Jewelry Collage workshop taught by Gayle Page. Some of those creations are featured below.



Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market

Coming to Shell Knob MO. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - the Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market brought to you by the Central Community UMC and the Table Rock Art Guild! This event will be held at the Central Community UMC on YY Hwy in Shell Knob. Each exhibitor is required to MAKE what they sell to ensure that we are offering the best local artwork and fine crafts to the public.

If you are a local artist or craftsman interested in participating in the Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market, please contact Jane Ballard at jane@janeballard.com for more information and the link to the registration form (all participants must complete the form.)

Upcoming Field Trips

Members are encouraged to join in a Field Trip on September 20 to go to the Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market to see some of our members' booths and some of our NEW members' creations! Contact Barb Hirsh for more information - bjhirsh@sbcglobal.net or call or text 630-910-0912. There is a quilt show that day, too, at the Shell Knob Elementary School that you may want to see, too.

On October 7, there will be a Studio Tour of Diana Budler's new studio and Marty Schmitt's gallery. At 9:00 we will be touring Diana Budler's beautiful new studio. At 10:30 we will be touring the studio of Marty Schmitt's gallery at 10:30. She is a former TRAG member. After the tour we will go to lunch at Danna's. If you are interested, let Barb Hirsh know via phone or text at 630-910-0912. Also, let her know if you would like to carpool.

Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market

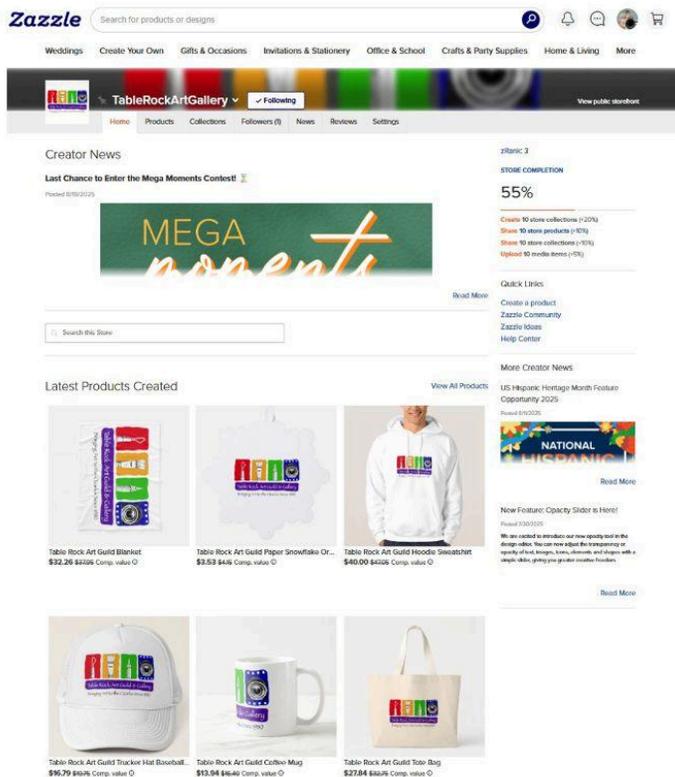
Speaking of the Field Trip to the Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market, I'll give you an update! We are full, for one! Our participating members include Brian Stewart, Diana Budler, B David Duncan, Bonnie Peters-Jacobs, Kim Cooper, Gus & Diane Robben, Kathy Thierstein, Darla Earll, Franklin Leopold, Barb Hirsh, Suzanna Evans, Phyllis Calendar, Carolyn Carrigan, Gayle Page, Kathy Manjeot, Janet Shannon, and Jane Ballard.

We will have SIX new members joining us just because of this show and they include Barbara Barrett (crochet), Emily & Ron Saltsgaver (pottery and acrylic painting), Marilyn Toraason (handcrafted jewelry), Pam Martin (Irish ornaments, wreaths), and Kris Parker (woodworking). Jennifer Mahaffey (acrylic painting) will join TRAG, but had to back out of the show. Also in the show, but did not want to join at this time, are Myrna Kulow (jewelry), Anita Craddock (jewelry), and Athena Nurton (acrylic painting). Lou Stine, a former member of TRAG, was going to participate, but had to attend a wedding now and won't be there.

Promotions for the event have already started on FB and ads will be in the Rattler (Shell Knob paper) and the Barry County Advertiser. Please do all you can to help us and share our FB event to your page!

Zazzle...

The Table Rock Art Guild has a STORE on Zazzle where you can purchase things like T-Shirts (men's and women's styles), tote bags, aprons, and more - all with our TRAG logo on them! Simply go to [Zazzle.com/tablerockart](https://www.zazzle.com/tablerockart) and start shopping!



Election Time! 2026 Slate of Officers

As per our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has presented a proposed slate of officers for the 2026 calendar year. That list is to be published in the September newsletter. Nominations may be made from the floor preceding the election at the September membership meeting.

Elections are to be held at the September membership meeting which will take place this year on September 16. Installation of the 2026 officers will take place at the December membership meeting on December 16.

This year's proposed slate of officers is:

- Jennifer Cole - President
- Kelly Hamilton - 1st Vice President
- Gayle Page - 2nd Vice President
- Carolyn Carrigan - Secretary
- Kim Briggs - Treasurer

NEW Google Form for Membership Application

NEW for 2026 memberships - ONLINE registration via Google Forms! This online form will automatically create a spreadsheet with all of our members' information now at a fingertip with no more need to hand enter the information on hand-written forms with illegible handwriting! As of right now, payments will still need to be via cash or check, but we are working on an online payment option, too! For those who don't have access to a computer and the Google Form, Jane will bring her laptop to the meeting to get you registered there.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-QeSM6fHC3dGf7-ot-NXH5L8JWixbBD8axrqdbmHg41Za-vdg/viewform?usp=header>

September Birthdays

- Christine Adams - Sept 29
- Kim Briggs - Sept 14
- Carolyn Carrigan - Sept 25
- Anne Collins - Sept 11
- Pat Duker - Sept 27
- B David Duncan - Sept 15
- Mary Beth Funk - Sept 25
- Linda Muraski - Sept 3
- Yvonne Thurman - Sept 27



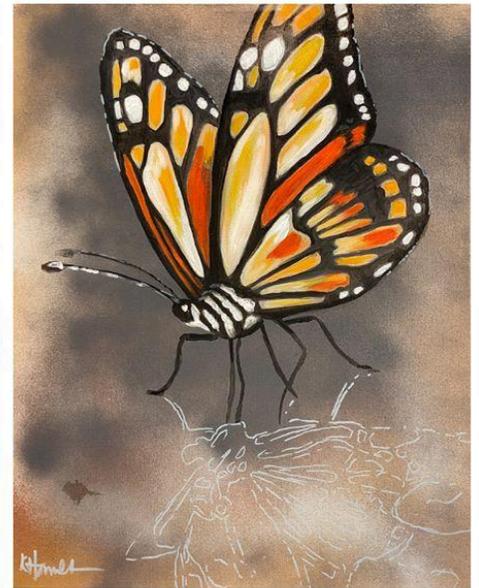


Mystery Box Challenge Winners



*First Place
Helen
Long*

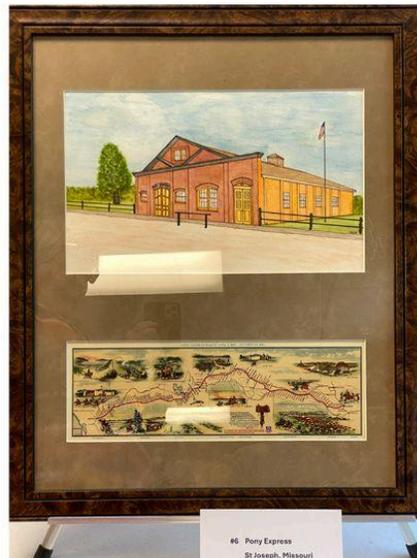
*Second Place
Kelly
Hamilton*



Third Place - Bonnie Peters-Jacobs



Honorable Mention - Gus Robben



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St Joseph, Missouri

Ramblings, Notes, and Random Thoughts...

Here's a bunch of stuff that just didn't fit in with anything else...

- 1. Bring Christmas Ornaments to the Gallery!** This is open to ALL TRAG members, whether or not you have a panel in the Gallery right now! Make sure you have a TRAG label on them with your price and your artist number! Tags are available at the Gallery.
- 2. Want to know how you can HELP US promote the Gallery AT NO COST???** It's easy! If you have a FB account, just LIKE and SHARE the Table Rock Art Gallery's posts! Every interaction with those posts that we have bumps our visibility that much more!
- 3. If you are computer savvy,** check out our Google pages, our Yelp page (ours is #2 in Branson West - the others were created by someone else) on Trip Advisor, and our other social media pages! Comment, review, like, leave posts on all of them! Again, this is FREE and it HELPS with visibility of the Gallery!
- 4. Don't forget there are LOTS of way to get involved with TRAG!** You don't have to be "on the Board" to be an active part of the Guild! There are many committees and special assignments that YOU can be a part of! See your yearbook for ALL of the listings, but just a few of them are...

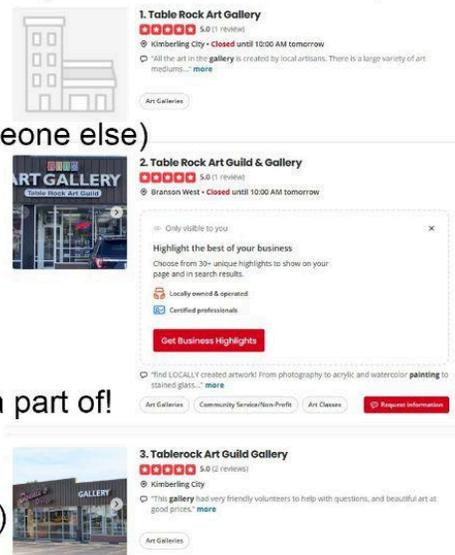
The Children's Art Show

The Festival of Arts (both of these first two only happen once a year!)

Programs - Social Media - Publicity - Newsletter - Workshops

Bylaws Reviews - Audit - Gallery Librarian - Greeters - Sunshine - Webpage Manager

Get involved!!! Many hands make light work!



Prayer for Creativity in Artistic Endeavors

Eternal Creator, source of all beauty and inspiration, graciously grant unto me a surge of creative power as I embark upon my artistic journey. Kindle in me the divine flame of creativity entrusted within my soul, that I may harness my creative gifts to overcome life's challenges and bring Your splendor to the world. Amen.