Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE

SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD

FEBRUARY 2026

"Form - The Power and Glory of Painting and the Burden of the Earth" by Matthew E. Ziegler was the largest artwork ever exhibited at any of the twenty Promenade des Arts exhibits. It measures 7 feet wide and 5 feet high. Thanks to owner Rick Bayers for sharing it with the art community last autumn.

Matthew Ziegler's Legacy Honored

The central figure in last year's well-attended Promenade des Arts exhibit, bookended by his aunt Sister Cassiana Marie and his niece Dolly Dufour Surkamp, Ziegler's legacy endures as the text on this metal sculpture plaque attests:

A sculptor and visual artist who was instrumental in the establishment and success of the Sainte Genevieve Art Colony during the 1930s.

For four decades, he kept the flame alive, teaching art and being the welcoming presence that encouraged dozens of renowned artists to come here, laying the foundation for Ste. Genevieve as an arts destination.

We also acknowledge all those who make such tributes possible - today's keepers of the flame.

Matthew E. Ziegler 1897 - 1981

Missed Promenade des Arts?
https://youtu.be/VXBeqjiH1dE

Ziegler Sculpture Installed at Art Center

"Eagle Rising"

Leftmost, Sandra Cabot represents the SGCCF whose grant (along with a gift from Brock and Megan Gibson) paid for the base. The metal sculpture is on loan from Mike and Cathy Hankins (standing next to Sandra.) Installation courtesy Stan Winkler (not pictured.) Guild Officers on hand to celebrate the sculpture walk addition - Carolyn, Anna and Juanita.

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Members in the Spotlight

Day Break on Mingo, pastel by Michelle Spencer

Following Peggy Bay's lead, **Michelle Spencer** also had one of her paintings featured on Channel 9's "Donnybrook" show for the month of October. Michelle's pastel "Shades of Winter" received the Philadelphia Society Award and "Day Break on Mingo" took Best of Show at the Gateway Pastel Society's 27th Annual Exhibit.

Bill Black has a dozen abstracts hanging in the Theater Lobby at Mineral Area College indefinitely.

Steve and Kathy Hicks have drawings and paintings of local historic scenes displayed at Farmington's Public Library through February.

Jennifer Klemp was Featured Artist at the Arts & Creativity Center in Bonne Terre through last December.

Dianne Dickerson holds twice-a-month art classes at the Women's Violence Shelter in Bonne Terre.

"A portrait is the artist's interpretation of a model through his [or her] own personality. "

Sister Cassiana Marie Vogt

Mural Reproduction Installed in Parish Center

Sister Cassiana Marie's wallsize mural was reproduced for the Promenade exhibit on metal panels, which found a home in the building that was her Order's last home here.

Presentations at Guild Meetings

In September, kitemaker **Mitch Cordover** shared his passion and knowledge for both "sew and no-sew"" kites. He's been "flying for decades", won many competitions and has lost count of the workshops taught.

In October, award-winning art instructor, our own **Juanita Wyman,** interpreted the guidelines in Matthew Ziegler's "Composing the Abstract" for placement of shapes of colored paper, inspiring creation of amazing results.

Checking out the abstract output is Heather Morey and Christina Elsen.

New Chapter for 4th Friday Art Walk

The Art Guild Board and Membership voted late last year to assume the responsibility for continuing the 4th Friday Art Walks. The art community has kept this seasonal activity going for 18 years, and it has become a key part of our town's cultural fabric. Being under the Guild's umbrella will provide additional opportunities for promotional support via our nonprofit status. Member **Christina Elsen** has volunteered to take over from **Jean Rissover** in keeping up with the art spaces' participation each Art Walk. **The 4th Friday season for 2026 is April through October.**

Fundraising for High School Scholarship and Awards

Among the events that come with the spring semester for Ste. Genevieve's high school seniors is the annual Art Guild $500 Scholarship opportunity. Art students are also encouraged to enter the Guild-sponsored High School Art Show for prizes and cash awards, to be held this year on May 1-2 at the Art Center. Those awards are made possible by the generosity of those of you who bid in the Silent Auction (pictured at right) which raised a total of $758. Thank you!

This is also an opportunity to thank all the member volunteers who made last year's events a success. "Art Happens Here" because of you. Thank you!

Checking out the Silent Auction offerings at the Annual Holiday Christmas Show is Vada Galvan and Kathy Hicks.

General Information

Art Center
& Art Museum

WINTER OPENING HOURS

11am-2pm
Saturday & Sunday

Through March

Art Guild Meetings

are open to those interested in joining the Guild as well as current members. Regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, at 2pm in January and February, and 6:15pm March through October at the Sainte Genevieve Art Center, 310 Merchant St.

This year we change out member art in January, April and August, followed by the annual Christmas Show in mid-November. The full calendar of scheduled events can be found on our website.

Meet Art Guild members through biographies and photos of their art on our website at **artstegen.org**

July 18 - Aug 9

FRED CONWAY ART COLONY INSTRUCTOR

25th Anniversary
Promenade des Arts

Never Before Featured
Dozens of Artworks
Opening Reception

Spring 2026 Educational Opportunities at the Art Center

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

Needle-Felted Scandanavian Angel $30
with Joyce Pierson

Thursday, March 26 1 - 4 pm
Maximum 12

Fully Booked

Coptic Bound Sketchbook $25
with Shelley Bishop

Wednesday, April 1 1 - 3 pm
Maximum 12

"A finished 6" x 9" sketch book with your choice of paper, twine and cover."

Mindful Mandala Painting 101 $30
with Ursula Warren

Saturday, April 18 9am - 12Noon
Maximum 12

"Learn a beautiful and relaxing art form, and create a beautiful mandala design in your favorite colors."

SIGN UP IN PERSON:

Come to the **Sainte Genevieve Art Center & Art Museum** at 310 Merchant Street between 11am and 2pm on 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** 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 by three weeks before for adult workshops to ensure we have available materials and space.
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