

Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery

Bringing Art to the Ozarks since 1980

## President's Message

Dear Artists,

We had election of officers for 2026 at the September meeting and for those not able to attend, the following is a very short bio of each of the newly elected board members.

Jennifer Cole, President for 2026: Jennifer has been involved with art since she was very young. Over the past 20 years she has taught art classes, hosted art camps, organized art shows, festivals and events. Her artwork has been exhibited in museums, private shows, galleries and art festivals. Jennifer has lived in this area for 3 years and loves calling it home.

Kelly Hamilton, 1st Vice President for 2026: Kelly has been creating art all her life. For years she has painted backdrops, VBS displays and murals. In Dallas, TX she provided interior and floral design services for realtors. Kelly also started a jewelry business which was featured in a Dallas fashion and lifestyle magazine. She continues to create and serve with her art and interior design skills in various capacities.

Gayle Page, 2nd Vice President for 2026: Gayle's early years consisted of lessons in drawing and painting at Nelson's Art Gallery in Kansas City. She taught art in a private school after graduating with a BA in Studio Art. Gayle opened her own business "Walls by Gayle" and displayed art in Springfield's First Friday Art Walk. She has served TRAG in several positions, from co-directing Table Rock Art Gallery to teaching summer art classes for kids and much more.

Kim Briggs, Treasurer for 2026: Kim loves arts, crafts, writing, music and bible teaching. She especially loves teaching new things to her 10 grandchildren. Last year Kim retired from her accounting job after 47 years. During those years, 7 of them were spent in the Slovak Republic as a missionary serving the Lord. Art became a bigger part of her life when she received art supplies and a gift certificate for an art class as a Christmas gift.

# October 2025

# Art-A-Facts

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## Next Table Rock Art Guild Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 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**

**Program - Masters & Mentors Discussion, Artist Bingo**

### Calendar At A Glance

Worldwide Photowalk - Oct 4 - Downtown Branson  
Field Trip - October 7 - Studio Tour  
Artist of the Month Theme - Black and White

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### President's letter con't

Carolyn Carrigan, Secretary for 2026: Carolyn studied drawing and painting with private teachers and art teachers. While in Europe she saw the work of master artists in every medium, especially in stained glass. Likely that is where she developed a love of the craft of working with glass. Carolyn's greatest joy is drawing a design and then bringing it to life in glass. She is proud to be a Juried Artist Member of the Best of Missouri Hands.

We will have the installation of Officers during the December meeting and party. I hope you will welcome our new board members and support them any way you can.

Jan O'Neill, President

# *Table Rock Art Guild Membership Minutes - September 16, 2025*

Meeting Start Time: 12:02 pm

Artist of the Month - Vote: Topic "Family" - members were asked to vote.

October's Artist of the Month theme will be "Black and White".

Meeting to Order: President requested approval for the August Minutes, which were printed in the last Newsletter.

Motioned by Kim Briggs and 2nd by Chris Adams. All in favor.

Prayer: Family prayer by Don Haberman

Sunshine Report: Jennifer Cole gave recognition to nine members celebrating their birthdays in September. Prayer requests for Linda Muraski, Michael Carter, and Stew & Barb Blain.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on bulletin board in gallery office.

2026 Officer Elections: Jan O'Neill announced the names of members slated for Officers and read their biographies:

President - Jennifer Cole

1st Vice President - Kelly Hamilton

2nd Vice President - Gayle Page

Secretary - Carolyn Carrigan

Treasurer - Kim Briggs

No other members were nominated and these members were voted in office and will start in January 2026.

Program: Demonstration and making of paper globes by Paula Buzenius. Donna Gillispie discussed "Masters and Mentors", the program for October and Jan O'Neill explained Artist of the Month and Artist Bingo for October.

Gallery: Report on housekeeping at the Gallery by Diane Robben. All members that work in the Gallery and have questions have been encouraged to call or text Diane.

Upcoming significant dates:

October 1 - panel rotation

October 4 - 1st Saturday is open

November 1 - 1st Saturday has 4 artists

November 8, 15, 22, and 29 - Christmas Art Walk - open to all Guild members

December 6 - Annual Gallery Open House - party planning for public

December 13 & 20 - Christmas Art Walk - open to all Guild members

January 5 - panel rotation

Gallery Party planned in early January 2026 as a "Kick-off" event.

Hospitality: Report on hospitality by Gayle Page. Seeking a Member to take over the Hospitality Committee from Kelly Hamilton in 2026. This person would help organize snacks at Membership Meetings and food for other activities, such as Children's Show, TRAG Birthday Party in March, Scholarship Presentation, Annual Festival of Art Show, Christmas Dinner, TRAG Party.

Artists and Creators Market and Photo Walk: Jane Ballard updated on the Shell Knob Show; 27 artists and creators, including 8 new TRAG members.

Photo Walk is October 4. Meeting at Paula Deen restaurant at the Landing to take tram to downtown.

Field Trip: Update by Barb Hirsh/Judy Musch on the field trip to artist studios on October 7.

Contact Barb Hirsh - 630-910-0912 or

bjhirsh@sbcglobal.net - for meeting place and time

9:00 AM Diana Budler's Studio

10:30 AM Marty Schmidt's Studio

Lunch at Danna's after

Membership Update: Paula Buzenius reported there were 29 members present at the meeting and one new member; Jay Fullerton (oil painter).

Split the Pot: Yvette Ayres was the winner of \$21, Jane Ballard and Yvette Ayres won door mats, and Bonnie Peters-Jacobs won alcohol marker set.

Artist of the Month: Announcement of winners by Diana Budler

"Family" winners:

3rd Place - Don Haberman

2nd Place - Ron Vaeth

1st Place - Jan O'Neill

Last month's People's Choice winners:

Honorable Mention - Gus Robben

3rd Place - Diane Robben

2nd Place - Bonnie Peters-Jacobs

1st Place - Helen Long

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 pm

Motioned by Bonnie Peters-Jacobs and 2nd by Chris Adams. All in favor.

## *Master and Mentors*

Studying with a master or mentor is not a new concept. It has existed thought out history and continues to this day. Successful people understand that no one accomplishes great things entirely by themselves.

Choosing a master or mentor can:

Significantly impact your progress and positivity and add a whole new level of enrichment to your art making experience.

It can expose you to artists from the PAST and PRESENT whose work may inspire you.

It can introduce you to new methods of working that you may not discover on your own.

It can teach you drawing, painting, and sculpture techniques, as well as photography skills.

In addition it opens you up to new ideas and approaches that have taken others years of study to discover.

Suggestions:

Select a work and simply copy the artist USING ANY MEDIUM WITH WHICH YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE.

Choose an artist that interests you, no matter how ambitious or difficult it seems, whether you use the whole picture/work or just a part. Figure out what it is about the artist that intrigues you and set about to uncover his or her secret. You may want to make a simple line drawing, copy it several times and finish it using the influence of different masters or mentors. Which do you like best?

By acquainting ourselves with a variety of styles, from the most realistic to the least, you will come to know your own. You may choose to consider the artists choice of subject matter.

Study format and how light is used.

Study color theory.

Study artists who are dealing with the same problems you are trying to solve.

There are many ideas and inspirations that I have collected over the years for you...they can be found in the black Masters and Mentors box, which is kept in the gallery. Please feel free to borrow any articles, (returning them would be appreciated and of course adding to the box would be great also.)

Masters and Mentors will be the theme for November Artist of the month. Due to the nature of the project there will be no competition. This will also serve as our program November 18th, so please bring your work and come prepared to briefly share information about your artist/style/or medium you chose and what you gained from the experience.

If you have questions please give me a call at 417-249-0311. Donna Gillispie

## *Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photowalk*

Jane Ballard has decided to lead a Photowalk this year in Downtown Branson. The plan for the walk is Main Street from Veterans Blvd on the West to Branson Landing Blvd to the East and from Main Street on the North to College Street on the South. We will park at the north end of the Branson Landing by Paula Deen's where we will catch the Trolley to take us downtown for the Photowalk. We will have lunch at the Landing following our walk.

The walk is FREE to attend, but please register at <https://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/downtown-branson-missouri/> so Jane knows how many people to look for! Hope to see you in Branson Missouri for the 16th annual Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photowalk! There is a photo contest held in conjunction with the Photowalk. Local winners will compete in an international competition!

## *Studio Tour Field Trip*

October 7th is the date for a studio tour field trip.

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 BBQ.

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.

## *Renew Your Membership for 2026!*

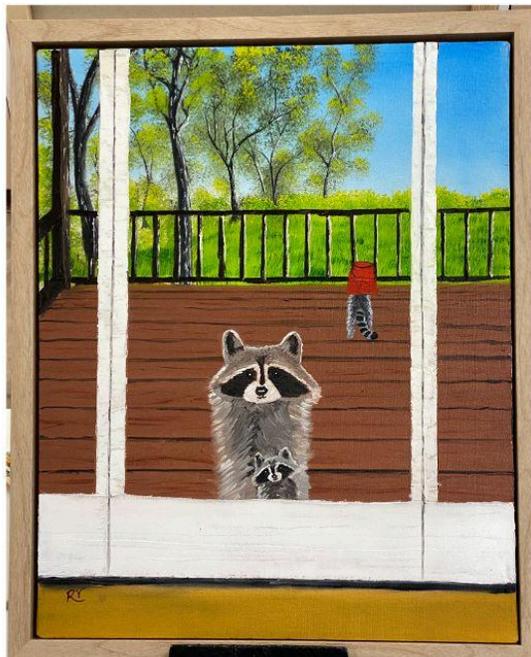
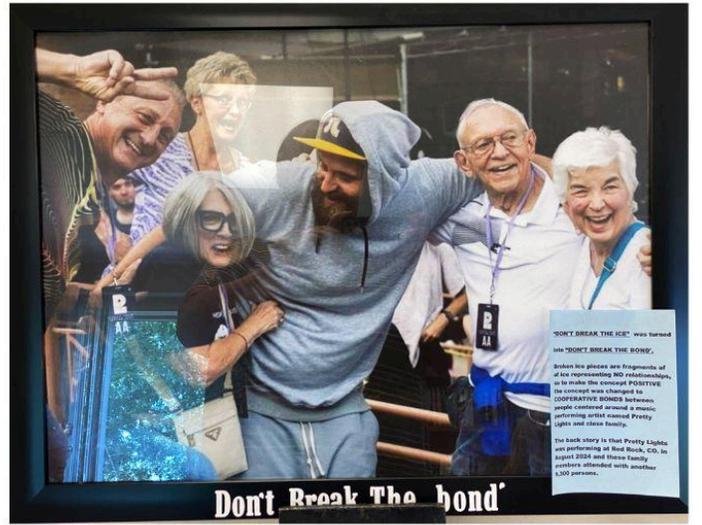
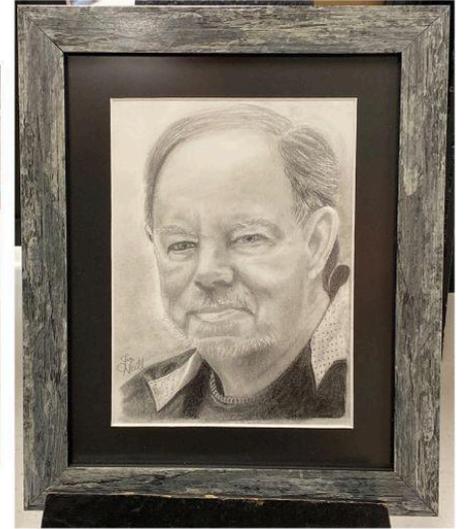
It's time to renew your membership for 2026! You will find a link on our website for an easy to complete ONLINE form! This makes it MUCH EASIER for the membership chair to process than the handwritten forms, so please use this if you can! Payments will still need to be made in person at this time. <https://www.tablerockartgallery.com/jointrag>

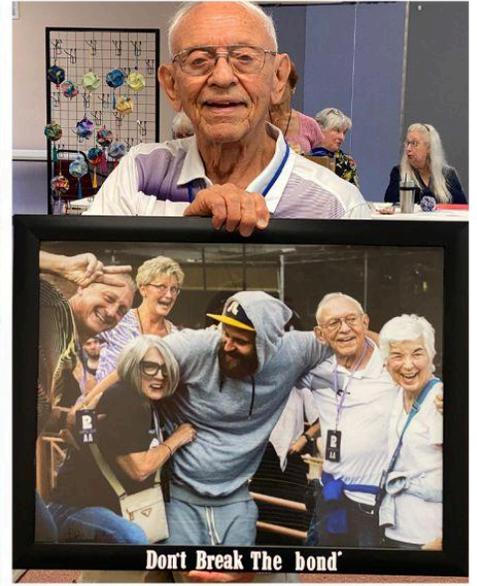
## *October Birthdays*

Nils Bergh - Oct 10  
Sharon Clarke - Oct 17  
Linda Edge-Dunlap - Oct 9  
Bonnie Peters-Jacobs - Oct 10  
Michelle Johnson - Oct 8  
Martha Sigler - Oct 20



# Artist of the Month Entries





*Artist of the Month Winners and Mystery Challenge People's Choice Winners*

Diana Budler announced both the winners of the Artist of the Month Challenge (Family) and the Mystery Box People's Choice Winners at the September meeting.

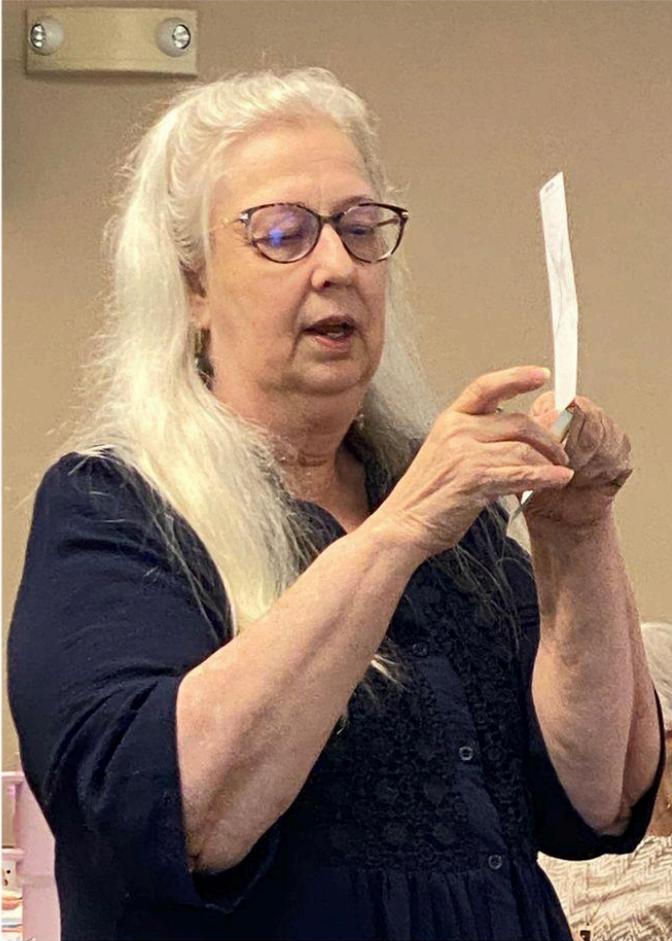
- Above - Artist of the Month winners  
 Jan O'Neil - First Place  
 Ron Vaeth - Second Place  
 Don Haberman - Third Place

- Below - Mystery Challenge People's Choice Award winners  
 First Place - Helen Long (not pictured)  
 Second Place - Bonnie Peters-Jacobs  
 Third Place - Diane Robben  
 Honorable Mention - Gus Robben



## *September Program - Paper Ornaments*

Paula Buzenius taught TRAG members how to make paper ornaments out of decorated card stock. Paula provided all of the materials needed for each of us to create an ornament as well as the template and instructions so that we may make them at home later!



## *Scenes from the Meeting*

Other scenes from the September meeting -



Top - Donna Gillispee talks about the upcoming Masters and Mentors challenge for Artist of the Month in November - start working on YOURS now!



Middle - Jennifer Cole gives the Sunshine Report and Birthdays

Bottom - Meet your new 2026 Board Members!  
Installation of officers will happen in December.

From Left to Right -

Carolyn Carrigan - Secretary

Kim Briggs - Treasurer

Gayle Page - 2nd Vice President

Kelly Hamilton - 1st Vice President

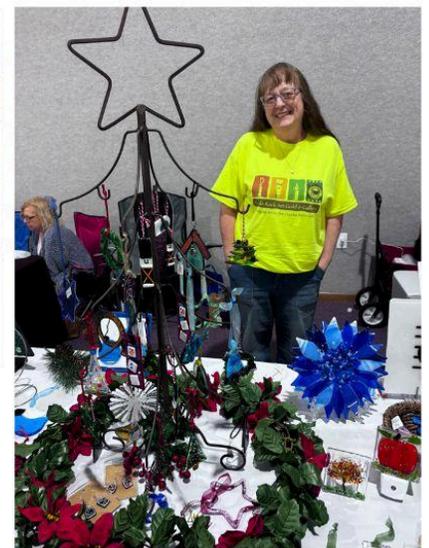
Jennifer Cole - President

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Table Rock Art Guild family. Bind us together in love and understanding, and help us to overcome conflicts with grace and forgiveness. Let us help each other, have fun together and always choose love. May Your peace reign in our hearts and home. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Above - Jane Ballard, Bonnie Peters-Jacobs, and Phyllis Callender in our little booth spaces!  
Below - Kim Cooper, Gayle Page, Darle Earll, Franklin and Lynette Leopold, Kathy Manjeot, Janet Shannon, B David Duncan, Brian Stewart, Gus and Diane Robben, and Carolyn Carrigan



Thanks to Barb Hirsh for thinking of getting pictures of most of us!!!



Meet some of our NEW TRAG members who participated in the Shell Knob Show -

Top Left - Emily and Ron Saltgaver

Top Right - Pam Martin

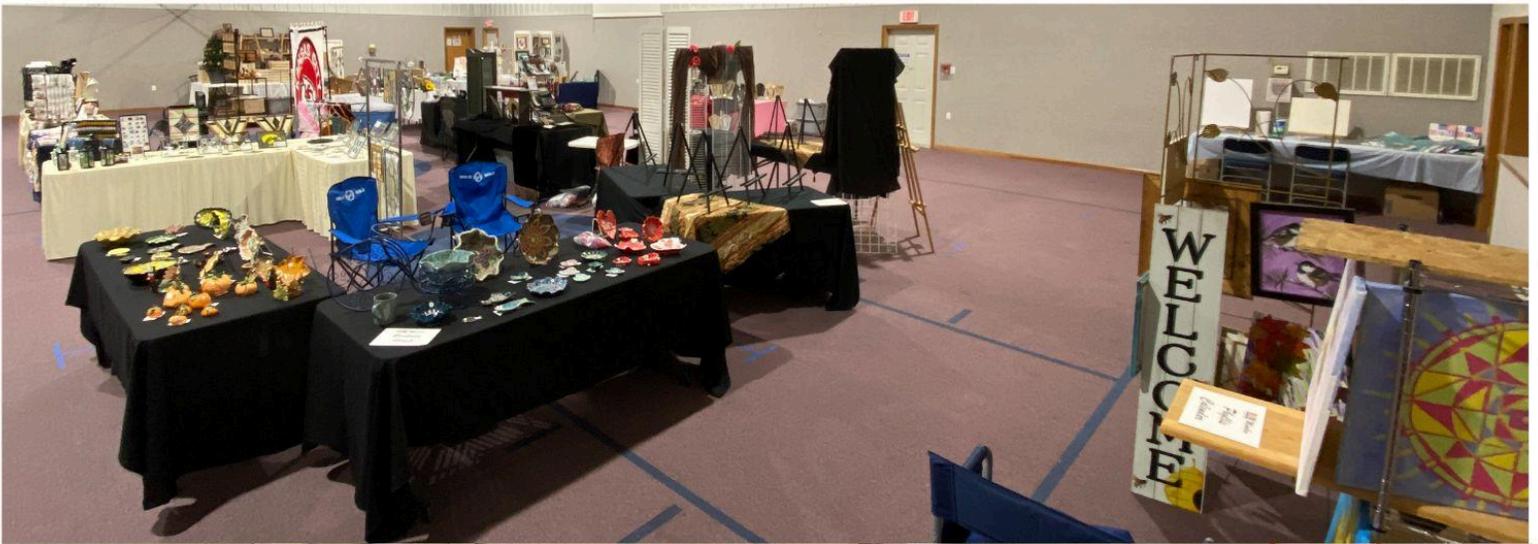
Center Left - Marilyn Toraason

Center Right - Barbara Barrett

Bottom - Kris Parker



Again, thanks to Barb Hirsh for the pics!



Above - early Saturday morning before everyone arrived  
 Center right - Crystal Bridges Kids Craft Kits that we gave away  
 Below left - Diane Robben painting demo  
 Below center and right - Community Canvases painted by the public



## *Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market Recap*

We had a steady stream of traffic from the time the doors opened to just about 3 pm. My guesstimate is about 300 people. It rained until about noon and picked up again when we were all ready to load up and get out of there...of course!

We had one no show artist. Of course, had I looked earlier at my email, I could have filled the space, but I left the house at 7 am Saturday morning and didn't see the email until almost 10 am.

Bonnie Peters-Jacobs and I set up in the coat closets out in the main hallway. Phyllis Callender had a small space just inside the main room to the right of the door. The rest of our artists had full 10x10 spaces.

Diane Robben did some painting demos during the day. I had two "community canvases" for people to paint on throughout the day in which some people did participate. Crystal Bridges provided kids craft kits to hand out.

The raffle table was unmanned for most of the day (I had asked for the church to provide someone to man that table since the money was for them, but no one was "available"). Because of that, my plan for tracking the number of people who came in went out the window. I was too busy at MY booth to take care of both! The PLAN had been to hand a free raffle ticket and survey to everyone who came in just to track numbers - then they could purchase additional tickets.

Only 28 people filled out the raffle survey sheet and only 20 of them checked on the survey how they heard about the show. Five people marked "Social Media/Facebook" and one marked "Website" (which I'm assuming was REALLY social media!) Three marked "The Rattler". No one marked the "Barry County Advertiser". Ten marked "Friends/Family". One marked "Other" and noted the sign in front of the church.

The pastor noted that they had about \$600 in donations from both their concession stand (which the pastor and his wife ran by donation only) and the raffle tickets that were sold.

We received many wonderful comments from our customers! Most of them were directed to the artists themselves complimenting everyone on the QUALITY of the artwork! One person commented that they were so happy to come to a show where EVERYTHING was hand made! Another said he just about quit going to "craft shows" because he never saw anything different, but he saw LOTS of different things at this show! We brought the CRAFT back into CRAFT shows - as in "you have to make it!" They were pleased not to see a bunch of t-shirt

sales and that kind of thing. It was a well-rounded selection of arts and crafts!

TRAG Artists who participated in the show were -  
Brian Stewart  
Jane Ballard  
B David Duncan  
Kim Cooper  
Bonnie Peters-Jacobs  
Gus Robben  
Diane Robben  
Kathy Thierstein  
Darla Earll  
Franklin Leopold  
Barb Hirsh  
Suzanna Evans  
Phyllis Callender  
Carolyn Carrigan  
Gayle Page  
Kathy Manjeot  
Janet Shannon

NEW TRAG members because of the show were -  
Barbara Barrett (crochet artist)  
Emily and Ron Saltsgaver (pottery artists)  
Marilyn Toraason (jewelry artist)  
Pam Martin (ornament and wreath artist)  
Kris Parker (woodworking)  
Jennifer Mahaffey (acrylic painting - paid for a booth but couldn't come to the show)

Other participating artists were -  
Myrna Kulow (jewelry and diamond dotz)  
Athena Nurton (acrylic painting and photography)  
Anita Craddock (jewelry artist)  
Cally Ross (fabric baskets)

Other artists -  
Lou Stine paid for a booth, but couldn't come to the show  
Wendy Gaudioso paid for a booth, but was a last minute no show  
Susan and Jay Malmin were the first on my waitlist  
Luisa Benson was the second on my waitlist  
TRAG artist Jim Lewis was third on my waitlist

Some of the new TRAG members asked if we would consider a TRAG Chapter over here. Perhaps we could set up a Saturday meeting in Shell Knob once a month for the Shell Knob area artists AND for those in the rest of our service area who can't come on a Tuesday at Noon. It is definitely worth considering!

The Discovery Quilters also had a busy Saturday! I stopped in there to see their show on Sunday. They were very pleased with their traffic, too. IF we do the Shell Knob Artists and Creators Market again, we will do it in conjunction with the quilt show in two years.