

# Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE



SEPTEMBER 2023

**19th Annual  
Ste. Genevieve Plein Air  
\$3,000 Art Competition**

**September 20-24, 2023**

People's Choice Voting Saturday 9/23, 6-9pm  
and Sunday 9/24, 22-2pm

Sponsored by the SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD [www.artstegen.org](http://www.artstegen.org)  
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## *Plein Air Painters Capture the Light*

### 2023 Guild Officers

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If the preliminary inquiries received are any indication, this year's Plein Air will be well attended by regional artists, from beginners to semi-pros, both loyal followers and several new faces. Our judge, award-winning Illinois plein air painter Michael Anderson, will make the tough decisions about who receives \$2,400 in cash awards.

For those who haven't tried it, plein air (painting outdoors) is a way to personally connect with nature. A painting limited by changing light creates an unusual sense of focus - painters often report losing track of space and time. Art thus created is characterized by freshness and spontaneity. Three of

the subjects are specified by purchase award sponsors, but for the general awards artists are free to portray any scene found in the County. Visitors may get a glimpse of original paintings being made in real time during the four days of competition.

For those who love art, these paintings capture a subject and a moment in colorful brushstrokes. Opportunities to view the many works produced will begin Saturday, September 23rd at the Awards Reception from 6 to 9pm and continue Sunday between 11am and 2pm. People's Choice voting ends at Noon. Please cast your ballot on either day.

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## *Night Paint to Capture 4th Friday Vibe*

On September 22nd, Silver Sycamore Gallery of Fine Art is sponsoring a timed Purchase Award in the Plein Air competition to capture the vibe of the 4th Friday Art Walk. Artists can choose a spot along the Art Walk route and begin painting at 5pm, capturing either twilight (after sunset and before dark) or nocturne (the glow of artificial street and window lights).

Artists begin turning in their paintings at Silver Sycamore for judging at 8pm.



*This night painting by Marty Coulter won the Best of Show at the 2017 Ste. Gen. Plein Air Event.*

## Partnership with County Library Expanded



The idea that “books open doors that expand our minds” inspired workshops in which kids, teens and members created 27 polymer clay doors depicting literary themes of adventure, home, mystery and the supernatural. The metal bookends to which they were glued were provided by the Ste. Genevieve County Library, who plans to feature them in a “seek and find” activity for youth this fall. In addition to the “Art Book Wall” installation and the rotating Member Exhibit maintained by the Guild, the “Ancient Art in Ste. Genevieve County” exhibit will be on display at the Library in a large case during Native American Heritage Month in November.

## Art is Ageless Winners at National Level

“Paintings made outside appeal to the soul in a completely different way.”

Michelle Spencer  
Award-winning  
Plein Air Painter, in  
remarks at Sept meeting

This spring we reported on the local contest sponsored by the Presbyterian Manor organization. First place winners **Vada Galvan** and **Juanita Wyman** were further honored by being selected to be included in the 2024 calendar. In addition, **Vicki Cummings, Juanita and Linda P. Smith** will have their entries printed on cards included in the calendar. Congratulations!



“The Barn that Oscar Built”, pastel by Juanita Wyman

## Members Guide Activities at Meetings

### Thank You

to those who donated art and bid on those items to raise over

\$1,000

towards the Guild’s Public Sculpture Project.



**Brenda Thompson** gave a well-received and informative presentation on watercolor paper at the August meeting. (Photo at left.)



**Peggy Bay** leads a polymer clay bookend activity (see above) at the July meeting. (Photo at right.)

## POW Mural Rescued by Guild on Display

The original mural was 16 feet long, painted with house paint onto sheet rock by Italian prisoners at Camp Weingarten in 1945, and donated to the Guild in 1994, damaged during its removal from the Jaycees hall. Guild Historian **Anna Kirchner** was not only instrumental in rescuing the mural but also restoring it to museum-worthy status in 2019. The best three panels are displayed on the Ste. Genevieve Museum Learning Center's 2nd Floor.

The two panels pictured were donated to the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum through connections made by **Vicki Cummings**. That Museum is finally opening on September 16th. "We will be displaying the two mural pieces along with their story - in fact the west first floor of the Museum is now referred to as "The Mural Room", according to the curator. A rewarding finish to a long-term Art Guild project.



Depiction of the Italian countryside by homesick Prisoners of War.

## Members Making Art Happen

Art from the second Plein Air event organized by **Dianne Dickerson** in Farmington this year will be hanging at the Farmington Library for the next month. This competition was Dianne's initiative, and the first one sponsored by the East Ozarks Audubon Society. It drew 37 adult and youth participants.



Honorary member Lavetta Rhinehart, Anita Alsop, Linda P. Smith and Chris.

It was **Linda P. Smith's** idea to paint on unibrows and dress as the celebrated artist Frida Kahlo for a special movie showing at *Music Art Love* on Main Street, organized by owner Christina Alexander. Other members also attended the event. *Music Art Love* plans future artist tributes.

## General Information



**Art Center  
& Art Museum**

**OPENING  
HOURS**

11am-3pm

Friday, Saturday  
& Sunday

6-9pm

4th Friday Art Walk



### Art Guild Meetings

are open to those interested in joining the Guild as well as current members. There are no meetings scheduled in December. The next meeting is **October 10th** at the Art Center and Art Museum at 310 Merchant Street at 6:15pm.

We currently alternate an artistically informative program and general business meeting with an informal "activity meeting" every other month, and a change of member art in January, April, June and August, followed by the annual Christmas Show in mid-November.

Meet Art Guild members through photos and biographies on the website at [artstegen.org](http://artstegen.org), or contact us via email at [stegenevieveartguild@gmail.com](mailto:stegenevieveartguild@gmail.com).

December 2-3

**37th Annual  
Christmas Show**

Holiday Festival Weekend  
Largest Show of Year

Meet the Artists  
at a Reception with Live  
Music and Refreshments

Silent Auction & Raffle  
Support High School  
Awards

## 2023 Fall Workshops at the Art Center & Art Museum

### FOR KIDS

All supplies provided - Please dress for mess

**Plein Air Painting** **FREE!**  
with Iris Vincent, Angie Dalton, Betty Joggerst and Linda P. Smith

Ages 3 through High School

Wednesday September 6 3-5pm

Saturday September 9 10am-12Noon

at Moses Austin House/Jour de Fete Grounds on Main Street by the train trestle

Create a landscape painting out-of-doors using watercolor, colored pencil, sharpies or oil pastels, and win awards for each age category, presented Sunday September 17 at 1pm at the Art Center.



**Mask Making** **\$10**

with Dianne Dickerson Ages 8-13, max 10

Saturday October 21 9 - 12N

Saturday October 28 9 - 11am

Create a mask of one of your favorite animals with cardboard, newspaper and paper mache. Week one construct the face, in week two paint and add ribbon and extras after it dries.

**Dragon Eye Treasure Tin** **\$10**

with Peggy Bay Ages 8-13, maximum 10

Saturday November 4 9 - 11:30am

Create a sculpted dragon eye with polymer clay on the lid of a treasure tin. Take home to bake.

**Mystery Pop-up** **\$10**

with Karyn Stuhlman Ages 5-13, maximum 10

Saturday November 11 9 - 12N

Learn to make things that pop up, pop open, jump and spring! Lots of mystery things to make.

**WORKSHOPS ARE PARTIALLY SUBSIDIZED BY THE ARTS & EDUCATION COUNCIL**

### FOR ADULTS

All materials provided - Maximum 10 students



**Acrylics and Collage** **\$25**

with Peggy Bay

Wednesday October 18 12 - 3pm

Focus on techniques for combining mixed media with acrylic painting, creating a landscape scene.

**Drawing with Brushes** **\$20**

with Vicki Cummings

Tuesday October 24 12 - 3pm

Lightly sketch a subject in pencil following a review of drawing skills; then draw/paint with brushes on watercolor paper. Introduction for future workshops using different tools to draw a subject.

#### SIGN UP IN PERSON:

Come to the **Sainte Genevieve Art Center & Art Museum** at 310 Merchant Street between 11am and 3pm on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and complete a registration form. We accept check, cash or credit.

#### SIGN UP BY MAIL:

Visit our website at [www.artstegen.org](http://www.artstegen.org) under "Workshops" and print off a registration form. Mail it with your check payable to Sainte Genevieve Art Guild to SGAG, 310 Merchant Street, Ste. Gen, MO 63670. Mail early to reserve a place.

**Please register for each class or workshop by one week before it begins to ensure we have available materials and space.**  
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