

Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE



Above, "Messenger", sculpture by Carolyn Bach
At left, "Great Grey Owl", acrylic by Dianne Dickerson

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Celebrating Audubon's Legacy April 22-24

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Two hundred years ago he was doing portraits along the Mississippi valley to raise enough money to publish *the Birds of America*. The weekend after Easter, we celebrate the most famous artist to live in Ste. Genevieve - John James Audubon - with art, history and theater.

Beginning April 4th Friday (Earth Day) the opening of the Art Guild's exhibit *Inspired by Nature* includes a cake for Audubon's 237th birthday plus People's Choice voting for the best birdhouse. Join the early birds at the new Ste. Genevieve Levee Reserve Saturday, and take in the various exhibits and talks. See schedule on the back page.

The original musical play, *Hope is a Shy Bird: Stories from the life of John James Audubon*, premieres Saturday night at nearby Valle High School gym. This poignant and entertaining script, written by local playwright Kristen Chibitty, incorporates Audubon's own words. Over two dozen characters are portrayed by seventeen local actors in scenes both tender and tumultuous. The music is set to traditional French folk tunes with clever English lyrics. Audubon and his partner Ferdinand Rozier sing about their adventures, accompanied by both instruments and a chorus.Creativity is on abundant display in old Ste. Genevieve.

THE SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD PRESENTS

Inspired by Nature

Original Art by Members of the Art Guild
Opening April 22nd 6-9pm
through June 12, Art Center & Art Museum, 310 Merchant

Weekend Activities: Birdhouse Contest, Bird Hike, Audubon History Exhibits and Presentations

Free
www.artstegen.org

THE SAINTE GENEVIEVE THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS

"Hope is a Shy Bird"

Stories from the life of John James Audubon.
An original musical play

April 23rd & April 24th
Adult Ticket \$10
12 and under Ticket \$5
(tickets at the door)

Valle High School Gymnasium
40 North Fourth Street
Ste Genevieve MO

Saturday Evening: 7pm
Sunday Matinee: 4pm

This Celebration is funded in part by the Arts & Education Council.



Across-River Collaboration between Art Guilds



Our connection with Mississippi Valley Art Guild was facilitated by dual member Brenda Thompson (third from right) who was recently elected MVAG vice president.

On January 11, several Art Guild board members accepted an invitation from the **Mississippi Valley Art Guild** to visit their new digs at 611 State St., Chester, IL. Our two art guilds have joined forces before on field trips and conference calls, but last year we formalized our level of cooperation in our joint application to the Bayer Rural Fund Community Arts grant that included exchanges of art instructors and some new programs. So far, we've learned a lot from each other. Check out www.baskervilleproductions.com/mvag.

Guilds Share Expertise in Teen Workshops

"Having a facility has allowed us to expand our educational outreach program, but it was our collaboration with MVAG that brought about workshops targeted specifically at teenagers."

Carolyn Bach
President



On February 12, MVAG's **Jeanne Phillips** (above) guided local teens in creating a twisted wire tree.

On February 29, SGAG's **Peggy Bay** guided Chester teens (at right) in creating a polymer clay dragon eye. Both workshops were well received.



Members Guide Activities at Meetings



Connie Neville Klein and Iris Vincent

At the February meeting, fiber artist **Joyce Pierson** demonstrated the use of yarn in a relaxing and fun stick-weaving activity:



At the March meeting, both **Peggy Bay** and **Angie Dalton** guided attendees in creating a small fiber art piece, with an eye towards encouraging the use of fiber as a medium as part of the member exhibit in August. A variety of materials added interest and texture.



Members Creating Art Exhibits

The Farmington Library hosted a display of art by seventeen members from mid-January to mid-March. A thank-you to **Dianne Dickerson** for organizing and transporting the art, with help hanging from **Vada Galvan** and **Joyce Pierson**.

The Ste. Genevieve County Library continues to provide display space for artists and art history. A thank-you to **Carolyn Bach** for organizing and transporting the art, and to **Janice Raiteri** for hanging the exhibit of a dozen artists on March 9th.

Ben and Vada Galvan have been honored as local heroes by the Mineral Area Council on the Arts with nine other worthy individuals who go above and beyond. Their portraits are being displayed at MAC's Cozean Library to April 1, and then at the Centenne Ctr at 2 Black Knight Drive in Farmington from noon to 4pm Saturday April 2nd. They were nominated by Dianne for their volunteer work at our Art Center! Much deserved recognition for their efforts in "Community Betterment".

Dianne Dickerson deserves her own recognition for being selected as one of three winners in 573 Magazine's contest for her acrylic of the Memorial Cemetery.

Ali Cavanaugh was interviewed on the blog: www.thisiscolossal.com/2022/01/ali

Members Making Art Happen

In an unintentional exchange of instructors, **Ellen Hahs** (at right) from the Crisp Museum (at SEMO's River Campus), taught two kids workshops (Watercolor Winter Creek & African-themed printmaking) at the Art Center, while **Juanita Wyman** (below) drove south to teach Beginning Pastel at the Crisp.



Kudos to **Peggy Bay** for coordinating winter workshops at the Art Center and teaching five of those workshops, and to **Iris Vincent** for two more.

The fourteen happy faces to the right belong to **Dianne Dickerson's** painting class for seniors. For the record, the Nutrition Center provided the wine... The class itself was paid for by the Bayer Fund Rural Community Program. Please contact us if you would like to help make art happen!



"Ste. Genevieve has a long and rich tradition as an art community. We think this year will be better than ever."

Jean Rissover
Coordinator for the 4th Friday Art Walks on behalf of downtown galleries (and owner of E.Klek.Tix gallery)



Student shows off her Chinese Dragon Hat to grandma after workshop with Peggy Bay.

2022 Art Guild Sponsored Events

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW & AWARDS

APRIL 7-8-9

Winner of \$500
Bette Geraghty
Memorial
Scholarship
Announced
Sunday at 1pm

**new workshop
schedule for
youth, adults
coming soon**



Celebrating Audubon's Legacy

Events take place at the Sainte Genevieve Art Center & Art Museum, 310 Market in downtown Ste. Genevieve, unless otherwise indicated. For more information visit artstegen.org on the web or email stegenevieveartguild@gmail.com

Friday, April 22

2pm *Deadline for Birdhouse Contest entries*

6pm *4th Friday Art Walk opening of "Inspired by Nature" exhibit, Audubon portrait exhibit, and celebration of Audubon's 237th birthday with a cake-cutting*

7pm *Talk by Guild President Carolyn Bach: "Audubon's Portraits of People"*

Saturday, April 23

7:30am *"Bird Hike" led by a member of St. Louis' World Bird Sanctuary; meet at the Welcome Center, Market & Main*

11am-3pm *"Inspired by Nature" exhibit continues; People's Choice voting on birdhouses*

1pm *Talk by historian James Baker: "Avec M. Audubon"*

7pm *"Hope is a Shy Bird: Stories from the Life of John James Audubon," presented by the Ste. Genevieve Theater Guild, Valle High School gym (40 N. 4th Street)*

Sunday, April 24

11am-3pm *"Inspired by Nature" exhibit continues;*

12pm *People's Choice voting on birdhouses ends; winner named at 1pm*

4pm *Matinee performance of "Hope is a Shy Bird"*



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Ste. Genevieve County Quilt Show at the DuBourg Centre August 13-14 (Jour de Fete)

Guild Member Fiber Art Exhibit Opens
with
Guest Artist, Hannah March Sanders

18th Annual Ste. Genevieve Plein Air September 21-25

Cash Awards, Purchase Awards
People's Choice Voting
Awards Receptions Saturday & Sunday
2022 Judge: Shawn Cornell

Be a Supporter:

The Sainte Genevieve Art Guild needs the support of those who appreciate the important role art plays in the vitality of the community.

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Art Center & Art Museum

OPENING HOURS

11am-3pm
Friday, Saturday
and 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 will be **April 12** 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, or contact us via email at stegenevieveartguild@gmail.com.