

Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery

Bringing Art to the Ozarks since 1980

## President's Message

Dear Artists,

Our August, Artist of the Month topic, "Pandora's Box" was highly successful with 23 entries, but remember the voting is not quite complete. Bring in your family and friends to the Gallery so they may also vote for their favorites! Medals are given to the "Public Choice" winners. Voting will be finished at the Gallery, end of day, on September 16.

As per the instructions via our By-Laws, an Election Committee is charged with providing a slate of officers for the September 19th meeting and they have submitted the following names for the various positions on the Executive board. Their term will be January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

President - Jan O'Neill  
1st Vice President - Yvonne Thurman  
2nd Vice President - Paula Buzenius  
Secretary - Sharon Clarke  
Treasurer - Linda Muraski

If you have changed your mind about running for the board, you may be nominated during the September meeting and we will hold a secret ballot between yourself and one of the members listed above.

I want to say a big "Thank you" to the committee and to our members who felt they were too "new" to run, (maybe next year) but graciously asked to help with a committee instead. You can be assured, the next board will be calling on your assistance in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Linda Edge-Dunlap, President

# September 2023

## Art-A-Facts

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### Next Table Rock Art Guild Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**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** - Sharon Clarke and Brenda Viveiros will share photos from the Chihuly exhibit in St Louis

### Calendar At A Glance

September Artist of the Month Theme - Food  
October Artist of the Month Theme -  
Fire Truck and/or Firefighter  
First Saturday Meet & Greet -  
September 2 -  
Linda Edge-Dunlap and Linda Muraski  
October 7 -  
Diane Robben and Gus Robben  
Field Trip - September 27 - Golden MO Museum

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## *Table Rock Art Guild Membership Minutes - August 15, 2023*

Brenda Viveiros recognized those with August birthdays and gave the sunshine report. Darlene Rutz's husband has had brain surgery and is doing well. Karen Deeds had another fall, broke 2 ribs and punctured a lung. She is recovering at home.

Don Haberman gave a prayer.

Brenda Viveiros presented the Pandora's box program with its theme of "Accentuate the Positive." All participants were given an inspirational quote and their task was to create art inspired by that quote. Each participating artist explained how they were inspired to create their art and then the membership voted on the piece of art which they felt best represented the quote. The \$5 entrance fee was given back in prizes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention winners. For the next month, all entries will be displayed in the gallery and the public is invited to vote for their favorites. Winners of the "People's Choice" awards will be given ribbons.

Following the program, Linda Edge-Dunlap called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. She asked for any corrections to last month's minutes which were published in the August newsletter. Mary Phillip made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Kim Briggs seconded, and the motion passed.

Sandy Fearn gave the membership report. We have 33 in attendance including one new member, Andrea Liljegen. We have 80 active members and have had 31 new members during 2022 and 2023.

Diane Robben passed out gallery information. This information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The final gallery rotation for 2023 will be October 2nd. Diane emphasized that art displayed in the gallery must be 80% original work. Diane has the lease holder's permission to use the kiosk and hallway outside gallery spaces on Saturdays during November and December. She encouraged artists to sign up to use these spaces and use social media to publicize. There will be a mandatory framing class for all gallery artists on September 15 or 16. Please sign up for one of those dates.

Jane Ballard announced that she has been working on our website and has driven more traffic to our site. The most popular page is our artists page. We have a shopping cart that can be used, but it will only direct the person to call the gallery to complete the sale. Jane asked for updated profile pictures and artist information. The deadline for the newsletter is August 28th.

The September 2nd Meet and Greet artists are Linda Muraski and Linda Edge-Dunlap. Please come out to support your fellow members if possible.

Don Haberman won the split the pot prize of \$6.

Next month's Artist of the Month theme is "Food."

Jan O'Neill announced a field trip to the Golden Pioneer Museum on September 27th. The group will meet at the old gallery at 10 am for carpooling. Lunch will be at White Lightning on Hwy 86. October's field trip will be a studio tour with the date still to be determined. The September program will be a photographic recap of a visit to the St. Louis Botanical Gardens with its current Chihuly Exhibit that Brenda Viveiros and Sharon Clarke took in June. October's program will be Judy Musch, a pastel artist.

Linda Edge-Dunlap announced that every member will be called to see if they wish to serve on the executive board. The resulting slate will be in the September newsletter.

Pandora's Box winners were announced and awarded their cash prizes. Honorable Mention went to Don Haberman. Third place was a tie between Linda Edge-Dunlap and Paula Buzenius. Second place was a tie between Diane Robben, Karen Slings, and Brenda Viveiros. First place went to Jane Ballard. A big thank you to Brenda Viveiros for another great theme and execution.

The Treasurer's report will be posted in the Gallery on the office bulletin board.

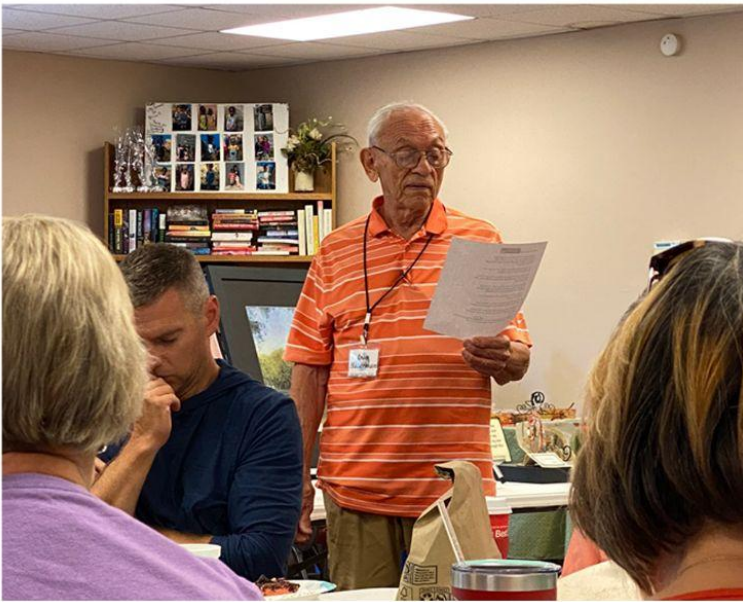
Diana Budler made a motion to adjourn and Darla Earl seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Clarke, Secretary

### *September Birthdays*

Alan Keith - September 7  
Linda Muraski - September 3  
Janet Shannon - September 9  
Yvonne Thurman - September 27





Don Haberman sharing the morning prayer.

### TRAG Prayer for August 15, 2023

Eternal and ever-blessed God, we give you thanks, as the day goes on, for those who mean so much to us, and without whom life could never be the same.

We thank You for those to whom we can go to at any time and never feel a nuisance.

We thank You for those to whom we can go to when we are tired, knowing that they have, for the weary feet, the gift of rest.

We thank You for those with whom we can talk, and keep nothing back, knowing that they will not laugh at our dreams or mock our failures.

We than You for those in whose presence it is easier to be good.

We thank You for those in whose company joys are doubly dear, and sorrow's bitterness is soothed.

And above all we thank You for Jesus, the pattern of our lives, the Lord of our hearts, and the Savior of our souls.

Accept this, our thanksgiving, for this day and grant us today a good night's rest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## *Upcoming Field Trip*

Tuesday, September 26 - Golden MO Museum

We will meet at The Kimberling Shopping Center (the old gallery) at 10:00. Golden Pioneer Museum is at State Highway 86, in Golden. Missouri. Admission is free. The Prier family took over the Trail of Tears Museum collection and combined it with their own collection of Carnival Glass and American pioneer artifacts to create the museum. The museum gives a unique look into the lives of early Americans both native and the settlers who came in the 1800's. They also have a large mineral collection. After visiting the museum, we will go to lunch- tbd. If you interested notify Barb Hirsh - 630-910-0912 or [bjhirsh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjhirsh@sbcglobal.net)

Brenda Viveiros and Donna Gillespie sharing a painting with special meaning by the late Jack O'Keefe in honor of Pandora's Box.



## *Art Supply Sale*

Brenda met with Jack O'Keefe's niece and she wanted the Art Guild to know that they are going to participate in the Kimberling City wide garage sale September 15th and 16th. They will be selling Jack's art supplies. Some of the items are; Art books, Mats, frames, canvas boards acrylic paint, pastels easels, brushes, colored pencils , table lamps, rolling storage carts, plein air easel, table easels, etc.

Also, A big thank you to all TRAG members that participated in Pandora's Box! You really put a lot of thought in to it and it showed. It was so great to hear all of your processes and how you came up with your piece of artwork. Bravo! Thank you for a terrific program.

**You are invited to Meet & Greet  
the Artist's  
Saturday September 2, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



**Linda Muraski**



**Linda Edge-Dunlap**



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# September Artist Spotlight

Diana Budler

Branson West,  
Mo.



*I have always been creative, crafty and talented in the arts. Over 4 years ago I lost my husband to cancer, hit deep depression and loneliness so I prayed to God for help. I had never painted with oils before, only watched Bob Ross a few times, and November 2021 I began painting on canvas in oils, now also in acrylics and watercolor. I am simply God's vessel painting his beauty of nature and I pray my paintings touch your soul.*



*Table Rock Art Guild*

## Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery "Meet Artists Here"

September 19, 2023

Artist of the month theme...



*The Public is invited to join our monthly meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m.*

*Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
30 James River Road  
Kimberling City, MO.*

Jim Salvo

## *News from your Gallery Director*

Gallery Dates – August to December 2023

August First Saturday take down days - August 28 & 29

September First Saturday Loading Days August 30 & 31

September First Saturday take down days - October 2 & 3

GALLERY ROTATION October 2

October First Saturday Loading Days - October 4 & 5

October First Saturday take down days - October 28 & 29

November First Saturday Loading Days - November 1 & 2

November First Saturday take down days - November 27 & 28

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE December 2

December Art Loading Days - November 29 & 30

Prep for Open House - Clean on 29th and set up the tree and decorations

Load Art on November 30th

Three panels behind register

Christmas Tree Loading (limit 12 ornaments per artist)

Please reread the Gallery Rules - - All artwork MUST be more than 80% YOUR original ideas and labored work! This includes Jewelry. Simply ordering charms and loading them onto a chain is way less than 80%. We are a FINE ARTS Gallery, if you know you are not meeting this requirement, be aware, you will be asked to remove ALL OF your product and need to reapply to be in the gallery by Juried work. Several have already received their first warning. All non-compliance work may be found in the Gallery work room on the shelf.

"Saturday Christmas Walk @ Claybough Shopping Mall"

We have been approved to have Saturday Shopping Events for November and December along with our Christmas Open House on December 2

November 11, 18, & 25

December 9, 16, & 23

Saturday Shopping Events out in the mall - From the Kiosk back to the end of our building.

These days will be occasions for small Four Foot Displays extended out into the mall. We want at least six of these four-foot displays of products at each event. We'd like to see artists team up within this display to make it a sales home run.

We plan to do advertising for this similar to the Annual Show and Encourage the Guild members to share through social media with Facebook, Instagram, Trip Advisor, Yelp, Etc.

**\*\*Required for anyone hanging framed work in the gallery\*\*** As well as anyone wishing to hang in the gallery.

**FIT TO FRAME CLASS.**

Separate class for painters and photographers.

Team Teaching by President Linda Edge/Dunlap and Gallery Director Diane Robben. This will cover how-to plan the size of your artwork as well as helpful framing techniques.

Limited time and space so may offer two different date options.

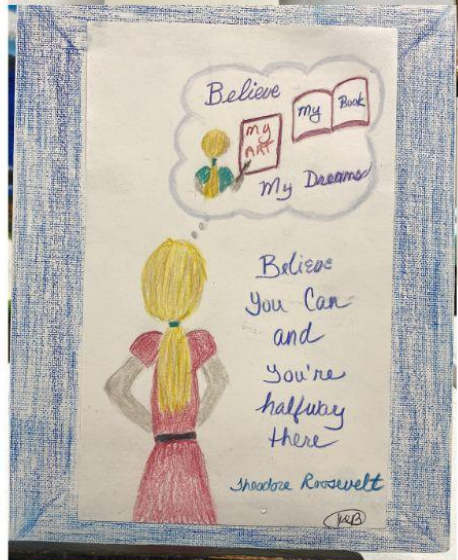
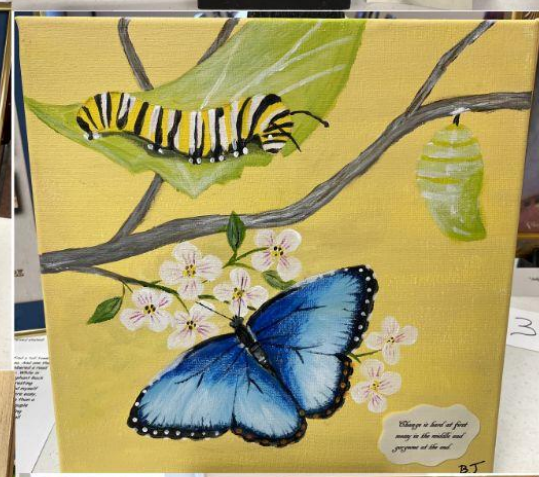
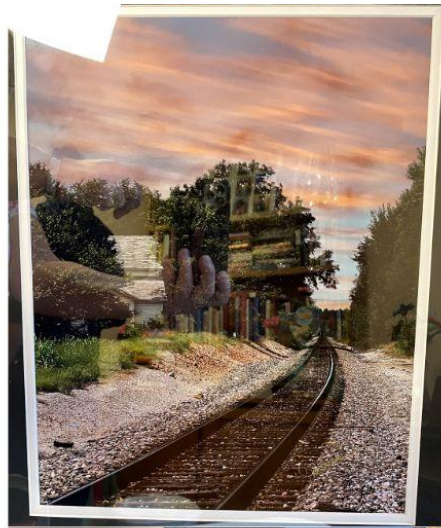
Proposed Dates to sign up for -

September 15 @ 1:00 pm painters &  
3:00 pm photographers

September 16 @ 9:00 am painters &  
11:00 am photographers

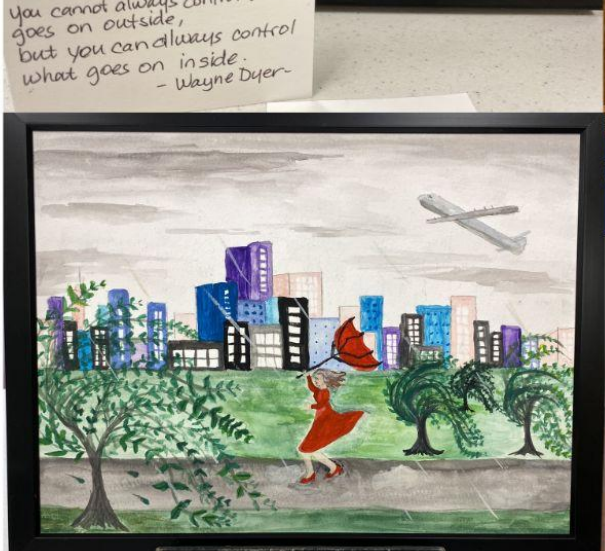
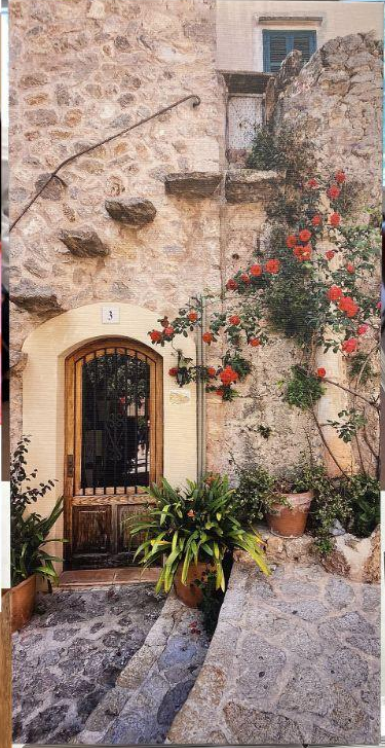
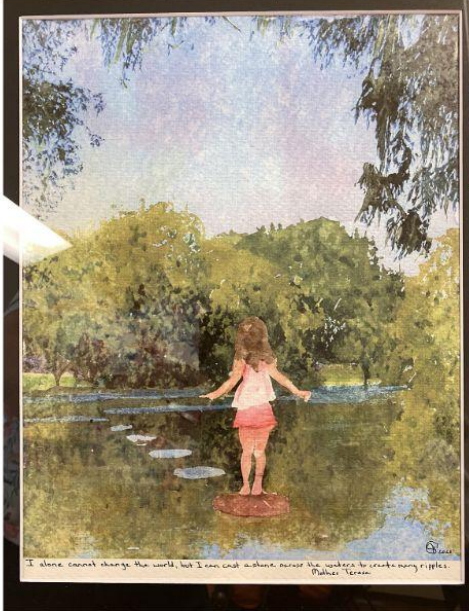
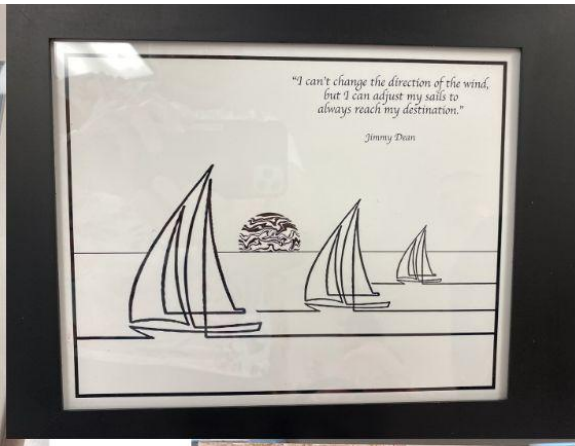


Artists reading their Pandora's Box quotes and telling about their creations based on those quotes.



Pandora's Box  
Entries  
Page One







## Pandora's Box Winners



Congratulations to all the winners and to ALL who entered this year's Pandora's Box challenge! There were 23 absolutely fantastic entries and voting was certainly difficult.

Honorable Mention went to Don Haberman (top left)

There was a two-way tie for Third Place with ribbons going to Linda Edge-Dunlap and Paula Buzenius (top right)

There was a three-way tie for Second Place with ribbons going to Brenda Viveiros, Karen Slings, and Diane Robben (bottom left)

First Place went to Jane Ballard (bottom right)

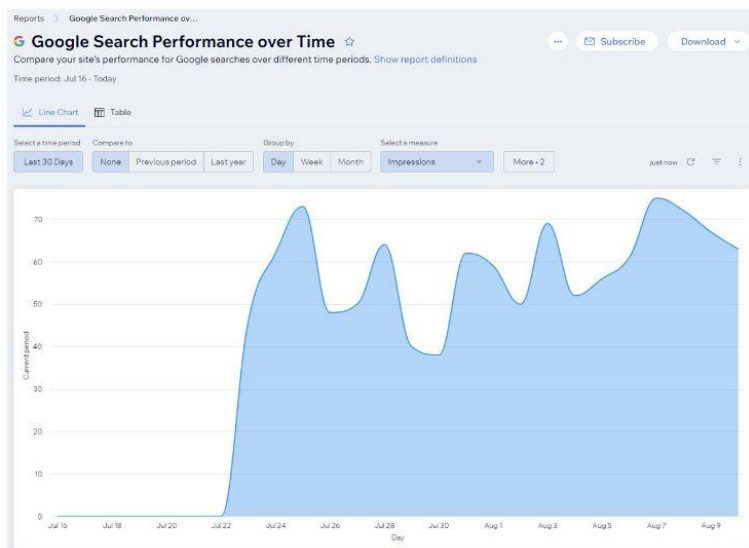
## TRAG Website Updates

As many of you learned at the last meeting, I have been working on the TRAG website, updating existing pages, adding new pages, deleting old pages, organizing files and photos, and adding Search Engine Optimization (SEO). There's a lot more to do, but it has really come a long way in a short time.

If you look at the chart below, you can see visually how the SEO additions have aided in our Google search capabilities! This should continue to improve as I continue to work on the website.

Here's where I need YOUR input! For those of you with panels at the Gallery, I need a CURRENT profile photo - either just a picture/portrait of you or a picture showing you at work - even a picture of you in front of your panel will work. I also need an updated description of you and your work - your basic "artist statement". This does not need to be a long drawn out story of your life, I just need a basic who you are and what you do description.

Here's the next thing I need from you... Our website can have a shopping feature! While setting it up to accept payments and shipping and all is NOT going to be feasible at this time (it's an additional monthly fee to do that), what we CAN do is put one picture from every Gallery artist on the website with "call the gallery" instructions to purchase. So, while you are working on your new profile picture and description, take a picture of one of your art pieces, too! I will need size, media, description, and price with it when you send it to me. All of this information can be sent to me at [tablerockartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:tablerockartgallery@gmail.com).



In planning for someone in the future to be taking over website and social media duties, I have also created a Google gmail account that can be transferred to someone else. I have started using this email this month to send out this newsletter! If you need to, please bookmark this account to ensure that your emails are received and seen - [tablerockartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:tablerockartgallery@gmail.com).

By creating this new gmail account, no one has to be using their personal email and contact info for the TRAG duties. Google is also a fantastic place to create and store information like documents, slide shows, and spreadsheets! I have also created Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and YouTube accounts that we can start using any time! Social media is the way of the future and the way we will continue to grow the Gallery sales and, potentially, the Guild.

With all of that said, if there is anyone in the Guild who would like to assist me in keeping our social media channels active, please let me know! Jim Salvo is doing a fantastic job keeping Facebook updated and current and I'm hoping he will continue taking care of that avenue!

I know we all love to create art, but we can't just sit back and wait for customers to happen by, we need to PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE! Our website and our social media accounts are FREE ways to promote the Gallery and the Guild!

Visit our TRAG website at [tablerockartgallery.com](http://tablerockartgallery.com). And, please, if you have any suggestions, if you find mistakes, if pages don't show right on your device, LET ME KNOW! 70% of our website traffic comes from PHONES and that layout is slightly different from a desktop layout!

Please get me your new profile pictures, your artist statements, and your image of a piece of your artwork as soon as you can! The sooner you get it to me, the sooner I can get it live on the website! If you go to our website and want to get into the Members Login section, use the password TestLogin - there are things in there that need to be updated too.

The image shows a website header with navigation links: HOME, About TRAG, Guild Activities, Artists in the Gallery, Shop, and Members Login. Below the navigation is a logo for Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery featuring four icons: a red palette, a yellow brush, a green pencil, and a blue film strip. The text below the logo reads "Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery" and "Bringing Art to the Ozarks since 1980". To the right of the logo is contact information: "Local Artisans in the Branson MO Area", "Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery", "Claybough Plaza Mall", "State Highways 13 and 76", "Branson West, Missouri 65737", "(417) 272-1150", "Gallery Hours", "Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.", and "Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m."