Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE

SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD

MARCH 2025

"Our Daily Bread" by Sister Cassiana Marie, 1928, Oil on canvas

"Homecoming - Kaw Valley" by Thomas Hart Benton, 1951, Lithograph

Donations of Art Colony Artwork

Recent additions to the Guild's exhibit of art by members of the 1930s Ste. Genevieve Art Colony have been gratefully received. A rare painting by Sister Cassiana Marie (above) arrived with two tears in the canvas. Luckily, generous sponsor Tori Heil paid for the professional cleaning and restoration necessary for it to be exhibited.

The acquisition of this work inspired us to honor Sister Cassiana as part of a *Promenade des Arts* in October. More information in the next issue.

The second gift arrived at Christmas from Guild member Bill Black. This classic Regionalist scene (above) is by the Colony's most famous member, Thomas Hart Benton.

"Art in the Garden" on May 17

In response to member feedback, the Art Guild is revamping the way we honor our *plein air* tradition. We are partnering with the Master Gardeners on their annual Garden Walk to host a FREE no-prize-winners outdoor painting event open to all ages and all skill levels. Watercolors, pastels, markers, pencils, paper provided - or bring your own setup. Guidance for beginners is available at the Art Table. There will be a strolling musician and a talk on the Art Colony connection. You are invited to come and make *Art in the Garden*.

Paint in the garden of the Jean Baptiste Valle House at 99 S. Main St., between 9am to 3pm.

Display your artwork at the Art Center through May 23rd Art Walk.

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Christmas Show Fundraisers Top Goal

A special thanks to those who brought items for the Silent Auction as well as those who bid on them. With your support, the auction raised over $900, which completely covers next year's $500 High School Scholarship and $225 in High School Show Awards. Over 250 raffle tickets were sold, and the winner of Bill Black's mixed media work was Wayne Hoog, pictured at left (who not only donated three Silent Auction baskets, but was the successful bidder on three others). There are many more members to thank for making the Christmas Show a success than will fit in this space, but Christmas Chairperson **Juanita Wyman** and hostess **Angie Dalton** get special mention.

"Drawing should be a journey of pleasure. Each step must present to the travelers' view objects that are eminently interesting..."

John James Audubon

Members Attend Kings Ball with "La Dame"

The annual Kings Ball celebrates a very old French custom in which a king is selected by choosing a piece of cake containing a bean. Ceremonies include a coronation with uniformed militia marches, royal attendants and two honorary titles. This year **Carolyn Bach** was named "La Dame" for her work at the Art Center and her research on John James Audubon. Congratulations! Pictured are Anna Kirchner, Iris Vincent, Juanita Wyman, Shelley Bishop, Carolyn, Peggy Bay and Janice Raiteri. Eat, dance, repeat.

Meeting Program on Pen & Ink

Pictured at left are guest speaker for February's meeting, **Mitch Cordover,** and member **Vada Galvan** with her father's collection of antique fountain pens. Mitch was able to identify Vada's framed heirlooms before the meeting, and gave a fascinating and thorough overview of the history of fountain pens, their use in art, how to fill and clean a pen, nibs, ink, paper, plus recommendations on buying a "cheapish" fountain pen. And "thanks" to **Michelle Spencer** for bringing Mitch.

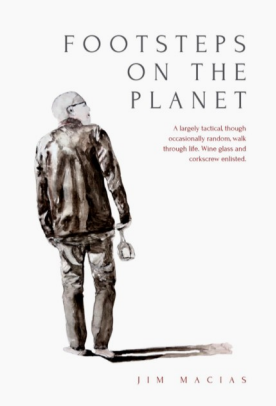
Memorial for Past President Mary Peura

Mary L. Peura Memorial Celebration will be held at the Art Center 6-8pm March 28th during the 4th Friday Art Walk. There will be a place to show artwork by Mary, some information on her interesting life story, and time to share memories of her positive influences. Mary's extensive service to the art community was a hallmark of her generous spirit. She provided meeting and display space to the Guild as owner of the Anvil and encouraged others to do the same. During her 2013-14 term as our President she organized a month-long Summer School of Art. As a board member of the downtown group, Mary was instrumental in the continuance of the Plein Air and 4th Friday Art Walk events.

Mary's Portrait
by Derek Gollaher

Members Making Art Happen

Michelle Spencer has used her design background to create a cover design for a friend's autobiography. She submitted 9 designs which were narrowed down to 3 before the author decided on the watercolor portrait at right.



Dianne Dickerson voluntarily teaches art at senior centers in Farmington and Ste. Genevieve.

Linda P. Smith and **Jean Rissover** were largely responsible for the success of the 2nd annual Mardi Gras celebration February 28th on North Main Street in Ste. Genevieve.

Bill Black was juried into a gallery exhibit at Art St. Louis in January.

General Information

Art Center & Art Museum

OPENING HOURS

Jan/Feb/Mar
11-2pm
Sat & Sun

Rest of year:
11-3pm
Fri, Sat & Sun

Art Guild Meetings

are open to those interested in joining the Guild as well as current members. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday. No meeting is scheduled for December. Meeting times are 2pm in January and February, and otherwise at 6:15pm. The next meeting is **March 11** at the Art Center at 310 Merchant Street at 6:15pm.

General Business Meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July and October in conjunction with a change of the Member art exhibit.

Meet Art Guild members through photos and biographies on the website at **artstegen.org**, or contact us via email at **stegenevieveartguild@gmail.com**.

October 17 - November 9
2025 Promenade des Arts

"Three Generations of Inspiration:
Sister Cassiana Marie
Matthew E. Ziegler
"Dolly Dufour" Surkamp

Celebrating the Sainte Genevieve Art Colony 1930 - 1940

2025 Spring Workshops Sponsored by the Sainte Genevieve Art Guild

At the Nutrition Center

FOR SENIORS

All supplies provided - Please dress for mess

Thinking Spring? ***Free Art Activity***
with Dianne Dickerson
Friday, March 21 **9am-12Noon**
at the Ste. Genevieve County Nutrition Center, 727 Parkwood Drive, 573-883-3080.
Oil pastels, ink with watercolor (pictured above) on paper, or acrylics on canvas. You are welcome to bring your own bouquet or share with a neighbor. (No registration necessary).

At the Art Center

FOR ADULTS

Polymer Clay Workshop **$20**
with Peggy Bay (Day of Guild Meeting)
Tuesday, April 8 **1:30-4:30pm**
Create a polymer clay design of your choice on an item you bring (small clay flower-pot, raw wood frame, small raw wood birdhouse or mini house). Tools, stamps, molds and clay provided. Bring a tray or box to take your piece home to bake. This can be a great gift.

Beaded Jewelry 101 **$20**
with Vicki Cummings and Jackie Brizzard
Tuesday, April 22 **1- 3pm**
Learn to combine a variety of colorful beads and working with wire to make fashionable jewelry including earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Mixed Media Painting With Gel Plate Prints $40
with Peggy Bay **(Two Sessions)**
Wednesday, April 9 **10 - 3pm**
Wednesday, April 16 **10 - 3pm**
Maximum 10 **(with lunch break)**
Learn how easy it is to make a variety of color patterns and textures with gel plate printing. First session, use your own plate, brayer and variety of papers provided to make the prints. Second sessions uses the prints with acrylic paint, paint pens, crayon pastels, etc. to make a mixed media painting on a canvas you bring. All other materials provided.

SIGN UP IN PERSON:

Come to the **Sainte Genevieve Art Center & Art Museum** at 310 Merchant Street to complete a registration form We accept check, cash or credit.
Hours in March: Sat & Sun, 11 to 2pm
Hours in April: Fri, Sat & Sun, 11 to 3pm

SIGN UP BY MAIL:

Visit our website at **www.artstegen.org** under "Workshops" and print off a registration form. Mail it with your check payable to Sainte Genevieve Art Guild to 310 Merchant Street, Ste. Gen, MO 63670.

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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