



# ART-A-FACTS

## NEWSLETTER

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### NEW MEETING TIME

I am so sorry that I confused some of you about the times. We will meet for our **Board Meeting at 9** (you are welcome to come in your jammies) Bring your own coffee.

**Our get together will start at 11:00**, getting your lunch if you ordered it, getting signed in, buying your split the pot ticket, turning in Artist of the Month and visiting. We will have our prayer.

I ask **YOU** to **bring a piece of art work to be critiqued wood, photographs, pottery, fiber and painting**. We will not be doing it by teachers after all. As we look at a piece we can tell what we like and are drawn to it. Then, some **one** thing that bothers you. After that, what are your final thoughts on the piece. If you feel you do not have enough knowledge, please feel free not to comment. Yes, we had a bad experience when we tried this before but that person is not in the Guild anymore. I will begin by leading this off and then will ask for a volunteer to do it the next month. Pat handed out forms we can use. Just know this is for all mediums.

After the critique we will have a nice program, go vote and then the Business Meeting, split the pot and announce the winners. Hope to see you.

Susan Sketers

### President's Message

Learning curves seems to be my theme of the month. We all go through them with our art, jobs and new relationships. The good news is to learn and appreciate the new lessons in life. We started the month by having our 2017 Scholarship Winner. The reception was simply lovely.

Then, we had our Pizza Party for our first Town Hall Meeting. We had a big turnout. We learned a lot of what goes into our organization. I got some direction from that meeting and have my GPS headed that way.

Next, was my first Board Mtg. and later discovered that if a member comes (which we do welcome) they are not allowed to speak unless they had asked to be on the agenda earlier than the day of the meeting.

After that was the Regular Mtg. and the program, given by Pat H-F, gave us some good pointers on critiquing which we will start this next meeting. The Artist of the Month art work was beautifully done. I recognized all the muses (a person that helps with creativity).

The next order of business was the first evening meeting and we had 8 show up.

So, like all of us we are learning about not going in a straight line, which Pat Hovis-French is going to do a workshop on.

All and all, it was a fun month. I do encourage you to sign up, either at the table or card on your table, for the workshops, field trips or helping with the Children's Show. So keep throwing out any comments, criticisms, and, of course, I sure do appreciate the kudos. I promise not to look out in the audience and see you naked as one of my friends suggested.

Susan Sketers

## **TABLE ROCK ART GUILD MEETING MINUTES** **January 16, 2017 12:30 P.M.**

Meeting was brought to order by President Susan Sketers.

Susan talked about the Tuesday Night group and what she hopes to accomplish through a night meeting, not associated with the guild but hoping to have a forum to talk "Art" outside of the monthly meeting, while promoting the guild to those interested.

**Starting in February, the monthly guild meeting will start at 11 A.M. with an art critique session for those who want to participate.** The first four sessions will be conducted by art teachers to set an example of how to proceed. The minutes of November 21, 2016 stand as published.

Jackie Stoner has been working on the Facebook page and reported on the changes and progress.

Pat Hovis French has been working on combining the guild and gallery websites to save money and time, and has made significant changes to make it more user friendly. Pat Bell has assisted her with some of the changes.

Michael Phares has assumed his position as the Gallery Director and Past Director, Jan Rosenburg, is assisting him for a time. Linda Edge Dunlap is the interim treasurer, while Veronica is in Texas for the winter. Kathy Miller, as the new publicity chairperson, is asking for information for contacting previous and any new outlets in which to speak or submit articles on the guild and gallery.

All of the many volunteers who do things behind the scenes, making phone calls, manning the gallery, etc. were recognized and given a hand of appreciation. Thank you to Val Medley who decorated our tables for this meeting. She asked for more volunteers for the coming months. Barb Pozek has taken the responsibility of organizing the Tuesday night meetings, Marj Peterson is heading the panel collections at the gallery, with the help of Nina Fournier and Helen Long. Gail Davis is making our member calls. Barry Euren and Don Trickey have volunteered to oversee the Artist of the Month functions.

Jan Rosenburg presented the programs for the coming year. The specifics can be found in the Artifacts Newsletter. Yvette Ayres has a workshop on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and sign ups were requested at this meeting. There is a \$50 fee for two days. Yvette is requiring \$20 for supplies. Lunch is provided. This and all workshops will be held at the library.

**Meet and Greet begins in March on the first Friday of every month**, with the exception of October and December for the Fall Art Show and the Gallery's Annual Open House. A suggestion was made to make our bank displays for two months instead of one. Jackie Stoner moved to accept this change and Marj Peterson seconded it and was passed unanimously. Marj Peterson gave a short presentation on the Artist's Way Book Club and will help anyone interested in getting a group started or being part of one.

LaVerne Hetzel gave the Sunshine Report, and Judy Bell, not present, but published her report on field trips on the website.

Barb Hirsh will begin doing cameos on our guild members to be published in the Artifacts newsletter. Submissions for the newsletter are due 5 days before the first of every month.

Helen Long has begun preparing for the Children's Show in March. Volunteers are needed on March 17<sup>th</sup> to do matting of the artwork, noon to 4 P.M. Artwork will then be hung in the Gallery on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the show will follow for the next 4 days.

(Val Medley, overseeing the library at the gallery, expressed that she needed the cooperation of the members using the library, to properly check out the materials, so records are correct.

Kathy Miller will be speaking at a function at the Crane Historic Museum on January 26<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> on the History and Nature of Missouri, Stone and Taney Counties.

Linda Edge Dunlap will be training people to use the new copier at the gallery. Sign up today or contact her to arrange a time.

Split the Pot was won by Patsy Hyman. \$9.50 for her and \$9.50 for the gallery.

This month's artist of the month theme was 'What you are working on' and the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Fran Crosswaite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kate Rickard, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Donna Gillespie

### **Next month's theme is 'Stormy'**

Details for all individual reports can be found in the Artifacts Newsletter and/or on the website. Treasurer's report is kept at the gallery and accessible to all members. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
Karen Pugh, Secretary

## TRAG Guild and Gallery websites combine!

As we start a new year, a new look for our websites seemed appropriate! Why?? The original website for The Table Rock Art Guild was not accessible from smart phones or iPads. The website created for the Gallery last summer was, but it did not have the capability of posting pdf files (like the monthly newsletters, yearbooks, etc.) for Guild members. Consequently, information had to be posted on both websites and sometimes one or the other of the sites got missed (as webmaster for both sites, I offer my humble apologies). Also, the Guild had to pay for two sites containing basically the same information. Because the Table Rock Art Gallery site can now post pdf and other document files for members, the website address for the Table Rock Art Guild has been linked to the Table Rock Art Gallery URL.

Whichever URL you enter -- [www.tablerockartgallery.com](http://www.tablerockartgallery.com) or [www.tablerockartguild.com](http://www.tablerockartguild.com) -- this is the site you will reach! If you haven't checked it out yet, you will notice there is a new MENU tab called "Contact." There is actually a MAP on that page that is interactive and you can zoom in, via satellite, and see the back of the Blue Horse in front of the Gallery if you want!

A lot of information of special interest to TRAG members is quickly available in either the drop-down menu tabs under "Guild Activities and Information," or by buttons on the "Guild Activities and Information" page. The newsletters, roster and gallery sitting information pages are password protected and the password for all three is TRAG5829.

If you see errors in the website or there are things you would like to see added, please let me know via the Contact form!

Pat Hovis-French

***Have you looked at the new website?***



## ARTIST BOOK CLUB

Starting in March, (check the next newsletter), we will have a 2nd book club beginning, led by Past President and Gallery Director. This is a fun way to discuss art and grow.

We have had four of these book clubs in the past 37 years. The club picks a place to go out to lunch and then goes to the home of one of the members to discuss the book and have dessert. Sometimes, we watch a movie or sometimes, we plan to go to the Springfield Art Museum for Watercolor USA. We do have a man in our group. We only meet once a month and if the weather is bad it is canceled or too many people can't make it, we cancel.

You can always try it for a few times and if it's not for you, then, just say so. There are several of these books in the library to check out. We have gone on to some good books and some not so good but we always have a good time. Our latest is "The Passion of Artemisia" and is really a novel which is a new concept for us. In the back is a list of questions for book clubs. It was suggested by Joanne Kenney for Karen Deeds and so we hopped on the bandwagon and so far, I like the book a lot.

SUSAN 😊

## 2017 Field Trips

These are the tentative field trips for 2017. Details will be forthcoming.

- Wonders of Wildlife Museum in Springfield
- Whirlwind Alpaca Ranch in Lebanon
- Artsfest on Walnut in Springfield
- Bonniebrook - Rose O'neil home and museum
- Watercolor USA - Springfield Art Museum
- Dunnigan Gallery in Bolivar

## **TRAG'S First Friday Events will resume in March!**

Here's the list of featured artists for 2017. Come to the gallery between 3 pm and 6 pm on the dates listed to visit with the artists, see their latest work, and enjoy goodies and beverages!

**March 3** - Jim Salvo and Jackie Stoner

**April 7** - Don Trickey

**May 5** - Don Haberman and Jan Rosenberg

**June 2** - Ginny Campbell's watercolor students

**July 7** - Val Medley and Debbie Bridges

**August 4** - Pat Hovis-French, David Carver and Barry Euren

**September 1** - Linda Edge-Dunlap and Steve Hadar

**November 3** - TRAG Shooters Camera Club

**Sunday, December 3** - Annual TRAG Open House

## **March Workshop**

**March 1-2: Rubbings - Add a New Tool to your Paint Box - Yvette Ayres**

See the TRAG website for details. The direct link is

[http://media.wix.com/ugd/836d92\\_3ca094b946034a0a86c559e29f8face2.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/836d92_3ca094b946034a0a86c559e29f8face2.pdf)

To sign up for the workshop or for questions, contact Jan Rosenberg - 417-230-1286 [jrpalette@aol.com](mailto:jrpalette@aol.com)

## **2017 Workshops**

**April 26-27:** Experimental Art - Marjorie Peterson

**June 21-22** -Mixed Media - Helen Long

**September 13-14:** Drawing - No rulers, no straight lines! - Pat Hovis-French

**November 15-16:** Abstracts - Jim Salvo

## **Artist Retreat**

Susan Sketers

Our next big get together as artists will be in May (Wed the 17 and Thurs the 18). We will be staying at Subiaco Abbey (Soo-bee-a-ko (long o here)). This is a retreat Center at a Monastery and was recommended to me by a friend in Neighbors and Friends. It is just down from Russellville and near Ft. Smith. We will leave at 8 a.m. and they will have lunch waiting on the 17th and return early to mid-afternoon on Thurs. The cost is \$85 shared and \$115 for private and that includes 3 meals.

The purpose is that we can do art work, take photographs, talk art and bond together. I will begin a signup at the next meeting but will not collect money until April. Here is their website <http://www.countrymonks.org>. You will find a lot of history of the Swiss-American Congregation. I am going to look into Wiederkehr Wine Cellar in Altus, in a grotto, near-by for dinner instead of the Abbey. I will try and have that done by the next meeting.

## **Artist of the Month**

Karen Deeds

## **February Theme will be "STORMY"**

Stormy does not have to relate to weather, necessarily.

## **2017 Themes**

March - Anything edible

April - Experimental Art

May - Old Masters or Your Mentor

June - Dreams

July - Pandora's Box

August - Fiber Art

September - Tree Dwellers

October - Sunsets

November - Recycled / Repurposed

December (No AOM, it's Party time!!!!)

## **TRAG Programs for 2017**

- **February 20** - Kerstin Landwer - Free and Low-cost Marketing Ideas
- **March 20** - Marjorie Peterson - Experimental Art
- **April 17** - Creating Collages - Joanne Kenney
- **May 15** - Old Masters / Mentors - Donna Gillespie
- **June 19** - Bonnie Zak - Art Inspired by animals / Tri-Lakes Humane Society - (Pot Luck Luncheon)
- **July 17** - Pandora's Box
- **August 21** - Bonniebrook representative (tentative)
- **September 18** - Tina West, Photographer - Seeing cast-offs differently
- **October 16** - Jim Salvo - Colored Inks
- **November 20** - Kathy Miller - Fiber Art
- **December 15** - Christmas Potluck and Ornament Exchange

## **Watercolor USA - 2017**

Dates:

- March 6 - Entry Deadline
- March 28 - Juror results notifications available on-line
- April 26 - Deadline for artwork to arrive at the museum
- June 2 - Exhibition reception - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- June 3 - Watercolor USA 2017 Opens
- August 27 - Exhibition closes, 5 PM

Entries must be made online. For more information, go to <http://mo-springfieldartmuseum.civicplus.com/200/Watercolor-USA-2017>

## **Senior Art Show**

The art exhibition will be held at the Juanita K Hammons Hall March 8 - April 5 in 2017 - and the artist's reception will be held on March 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, with the awards presentation held at 7 PM.

This exhibition is open to all visual artists age 60 or older, and a maximum of two artists may be submitted for consideration. A non-refundable donation of \$5.00 per entry will be required, and checks are to be made payable to Senior Art Exhibition Fund.

All works must be hand-delivered to the Fuldner Lounge at the JKH center on Monday, March 6th - between 1:00 and 3:00 ONLY. Works delivered after 3 PM will not be accepted. The jurying will take place the following morning and works not accepted will be returned to the artist(s) on Tuesday - in the same location - between 12:00 and 1:30 PM only. Artists may call 836-3098 after 12:00 to see if they have an art piece to pick up.

## **2017 Art Scholarship**

The **2017 Maida Fanin Art Scholarship** was presented to this year's recipient at a reception in the TRAG Gallery on January 8. **Holly Thompson** is a senior at Crane High School and focuses on graphic art --using both the computer and hand lettering.



*(The photograph here features Susan Sketers, TRAG President; Holly Thompson; and Helen Long, immediate Past President and chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.)*

## **TRAG Shooters Camera Club**

Don Haberman

Some members of the TRAG Shooters Camera Club met on January 25 to learn how to use the Camera Copy Stand so as to be helpful when the Table Rock Art Guild members want their art photographed. We also worked on a list of photo shoots for the follow year. You are all invited to come with us to the Promise Land Zoo on 86 near Eagle Rock on February 22, 2017 for our first photo shoot. More details later on our Zoo trip.

## Children Art Show

**Brenda Viveiros**

The dates of the show are March 30th through April 2nd with a party on Saturday April 1st. Volunteers are needed to help with matting the artwork on March 17th from noon to 4:00 pm at the church and to hang the children's art on the 29th. Also, we will need people to work the gallery during the show.

Artists who have their work hanging at the gallery must take it down by the end of the day Tuesday March 28th. They can rehang after the show on Sunday the 2nd or that following Monday.

## ART INSTRUCTIONS

**Karen Deeds** is offering an art class on Friday mornings from 9-12. Students may work in their medium of choice under Karen's experienced guidance. If you are interested in joining a fun and congenial group to broaden and enhance your creative pursuits, give Karen a call at 417-272-3757, or e-mail: [karendeedsfineart@gmail.com](mailto:karendeedsfineart@gmail.com)

**Janice Rosenburg** is offering classes at the Senior Center in Kimberling City on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9:30 - 2:00. Release your creativity through drawing, painting and all mediums. Lunch is available at the Senior Center or you may bring your own. Please call Jan at 417-338-8705 or e-mail: [jpalette@aol.com](mailto:jpalette@aol.com).

**Ginny Campbell** is teaching an Intermediate level watercolor techniques and basic design. Class meets on Thursday from 1-4pm at Ginny Campbell's studio. For details call: 417-338-2751

**Marjorie Peterson's** classes will begin in February, on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Kimberling City Senior Center. \$10 per class. Students will be working in oil, acrylic, fluid acrylics as watercolor. Marjorie leads through demonstrations and says you will learn not to fear the brush and paint. For more information, contact Marjorie at 417-738-4128 or [marjp42@hotmail.com](mailto:marjp42@hotmail.com)

## Getting to Know the Board



We will be spotlighting a member of the board each month, so you can get to know them better. This month we will spotlight, Susan Sketers, our president.

Susan grew-up in Arizona and went to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. She majored in Education and taught at the Navajo Indian School in Flagstaff. She got married and had two daughters, Heather and Cathy. After living in Arizona for thirty years, she moved to Colorado.

While in Colorado, she raised her daughters while working at a Nuclear Weapons Plant as a trainer. The Rocky Mountains were the perfect backdrop for hiking, skiing, and fly fishing. Her art interest provided her a business: painting murals and furniture. She lived in Colorado for 30 years and moved here 14 years ago.

For many years, she helped run the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter at Christian Associates. She currently works at Silver Dollar City in merchandising at Outlaw Run, where she enjoys meeting people from around the world. Her husband is Skeeter, a fishing guide. She is also fortunate to have her step-son, Michael.

After moving to Missouri, Susan immediately joined the Art Guild and took art lessons and has served the Art Guild in various capacities. The Art Guild has given her such encouragement, as she takes her art skills to the next level.

She has a philosophy that there is good in all people and she loves to bring that out with a smile, humor and finding the best in them.



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SHARING THE BEAM OF LIGHT & WARMTH

February is noted for Valentine's Day. Thinking back to "grade school" days, how exciting it was to create a fancy box with a slot so you could receive small cards with snippets of encouraging words that made one feel valued, special, cared about, and uplifted in life by those who knew you. It had nothing to do with love relationships, couples, dates, fancy dinners, etc. It was just a way to acknowledge one another and make each other smile and enjoy the activity. We can send this kind of acknowledgement to others any day of the year when it is needed to bring their focus to a place of hope and comfort, showing our warm support and care. Don't hesitate if someone comes to mind!!! Share your "beam"!!!

Sunshine List



- Larry Schmidt (Marty's husband)
- Karen & Bob Deeds
- Ken Campbell (Ginny's husband)
- Earl & Susan Sketer & Grandson
- Tina West (Pat Hovis-French's Daughter)
- Shirley LaCore
- Dave & Val Medley (Dave, Heart Procedure & Val 2nd Cataract Surgery)
- Eunice Blazek Family (19-year old Grandson passed away suddenly)

Sunshine Contact

Please Contact LaVerne Hetzel for all "Sunshine" corrections, updates or news, so our Guild can stay informed. Thank you!

LaVerne Hetzel  
417-739-1721

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Thank You!

To all Members of TRAG:

Thank You for all the cards and for coming to Larry's funeral. Your support really helped. I am so honored to be a member.

When Joan Houston asked me to join the Art Guild about 10 years ago, I said I couldn't because I'm not an artist. She replied, "but you're a photographer." "What? Oh no," but she insisted and I'm so glad she did. TRAG is an incredible organization and your artists and photographers are amazing.

Doris Young



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| February 5th           | Karen Pugh        |
| February 13th          | Barbara Walker    |
| February 18th          | Gerry Keohan      |
| February 26th          | Jeannette Lowe    |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Peggy Masterman   |
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Pat Hovis-French  |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Franny Crosthwait |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup> | Nina Fournier     |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup> | Carolyn Webb      |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Pam Barbee        |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Alice Carr        |
| March 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Jan Rosenberg     |
| March 28 <sup>th</sup> | Rosanne McEvoy    |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup> | Karen Deeds       |



**February Table Rock Art Guild Meeting**  
**February 20, 2017 at 11:00 - NEW TIME!**  
**First Christian Church, 5 Hilltop Drive, Kimberling City, MO**

**Reserve your space for the February meeting**

**Will you be attending?** If you do NOT get called or emailed by one of our “calling tree” members, please contact **Gail Davis** at 417-334-8810 or email her at [id4seasons@aol.com](mailto:id4seasons@aol.com) by noon the Friday prior to the meeting. A count of the members and guests attending is absolutely needed in order to provide enough seating and refreshments for everyone. Coffee, tea and ice will be furnished.

**Badges**

We want to know each other so by wearing our badges we can put a name to a face. If you don't have one then see Sandy Fearn at the desk as you enter and she will get you one. We will up the surtax on not wearing your name tag ha. Anyway, please get it out, put it in your car or purse or jacket or just wear it every day so you don't forget..just kidding.

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<https://www.facebook.com/tablerockartguild/timeline/>

Visit our Gallery located in the  
Kimberling City Shopping Center #11  
Kimberling City, MO 65686

**March Newsletter Deadline**

**Submission Deadline is February 25th**

Anyone can submit to the newsletter articles or photos that would be of interest to other members.

**Send to:** Barbara Hirsh,  
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**NEEDED:** Photographer to take photos at the monthly meetings for the newsletter, Photos to include: “Artist of the Month” and program highlights.

Please consider volunteering,