Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE

SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD

MAY 2026

New Addition to Sculpture Walk

"*Steel Thinking*", after the "*Thinker*" by Rodin, was created 12 years ago by Dennis Wolk. The new plaque reads: *Originally installed in Ste. Genevieve's Rail Yards, this sculpture was created as a reminder to employees to think about safety first. Three of the artist's coworkers died in tragic rail accidents. The quarried marble base is a tribute to the men who risked their lives working in dangerous mining industries.*

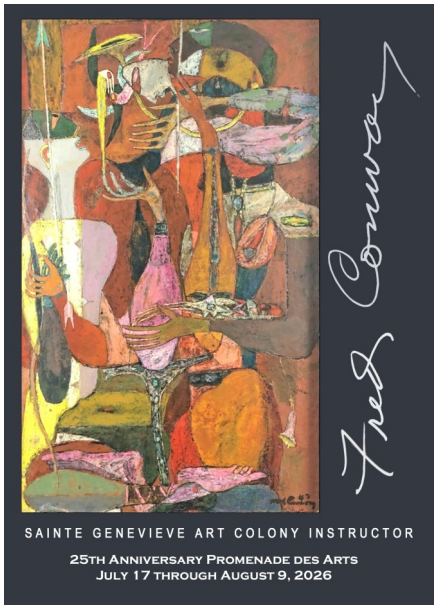
Three people who lost family members in local rail accidents were at the sculpture's re-dedication on April 29, plus six men, including Dennis, who worked on the Missouri-Illinois Railroad. In the photo above, Dennis is standing behind the left side of the marble base with his son David behind him.

The Art Guild's board is currently working on design specifications for another proposed sculpture incorporating the disused fountain nearby. Creating a public sculpture walk helps the Art Guild fulfill its mission in bringing fine art to the public while beautifying the City and providing a tourist attraction.

25th Anniversary Promenade des Arts

Fred Conway (1900-1973), faculty at Washington University, was the Colony Summer School of Art's most accredited art instructor. A master of watercolor, oil, and encaustic painting, Conway defied categorization. Equally adept at classical portraiture, vibrant abstraction, and impressionistic landscapes, his remarkable versatility is reflected in this exhibit of 48 original museum-quality works. Conway achieved national recognition as a muralist, receiving commissions for six monumental public murals, interpreted by over 20 linear feet of reproductions.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience this collection of paintings not before shown in Ste. Genevieve. Reception July 17, 6pm. Hours 11-3, Th-Fr-Sa-Su, July 18 - August 9.



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Members Sweep "Art is Ageless" Category

"Beyond" by Brenda Thompson
1st Place, Professional Painting

Farmington Presbyterian Manor invites artists over age 65 to enter their *Art is Ageless* competition. This year a record-breaking 17 Guild members answered the call, and dominated the Professional category with 21 awards:

Best of Show - **Juanita Wyman**
People's Choice - **Michelle Spencer**

Painting:	1st	**Brenda Thompson**
	2nd	**Bill Black**
	3rd	**Steve Hicks**
Drawing:	1st	**Juanita Wyman**
	2nd	**Dianne Dickerson**
	3rd	**Shelley Bishop**
Mixed Media:	1st	**Joyce Pierson**
	2nd	**Vada Galvan**
Photography:	1st	**Juanita Wyman**
	2nd	**Iris Vincent**
	3rd	**Linda P. Smith**
Quilt:	1st	**Bill Black**
Fiber:	1st & 2nd	**Joyce Pierson**
	3rd	**Dianne Dickerson**
Christmas:	1st	**Kathy Hicks**
	2nd	**Linda P. Smith**
	3rd	**Iris Vincent**
Sculpture:	1st	**Carolyn Bach**
	2nd	**Dianne Dickerson**

CONGRATULATIONS to all.

"Art transcends the limitations of time, age, and temporary trends - - remaining relevant, valuable and impactful across generations."

14th Annual County High School Awards

Kyrah Kreitler (left) won the $500 Bette Geraghty Memorial Scholarship. At right, Caroline Roth took Best of Show. Both were from SGHS. Committee Chair **Juanita Wyman** announced winners on May 3rd. Committee members: Anne Munoz, Bernadette Blyze, Linda Buis and Christina Elsen.

Presentations at Guild Meetings

Zentangle created at February meeting.

In February **Peggy Bay** led an exploration of the art of Zentangle. Supplied with Sharpies, paper and samples of repetitive shapes, members created their own meditative "doodles", a method that lends itself to compositions in larger artworks.

In March award-winning oil painter, **Rick Bayers**, at far right, shared not only his tips and techniques for creating stunning compositions, but added some very personal reflections that resonated with the many members in attendance.

Rick generously raffled off one of his oil paintings, won by Christina Elsen, at left.

Members Making Art Happen

Christina Elsen has opened a new gallery and studio "CJoy Art Works" (Joy is her middle name) at 199 N. Main Street showcasing her unique hand-built pottery and other artwork. She not only coordinates 4th Friday Art Walks for the Guild, but has now added a new "artspace" to the map; a map of local galleries she created.

Terri Cavins donated a new painting she created for the Women's Health Center in Bloomsdale.

Dianne Dickerson provides free art classes to Farmington's elderly.

Carolyn Bach facilitated the long-term loan of a Matt Ziegler painting from the Museum Learning Center.

Spring Workshops Expand Skills of Attendees

Left to right, **Ursula Warren**, standing, explains techniques of mandala making, **Joyce Pierson** place stitches in **Shelley Bishop**'s Coptic Bound Sketchbook, and participants display their completed Needle-felted Angels.

A big *Thank You* to members who make the effort to share their skills with the rest of us and to **Peggy Bay** for coordinating the workshops for kids and adults.
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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. 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**

May 16 - 9 to 3

FREE - ALL AGES

Art in the Garden

Plein Air

Main Street Inn
Washington & Main

Watercolors, pencil, paper provided
BYO Chair

People's Choice Voting at 4th Friday Art Walk

Summer 2026 Educational Opportunities at the Art Center

KID'S SUMMER CAMP

AGED 6 TO 12
ACCREDITED ART INSTRUCTORS
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

$10 PER WORKSHOP
LIMITED TO 10 KIDS

Animal Puppets with Peggy Bay
Monday, June 8, 9-11am
Use a basic origami pattern to create an original 3-dimensional animal with cardboard and more.

Flower Power! with Peggy Bay
Monday, June 15, 9-11am
Create a still life painting inspired by Japanese artist Yakoi Kusama using paint, marker and different types of pattern-making.

Chinese Dragon Puppet or Twisty Snake with Shelley Bishop
Wednesday, June 22, 9-11am
Create a Chinese Dragon Puppet or Twisty Snake with cardboard, papers, feathers, etc.

Butterflies and Dragonflies with Shelley Bishop
Monday, June 29, 9-11am
Create a fuzzy butterfly or dragonfly to attach to your backpack using beads, yarn and pipe cleaners.

Paper Lanterns with Peggy Bay
Monday, July 6, 9-11am
Learn about lantern-making traditions in the Far East while creating a colorful paper lantern that lights up.

Barking Dog Sculpture with Peggy Bay
Monday, July 13, 9-11am
Artist Keith Haring's Barking Dog image will be the inspiration for an assemblage sculpture using foam board, paint and marker.

Note: Adult Pastel Workshop with award-winning artist Michelle Spencer planned for August. TBA

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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