

Table Rock Art Guild & Gallery

Bringing Art to the Ozarks since 1980

President's Message

Dear Artists,

Last week, I sent emails with tax information to all artists that made income from showing in the Gallery and showing at the Festival of Arts. I am happy to announce that from those combined events a total of \$15,553.98 was paid out to 33 different Guild Artists, an average of \$471 per artist. I hope these numbers encourage all of our Artists to consider showing in our Gallery as well as the upcoming Festival of the Arts, "Elements of the Ozarks: Earth, Wind, Fire and Water".

Our February Artist of the Month is also pertaining to the Festival of the Arts, we will be creating artwork that will be used for the event. Our Art Show will be held at the Kimberling Area Library on June 23-24-25, 2023. Save those dates now. Our Chairman for the Festival of the Arts is Paula Bezenius, she will be your "go to" person with all questions and applications for showing/selling your art for this event.

Due to the financial load that the Gallery yearly rent of \$9600 has placed upon the Guild, the Gallery resulted in a loss of \$2600 for fiscal year 2022. Now that we have a year's worth of Gallery financial statements from our new location, those will be closely examined to help mitigate that 2022 loss with timely marketing, sponsorship and educational goals to assist the Gallery in bringing in a larger foot traffic, thereby increasing income potential. December 2022 showed a 60% increase in Artist payouts for the same month in 2021. The end of the first quarter of 2023 will be compared with the same quarter of 2022 and the results will be listed in future "ART-A-FACTS" newsletters.

I understand that we are a Guild first and a Gallery second. However, without proper financial due diligence, the Gallery is currently a drain on the Guild. Therefore, we have to put more emphasis on the Gallery right now to bring it up to a level of financial stability. As a member, remember to go there first if you need a card or a gift for a loved one, or consider showing your work. Additional artists will create more diverse art that may speak to the next guest coming into our Gallery.

February 2023

Art-A-Facts

Table Rock Art Guild
P O Box 31
Kimberling City MO 65686

tablerockartgallery.com or facebook.com/TRAG2022/

Next Table Rock Art Guild Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**Social Time - 11:30 am - Bring a sack lunch
Meeting time - Noon
at the**

**First Christian Church
5 Hilltop Drive, Kimberling City**

Program - Dr Bradley Fisher will talk about the upcoming 26th Annual Senior Art Exhibition, including its history and why it was started.

Calendar At A Glance

February Artist of the Month - Earth, Wind, Fire, & Water

First Saturday Meet & Greet - February 4 with artists
Debbie Kraft and Gayle Page

Field Trip to Perfect Signs - February 10

Children's Show - March 23, 24, and 25

Annual TRAG Art Festival - June 23, 24, and 25

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President's Message continued

Hope to see you all Feb. 21 at the First Christian Church.
Sack Lunches and Artist Fellowship at 11:30,
meeting starts at 12:00.

Sincerely,
Linda Edge-Dunlap,
President

Table Rock Art Guild Membership Minutes - January 17, 2023

The meeting opened with a prayer by Don Haberman. President Linda Edge-Dunlap called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Linda called for any corrections to the December membership meeting minutes which were printed in the newsletter. There were no corrections. Gayle Page made a motion to approve the minutes and Jack O'Keefe seconded. The motion carried.

Linda noted that we had a buyer for the mini-split that had been installed at the old gallery location. Brenda Viveiros made a motion that if the mini-split is available to sell that we sell it to the buyer Linda identified for \$500. Sandy Fearn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sandy Fearn gave the Membership report that we had 42 renewed members with 27 in attendance today.

Brenda Viveiros gave the Sunshine report. She noted that as a community, our gift and obligation is to uplift one another and she asked the membership for their help in identifying members who might need our support. Josie Roetto is out of the hospital and rehab and staying with her son in Florida. Paula Buzenius' daughter just had surgery and is doing pretty well; her daughter will have reconstructive surgery in March. Helen Long is doing very well and will hopefully be given the OK to drive next week. Brenda noted both Pat Bell and Jack O'Keefe were at the meeting following surgery and doing well. August Robben will have cancer surgery next month. Please email, text or call Brenda if you have information about a member needing our support.

Brenda Viveiros gave a report on the Children's Show. The show will be held March 23, 24 and 25 from 10 am to 4 pm, possibly closing a little earlier than 4 on Saturday. Gallery artists will need to take their work down by March 21st. This is a community service and Brenda expressed appreciation for the sacrifice of the gallery artists in not being able to show their work for a week. Matting will take place in the gallery this year on March 22nd starting at 10am. Diane Robben noted that artists should plan to rehang their art on the following Monday, March 27th.

Our publicity chairman, Jim Salvo, distributed business cards containing all the information for the website, Facebook, and the chamber's website, with our gallery location address, mailing address, and gallery phone number on the reverse. These cards will also be available at the gallery for public distribution. Jim encouraged the members to view the website and Facebook pages and encourage their friends to do the same.

1st Vice President Jan O'Neill reported that next month's program will be Dr. Bradley Fisher who heads the Senior Art Show in Springfield. He will give us some history on how this show was developed and answer any questions you may have. As a reminder, this show runs March 22 through April 13 at the Juanita K. Hammons Hall and is open to visual artists 60 years or older.

2nd Vice President Paula Buzenius announced that she would like to hold the annual Art Festival on June 23, 24, and 25 in 2023. The theme is Ozarks Elements and a contest will be held to pick the logo. Debbie Bridges made a motion to hold the annual art festival on June 23, 24, and 25 at the Kimberling Area Library. Jan O'Neill seconded and the motion passed.

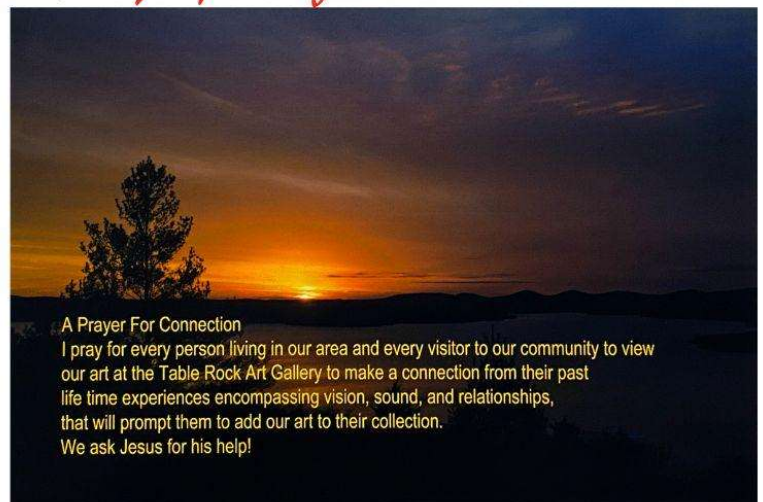
The Treasurer's report will be posted in the Gallery on the office bulletin board. Linda Edge-Dunlap reported that only \$2600 was drawn out of the Money Market account to support the Gallery in 2022. This is much better than she personally had thought would be needed to support the Gallery because of the large monthly rental payment.

Before the meeting, members present voted on their top 3 choices of art to use for the new Guild and Gallery brochure. There were 7 entries. Jane Ballard made a motion that the top 3 selected tell a little about their art and then the membership would vote again to determine the final choice. Jan Rosenburg seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Split the pot drawings were for a TRAG sweatshirt and the money. Yvonne Thurman won the sweatshirt and Debbie Bridges won \$5.50.

The top 4 entries for the brochure art were invited to discuss their entry because there was a tie for 3rd place. The top 4 entries were Sharon Clarke, Shawn Swinney, Mary Phillip, and Linda Muraski. The final vote was taken and Sharon Clarke's entry was chosen.

Prayer photo from Don Haberman



Minutes - continued

President Linda Edge-Dunlap reviewed each of the bylaw changes which appeared in the January newsletter. Instead of repeating each change, please refer to the January newsletter for the exact text of the change. Each change is identified by the Article number and was discussed and voted on separately.

Pat Hovis-French moved that the bylaw change to Article Three expanding the geographical area requirement for membership be accepted. Debbie Bridges seconded and the motion passed.

Brenda Viveiros moved that the bylaw change to Article Four addressing the membership meeting date be accepted. Yvette Ayres seconded and the motion passed.

During the discussion of Article Four changes to allow business to be conducted using teleconference or video-conference, it was felt that the Gallery rule addressing attendance at meetings for the purpose of showing in the gallery be addressed. Jan Rosenberg made a motion to amend the Gallery rule to require physical attendance at 3 membership meetings before showing in the Gallery. Jack O'Keefe seconded and the motion passed.

Paula Buzenius moved that the bylaw change to Article Four to allow business to be conducted using teleconference or videoconference be accepted. Jane Ballard seconded and the motion passed.

The proposed change to Article 10 concerning the Board duty to develop a conflict of interest policy was withdrawn.

The proposed change to Article 11 concerning item 2, appointing the Gallery committee chairperson, was withdrawn.

Gayle Page moved that the bylaw change to Article 11 clarifying who is authorized to sign checks on financial accounts that the Guild maintains be accepted. Paula Buzenius seconded and the motion passed.

Brenda Viveiros made a motion that we hold our meetings at the First Christian Church. Paula Buzenius seconded and the motion passed.

Gayle Page moved for adjournment, Debbie Bridges seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Clarke, Secretary

February Birthdays

Feb 2 Mike Bell
Feb 5 Karen Pugh
Feb 10 Grant Beasley
Feb 18 Gerry Keohan
Feb 27 Jeannette Lowe



March Birthdays

March 3 Peggy Masterman
March 4 Pat Hovis-French
March 10 Nina Fournier
March 11 Carolyn Webb
March 22 Sarah O'Dell
March 23 Janice Rosenberg
March 31 Karen Deeds

A Note of Thanks!

Helen Long would like to thank all of you who sent cards and well wishes while she was recovering!
She will see us at the February meeting!

Sunshine Report

Helen Long is continuing to recover satisfactorily from her hip surgery.

Gus Robben is to have cancer surgery in the near future.

Paula Buzenius' daughter has had cancer surgery and is in recovery mode.

Janet Wood's sister is recovering from an accident that fractured her wrist.

Please contact Brenda Viveiros if you or if you know of any Guild members who could use a note of encouragement, our prayers or well wishes.
We all need a little lift at times. 😊

Field Trip - February 10th

Barb Hirsh will be leading the first field trip of the year to Perfect Signs on February 10th at 10:30. Kim Cooper is our contact. She joined TRAG in 2022. We will meet at 10:25 at Perfect Signs which is located at 8953 State Highway 76, Branson West, MO 65737. 417- 337-7446. Due to the proximity, we will not be carpooling. If you need or want a ride, I will be glad to arrange one for you. After the tour, we will be going to at Ozark Mountain Pizza at 5378 State Highway 265, Branson.

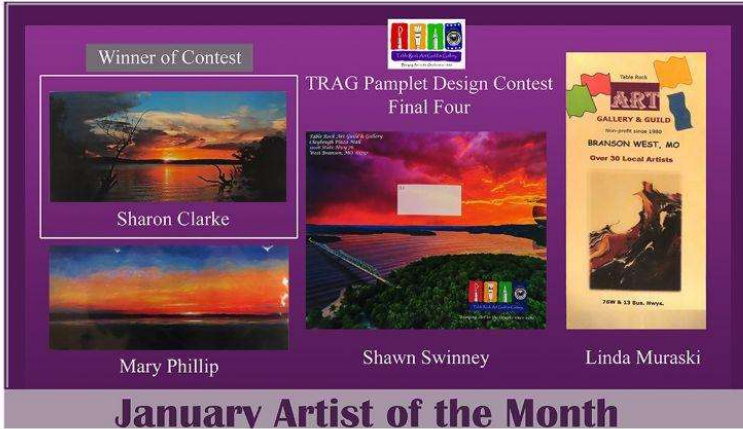
Reservations are required by February 6th for both the tour and/or lunch. Please let me know by either email – bjhirsh@sbcglobal.net OR phone/text at 630-910-0912.

Do you have an idea for a field trip? Please let Barb know. Anyone can lead a trip if you wish to do so.

Other upcoming field trips include Eureka Springs on April 5, Branson Waterfall on May 5, a scenic location on June 8, Golden Museum on July 14, studio tours in October and November, and Gardens Aglow and Hibachi Dinner in December.

Artist of the Month

The Artist of the Month for January was a competition for creating artwork for new marketing materials. Seven entries were submitted from which the top three (actually four, because there was a tie!) were selected for a final vote. Each of the four artists told about their design and a second vote was taken. Sharon Clarke's entry, a photograph of Mill Creek, was chosen as the new cover artwork for the TRAG brochure.



Ways and Means Committee Report

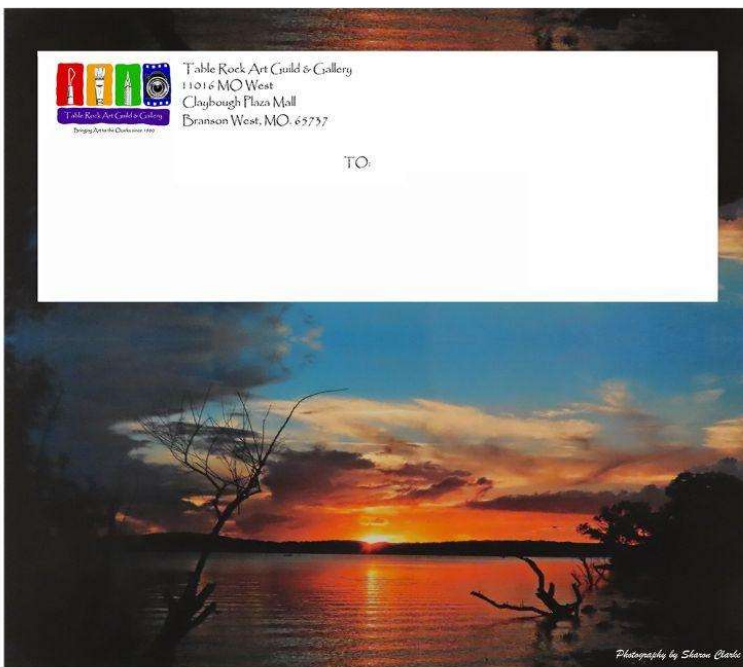
After our brain-storming initial meeting in January, we reviewed all suggestions that guild members had given us. First, the Guild's goal has always been Art Education, and the committee wants to expand on that by increasing Art Ed Opportunities in community by having public Workshops & Classes.

The second goal of the Committee is to make the Guild fiscally sustainable (for many, many years to come) and this is possible through acquiring more sponsors, increasing foot-traffic in the gallery and being visible in the community. We are exploring many options and hope to have a full report soon.

Upcoming Workshop



Adobe Lightroom Workshop, Saturday and Sunday, March 25 & 26 in Springfield MO with instructor Greg Disch. Hosted by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club. Contact Jane for more info - jane@janeballard.com



Photos from January's First Saturday Meet and Greet

Call for Artist

26th Annual Senior Art Exhibition

The Art exhibition is open for viewing March 22nd to April 13th Monday to Friday 10:00 to 5:00. Works must be hand-delivered to the Fuldner Lounge at the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts on Monday, March 20, 2023, between 1:00 – 3:00 only. Works delivered after 3:00 will not be considered.

You may call 836-3098 on March 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to see if you have art pieces accepted or to be picked up. Works not accepted must be picked up on Tuesday, March 21st at the lounge from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Shawn Swinney - February Artist Spotlight



Children's Art Show

The Children's Art Show runs from March 23rd through the 25th, 10am to 4pm. Artists showing in the Gallery are to remove their art on March 20th and 21st. We will mat and hang the kid's art on the 22nd at the Gallery. We will start at 10am and go until we are done. Breakfast and lunch will be provided or of course you are free to bring your own. There will also be coffee and water. There is still room for volunteers.



Children's Art Show

The party will be on Saturday the 25th also from 10am to 4pm. There will be crafts and refreshments for all.

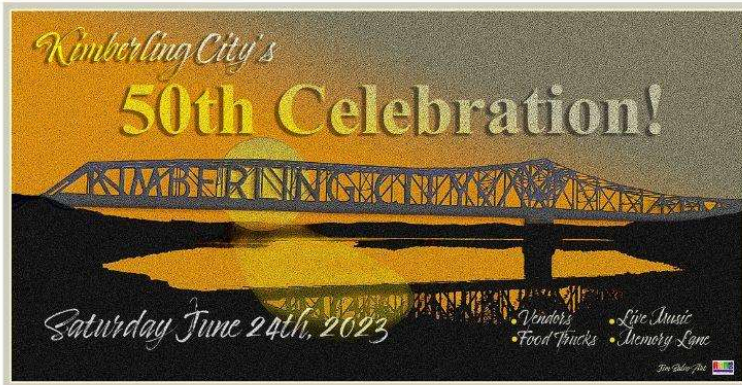
There are several volunteer opportunities for those who would like to help man the craft booths and/or the refreshment table.

One of the purposes of TRAG is, "to promote the advancement of art in the local area."

What better way to fulfill this purpose than to promote and encourage our young people.

This is a huge event that draws a great amount of awareness about our Guild to the community and beyond.

Let us not forget that many individuals in our community have relatives who vacation here.



The Table Rock Art Guild's Annual Art Festival will be held on June 23, 24, and 25 at the Kimberling City Library. The theme will be Ozarks Elements - Earth, Wind, Fire, Water. Stayed tuned for more information!

Our Art Festival will be at the same time as Kimberling City's 50th Anniversary Celebration!



TRAG President Linda Edge-Dunlap conducting the first membership meeting of 2023.



Jane Ballard presented a slide program about Intentional Camera Movement at the January meeting.

Gallery Schedule

*You are Invited to Meet
& Greet the Artists*

Saturday February 4, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Debbie Kraft



Gayle Page

Table Rock Art Gallery
11016 State Highway 76, Branson West
next to Donnie's Diner

Above - Meet & Greet the Artists
Saturday, February 4, 2023
9 and to 3 pm with artists
Debbie Kraft and Gayle Page

Right - Last half of February and
all of March volunteer
schedule for the TRAG Gallery

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	13 Kathy T 10-1 Pat Bell	14 Karen P 10-4	15 Paula 10-4	16 Erica 10-4	17 Don Haberman 10-4	18 Darlene 9-3	19
2	20 Darlene 10-4	21 meeting Gayle P	22 Paula 10-4	23 Jim Salvo 10-4	24 Linda Edge Dinko 10-4	25 Linda Edge Dinko 9-3	26
3	27 Kathy T. 10-1 Helen	28 Debbie Kraft 10-4	1 March Gail A 10-1 Jack 1-4	2 Shawn 10-4	3 Diane Rosenbaum 1-4 Yvonne	4 Debbie Bridges 9-3	5
4	6 Brenda 10-4	7 Jan R 10-4	8 Gail A 10-1 Pat Bell	9 Barb Hirsh 10-4	10 Don Haberman 10-4	11 Gayle P 9-3	12
5	13 Jan R 10-4	14 Janet W. 10-1 Helen	15 Sharon Clark	16 Jim Salvo 10-4	17 Jan O 10-4	18 Jane B 9-3	19
6	20 closed Art remain	21 meeting closed Art must be end.	22 meet & hang closed	23 Shawn 1-4	24 Diane Rosenbaum 10-1 Yvonne Childrens	25 all helpers Covering Art Show	26
6	27 Diane Robbers Rehang Art	28 Yvette 10-4	29 Janet W. 10-1 Jack	30 Gus Robben 10-4	31 Linda M. 10-4		

Bylaws Update

Article Ten changes:

Purpose of the addition: The board felt it important to have an explicit conflict of interest policy to ensure that board members do not participate in Guild decisions where a conflict of interest exists. A conflict-of-interest policy is essential to our maintaining our 501(c)3 status.

<https://www.upcounsel.com/conflict-of-interest-in-business>

The broadest definition of a conflict of interest in the business world is when an employee puts their own interests before those of the organization, and by doing so jeopardizes the operation, profits or even trade secrets of the organization. It creates potential problems of trust between the individual and the business, especially if the individual exposes the business to potential legal action or creates a toxic atmosphere in the workplace that can severely cripple employee morale. Examples include:

- An employee has loyalties that are at odds with the operation or mission of the business, such as working for a competitor on a part-time or freelance basis.
- A person cannot be trusted to make unbiased business decisions due to personal relationships, such as a manager who was dating a co-worker and must weigh his or her advancement against the performance of an equally qualified employee.
- An employee opts for personal gain over the performance of the business, such as when an employee receives gifts in exchange for selecting one bidder over another.

Added to the duties of the board:

4. To adopt and maintain a conflict-of-interest policy for all Board members and ensure compliance.

Article Eleven changes:

Duties of the President:

2. Appoints Gallery Committee Chairman, and any other Chairmen for special Committees as required.

Purpose of change: To alleviate the added burden of having two voting positions within our Guild for one person, therefore limiting voting where a quorum may not be reached.

2. Appoints Gallery Committee Chairman, who is not currently an elected Executive Officer and appoints any other Chairmen for special Committees as required.