



## February Newsletter

### President's Letter:

Happy Valentines' Day!

Greetings artists,

We have started 2024 with lots of new members and our new website. Victoria has it up and running now and it is much easier to navigate. Our show we hung in January filled the space with lots of work and a variety of styles. We had a great group show up for the hanging which made it go faster for everyone. The fourth floor was also prolific.

Our meeting place will be changing in September temporarily for the museum expansion, so the board would like some input from our members. If you know of a space, we could use with good parking we will supply cards to submit these suggestions. We would also like some ideas for workshops.

See you Thursday at the art museum at 11:00. Ann Marie Rausch, our speaker will inspire you.

Sharon

### **Next Event is our February 1st Meeting**

**We will start our meeting at the Museum at 11.**

Remember that our meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to bring a guest.

### **February Speaker and Program**



Ann Marie Rausch

I create vividly colorful hand-painted furniture. I am a planner. I plan out each piece from drawing them to scale, to what color will go where, which all shouts back to my architectural background.

I chose wood furniture to be my "canvas" for its unique statement, functionality and for just the "funness" of it.

My inspiration for creating a piece of art work could come from, a pattern, a color combination, a design or the piece of furniture itself.

My favorite saying is "If 10 colors will work, a 100 will work better".

[amdesigns7@gmail.com](mailto:amdesigns7@gmail.com) Commissions welcome. (417) 235-7825

### **Come, listen and learn about this fascinating art form!**

If you have a piece of art that you would like to share or would like suggestions, please bring it. We plan to have time for some "Show and Share" for our members.

The Winners for our "Tranquility " show were:

Best of show: Donna Rustin, "Sound of Silence"

Theme: Karen Stoner, "Soft Strumming"

Honorable Mention: Deby Gilley, "Myriads Upon Myriads"

**Congrats to all!!**

### **Other timely news about our members:**

"You Should Know" **Deby Gilley**, **Doug Steere** and **Victoria Johnson**.

Meet Deb, Doug, Victoria, and 5 other artists "You Should Know" at the exhibition opening reception during [First Friday Art Walk](#) on February 2 from 5-7pm. Featuring live music by [Michelle Gillam](#).

**Doug Steere** will be filmed at the Creamery Arts Center for a segment of KY3's "The Place" local news program., January 29th

**Victoria Johnson** will be appearing on Ozarks Live!(Channel 10) Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> around 3 pm.

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Next up is the **Senior show- Open to all over the age of 60.** [Senior Show 2024](#) for brochure and information

Then, Our April/June show - "**Homage to a Master**" (*What artist is your muse?*)

*Our current outside exhibit is at Elliott Robinson (ERCPA) from January through the end of April. You may see the show during business hours and a reception for our artists and organization will be announced. It will be in April but no confirmed date at this time.*

Don't forget to catch Andi Snethern and Renee Eiffert at Nearly Famous this month. Their show comes down on February 10th.

*(Nadine Ellman and Leta Sapp will be our artists February 10-April 13.)*

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Thanks again to those that helped hang the show last month. It made the "Tranquility" show go up quickly and it looks fabulous!!

*\*Always needing people to help with Shows, Outside Venues, workshops/programs, (Doug Steere has stepped up to help with the newsletter person). Some of these are board positions and would appreciate your time and efforts to keep our organization running smoothly. Let a board member know where you can volunteer and help out!!*

**If you need a labels for your art, please send the info in an email to [akynion@yahoo.com](mailto:akynion@yahoo.com)**

Include Title, Artist, Media, Price, Contact Information

#### **Schedules of Exhibits:**

- January/February- show (January 4th). Theme is "Tranquility"
- ERPCA show is January-April
- March is the annual Senior show. [Check here](#) to download the form and guidelines for this annual show.

#### **Planning for the year? Art Themes for Juried shows:**

- January/February- Tranquility (*What does it meant to you?*)
  - April/June -Homage to a Master (*What artist is your muse?*)
  - July-August (no shows)
  - September/October- In the Kitchen (*What's in your kitchen?*)
  - November/December-Trashformation (*Materials will be provided*)
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#### **Nearly Famous Deli Schedule 2024**

(To participate in this show, artists commit to active membership and attendance of 4 meetings year. Qualified members names go in a drawing at an annual meeting for a chance to participate in this sought after event for each year.)

[Click here to view and download contract](#) **Please copy, sign and bring with you when you hang your art.**

Celebrate our artists and support Nearly Famous!

- Dec 9-Feb 10: Andi Snethern / Renee Eiffert
  - Feb 10-April 13: Nadine Ellman / Leta Sapp
  - April 13- June 8: Nancy Dornan / Ann Marie Rausch
  - June 8-Aug 10: Dee Giles / Karen Stoner
  - Aug 10- Oct 12: Carol Chappel / Carol Siano
  - Oct 12-Dec 14: Donna Rustin / Denise McGreevy
  - Dec 14- Feb 8 (2025):Peggy Gordon-Chumbley / Carol Snyder
- If there is a conflict, please contact [Dee Giles](#)
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**Membership Renewal Online** is now available on the new website!

Our website link is <https://www.visualartistalliance.org/membership>

You can also renew your membership dues via mail or at the meeting.

**Please mail it to P.O. Box 3066, Springfield, MO 65808-3066**

Dues are \$25 per year, due each December. *To hang at JKHH or other venues sponsored through VAAS you need to **be** an active member or need to pay an entry fee to VAAS.*

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