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IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

BOMH PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Spring has sprung! Even with a few nights still dipping into those frosty temperatures, the new season is obviously all around, from the early garden blooms to the baby robins hungry in their nests. Trees are beginning to fill with green leaves and the sun gives us more light each day. This is the time of year that wakes me up with an invitation for new things to come!

What seeds have you planted that are beginning to sprout? Are new ideas starting to bloom in your artwork? What dreams can you begin working toward? Have you begun to expand your inventory, your customer base, or your online audience reach?

"Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm." -John Muir

My challenge for you this season is to find things that fill you with joyful enthusiasm! Could it be a new collaboration with a fellow artist you've admired for years? What happens if you try a new color palette? Maybe it's a class, podcast, or book you need. Try something new this season and see what blooms for you! Make a daring submission to an art gallery, apply for that show you always wanted to be in, give it a try and see what happens!

I am rooting for you!

Gratefully,

Patty Muenks

ArtSmart 2023 is a SUCCESS!!



ArtSmart 2023 was a success!! Thank you to everyone who attended, pitched in, created, learned, shared and spent the weekend with us! The excitement is still high as the dust settles. Look for post on the BOMH Facebook Member Only page to get a little insight as we share post periodically to share the weekend with all.

We don't have a date set yet, but you can look forward to ArtSmart 2025. Feel free to contact us anytime with suggestions of speakers, topics, frolics, anything that you would like to see at future events. We want to hear from you. In the meantime, here are a few comments about ArtSmart 2023.

ArtSmart Reviews

What a great weekend, loved fellowship with both new & seasoned artists! Mckenna Hallett was very informative & entertaining as well. *Tresa Killion*

I love her so much!! So many great words of wisdom!! I love the podcast! Highly recommended! Patty Muenks

I tuned in to Mckenna's podcast a few days ago... she does NOT DISAPPOINT! Maggie Lowe

Mckenna's podcast is spectacular! One to be listened to time & time again! Thank you for procuring McKenna for the 2023 Artsmart Conference. So sorry for the ones who weren't able to attend because she shared a wealth of info! *Patty Muenks*

It was a super event. So much good information and inspiration. Cory Lawson

Great photos that captured the fabulous weekend of fun and frolics! Cindy Kilfoyle

This was such a great event! Thank you for all your work! Jane Cook

I couldn't agree more!!! Loved every minute of it! Barb Byrne

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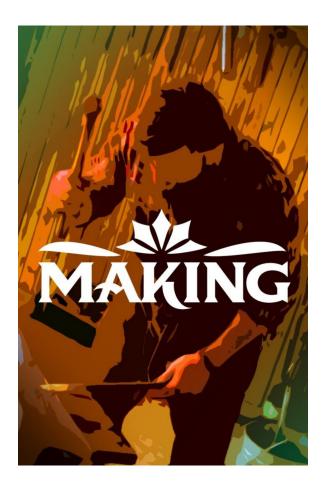
This was my very first association conference, and it did not disappoint! I had so much fun! And it was so nice to be able to meet some of the people whose art is the only thing you know of them. Putting names to faces, great conversation! Lots of laughs!

A fabulous guest speaker! Mckenna Hallett was amazing! I so enjoyed Friday night frolics! I was pretty nervous at first, but when people started sitting down at my table and drawing and talking... It was great!

I have so much gratitude for everybody who planned and worked so hard to get this thing to happen! I know it's a lot of work, but you pulled it off! It was wonderful, the hotel and the staff were wonderful as well!

Bravo, everyone! And many many thanks! *Maggie Lowe*

PBS series "Making" Features BOMH Juried Artists



We are so excited to announce that the Best of Missouri Hands will be featured on the PBS series, "Making." The crew from KMOS/PBS out of Warrensburg filmed during our ArtSmart 2023 conference in April.

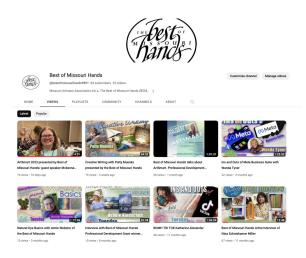
We feel so honored for this spotlight! The film crew documented different moments from our conference, from activities and interactions of the Friday Night Frolics to the lectures and breakout sessions of our professional development mini workshops.

What a great opportunity to showcase the members in our group and introduce our organization to so many more people!

The series "Making" spotlights artists and artisans from across Missouri. Several of our members have already been featured in their own segments including...Peggy King, Bob Parker, Allison Norfleet Bruenger, Barb Byrne, John & Marcia Whitt, Pat Berkbigler, Rose Monzyk, Yakari Kashihara, Patty Muenks, and more! Here's the link to view past episodes https://www.pbs.org/show/making/

Be sure to keep your BOMH juried artist page updated and looking nice. The crew from Making and other entities utilize our website to seek out quality artists. If you don't remember how to update your juried member page, please visit the <u>BOMH YouTube channel</u> and watch the video on how to navigate your BOMH page.

Recap of ArtSmart Breakouts on BOMH YouTube



At ArtSmart 2023 presented by the Best of Missouri Hands, a couple very popular breakout sessions led by fellow juried BOMH artists....Nina Miller who took everyone through the use of "Canva" and Wanda Tyner who shared the "In's and Out's of Meta Business". Both got lots of great questions and walked folks through how to use these popular platforms.

If you were not able to attend these breakouts, or maybe you would like a refresher. You are in luck. We have video's on the BOMH YouTube channel covering both of these topics and many others. Catch up on all of the BOMH workshops, classes, artist interviews and more. Check them out here...

https://www.youtube.com /@bestofmissourihands9891/videos

Sue Greenberg of the Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for Artists (VLAA), also presented to our group at ArtSmart 2023. She covered "10 Legal and Accounting Tips for Artists". The VLAA offers workshops on a regular basis, both in person and on Zoom. You can sign up for their emails or register to take a class at www.vlaa.org

MEMBER NEWS

Fiber Artist Annie Webster Creates Gourd Art



I will have three pieces in the Missouri Fiber Artists member exhibit "MoFA in the House" at the Margaret Harwell Museum in Poplar Bluff. The exhibit will feature art quilts, weavings, embroidery, sculptures, and collage. The show runs May 6 - June 25, 2023.

The piece pictured here is called "Bounty." It is a gourd we grew in the garden a couple of years ago. We had no idea what to do with all of these gourds that took over the yard, so I stored them in the garage for a while. One dried out, I sealed them then covered the gourd in freeform crochet. I essentially created a gourd cozy, and I now believe all gourds should have one.

There will be an opening reception at the museum on Friday, May 6 from 6-8 PM. The Margaret Harwell Museum is located at 421 N Main St, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901. Hope to see you there.

Cindy Larimore Puts Her Best Foot Forward, So to Speak.



Here it is...This amazing collaboration I have been dying to share with you. It has been in the works for months and keeping it a secret has not been easy. I am excited to announce that two pieces of my artwork have been selected by the talented Michael Grey to create TWO Limited Edition BIRKENSTOCK sandals.

Michael Grey Footwear is an US based luxury sandal company run by Michael himself. He worked as a designer with numerous fashion designers and once he studied the craft of designing/making sandals that his love for custom footwear was born. The sandal factory is all about returning to craft, in a time where handmade footwear has become a lost art.

Michael has specialized in creating truly unique Birkenstocks by collaborating with talented artists around the world. When he put out a call for art back in February, I submitted my artwork. I was thrilled to have my art selected. We worked together to pick two of my paintings to reproduce on Birkenstocks. So, while these shoes are not made in Germany by Birkenstock, they are still official Birkenstocks – and they are limited edition collector's items.

The cost of the made to order Birkenstocks is \$250. I will be posting specific information in the coming days, but know that Art by C. Lari' Birkenstocks go live on May 15. I will be sending a link to my email subscribers first, and then posting on social media/website. Please help me spread the word...if you know someone who is Birk-obsessed? Feel free to share this with them.

Follow Cindy at Art by C. Lari on Facebook

Art Impressions Gallery & Framing

BOMH Corporate/Gallery Member

Art Impressions Gallery & Framing, owned by artist Garnetta Sullivan, is located on The Avenues in the heart of the historic downtown district of Sedalia, MO in a beautiful historic building. Sedalia, known for its rich history as a cattle drive town and also as the home of Ragtime composer Scott Joplin, is becoming an important art and cultural center in Mid-Missouri. Home to the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art on the campus of State Fair Community College, Sedalia is becoming an important art-stop between the Kansas City and St. Louis area.

Art Impressions Gallery adds flavor to the local art scene by representing the work of emerging to internationally known Missouri artists. It is one of several galleries nationwide representing internationally known, and award winning watercolorist, Paul Jackson, whose work is in prestigious collections across the United States.

Art Impressions offers professional photo restoration services. We can bring out the story behind every photo. Your photographs record the memories of precious moments and loved ones, but with time they have become faded or damaged. Art Impressions can help bring those precious pictures back to life again.

When you have custom framing done at Art Impressions, we will treat your treasures as though they were our own, whether their value is monetary or sentimental. And, we'll enhance their value by transforming them into objects of timeless beauty.

At Art Impressions we believe when a person cares enough about something to have it custom framed, they want it to look good now and for years to come. Therefore, we use the highest quality materials we can find and take the time to do the job right. We believe that when purchasing something that is not a commodity to be immediately used up, but rather an item of lasting value, the most important consideration should be overall VALUE rather than PRICE alone. For example, one might spend \$200 for a fine meal and perhaps a concert. Pleasurable as they may be, in reality they are "here today, gone tomorrow." Spend that same money on a custom-made frame, and you will have something which provides pleasure every single day for many years.

Framing and display needs vary from individual to individual, that's why Art Impressions Gallery and Framing offers a wide array of options. Framing choices range from simple, economical styles to lavish water-gilded ornate styles—we offer something for every taste and budget, and we always emphasize QUALITY and VALUE. We have the largest frame selection in the Sedalia, MO area.

www.ArtImpressions.net

Vic Mastis to Exhibit her Piece, Velvety Tails



Vic Mastis' pastel "Velvety Tails" was juried into the International Association of Pastel Societies Spring Juried Exhibition- 42nd Open Division Online. A big thank you to the jurors!! Link to the show:

https://showsubmit.com/gallery/iaps-42ndopen-division-exhibition

Dina Kowal wants you to Meet Her at The Fair.



<u>Dina Roedel Kowal</u>....I will be an artist in residence at the Missouri State Fair. Located in the Fine Arts building, downstairs. Aug. 14-19.

Solo Exhibit for BOMH Photographer Carol Estes



I recently found out I will have a solo show for August and September at Paul Henry's Art Gallery in Hammond, IN. The show will be: #shadesofshe.

Juried BOMH photographer Carol Estes

Carol Estes Featured Artist in June at Courtyard Gallery



<u>Carol Estes...</u>I will be the Featured Artist for the month of June at Courtyard Gallery in New Buffalo, Michigan. I will feature my ICM (Intentional Camera Movement) "Impressionism in Art Photography" work.

Juried Fiber Artist Stacy Heydt to Exhibit at the Margaret Hartwell Art Museum



<u>Stacy Heydt</u>...Accepted into the Margaret Hartwell Art Museum in Poplar Bluff's Missouri Fiber Artist show for May.

Juried Fiber Artist Cindy Canfield Moves Studio and Shop to New

Location



<u>Cindy Canfield</u>...This will be my third location at The Shepherd of the Hills Homestead in Branson, MO. I am currently in the middle of moving from one very leaky building, to two adjoining buildings. I'm loving being able to separate into two entities.

The upper level building will be my studio, where I will demonstrate, teach and sell supplies. The lower level will have finished pieces of fiber items for sale. Currently, I have six consignees. I'm looking forward to spotlighting them.

The moving's not fun, but hopefully after everything settles the shop will be better. The goal is to get totally moved, new signage, with a welome mat by this weekend.

Juried BOMH artist Travis Bond Featured by the Missouri Arts Council



Congratulations to juried Best of Missouri Hands artist Travis Bond, who was selected as one of the Missouri Arts Council's featured artists for the month of April.

Like in his "Contemplation" (left) says #MissouriFeaturedArtist Travis Bond, "the goal for my drawings is to lay the groundwork for a story to be told, allowing the viewer to use their own emotions and imagination to finish it based on their perceptions of what they see." Find more stories at tbondart.com, and his fellow #MissouriFeaturedArtists at missouriartscouncil.org/featured-artists. | Travis Bond Artworks

Glass artist Barb Byrne Shines Bright in the New Year



- Award of the BOMH Professional Development Grant for 2023. I will be using it to explore the use of silk screens to design more complex subjects for my glass work.
- Participated in the Blue Springs Art League Fine Art Show in March.
 Awarded first place in Mixed Media for my City Skyline piece and third place in Animals and Nature for my Momma and Baby Ducks piece.
- Current display of several pieces of artwork at Powell Gardens. Juried BOMH glass artist Barb Byrne

BOMH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM

Join us Tuesday May 9th for a Professional Development Zoom Workshop with Pat Berkbiger



After thirty one years in elementary education it was time for slowing down and finding a new passion. As a nature lover, I find gourd art to be relaxing, rewarding, and intriguing. There always seems to be a new technique to be learned or created, keeping this art form fun and exciting. When people think of gourds, they visualize those colorful little squash-like things that decorate a Thanksgiving table. That's a **soft**-shelled gourd, which is not my canvas. When I think of gourds, I immediately begin to visualize how those **hard**-shelled orbs of nature can be transformed into sculptural vessels through carving, stippling, filigree, painting, and pyrography.

If the skin is light enough, I prefer to use transparent acrylics and inks so the natural markings of the gourd shows through. If the shell is thick enough, it calls for carving. And this is where my new micro carver that I acquired, thanks to the BOMH Professional Development Grant, has the muscle I need. Prior to this I had a portable carver, but it was constantly stalling out on me, which indicated that I did not have enough power for what I was trying to do. My new BP 50 micro carver provides greater RPMs and far more torque which is needed for those bigger jobs. It cuts like 'buttah'. Deep carving techniques no longer result in stalling or hand and wrist pain, which allows for longer and more enjoyable carving periods.

I truly enjoy introducing people to this art form just about as much as I enjoy creating the pieces. Join me on May 9th for a demonstration and who knows, maybe you'll catch the gourd art bug, too.

Join us for a Best of Missouri Hands
Professional Development Workshop with Pat
Berkbigler on Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 10:00
AM. We will chat with Pat about winning the
BOMH Professional Development Grant and
how she is using the money to help further
her artistic goals.

Log into www.zoom.us and put in the following information.

Meeting ID: 848 6187 8378

Passcode: 670070

Tresa Killion Welcomes Students to her New Studio via Visiting Artist Program



Today I had a group of students in to visit the studio! They were very inquisitive and wanted to learn a lot about the pottery process! Was able to share all about Best of Missouri Hands as well!

This is a parochial Mennonite school. As you can see there was even an 8 month old! But the children from school were from 4yrs to 15yrs. There were 23 children along with 3 teachers & 2 administrators & a parent. They first learned about me and my art in an article published in the Rural Missouri magazine (which found me through the BOMH website). It was a good day to share my art with these kids and adults.

Juried BOMH clay artist Tresa Killion of Killion Pottery

You can learn more about the <u>BOMH Visiting</u> <u>Artist Program here</u>.

UPCOMING EVENTS, ART SHOWS, EXHIBITS & WORKSHOPS

Best of Missouri Hands:

On the Road - The World We Create

The Best of Missouri Hands is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development and recognition of Missouri's artists and artisans. BOMH currently has approximately 400 members representing artists, arts educators, the general public, businesses and organizations. Juried membership represents a diverse range of art forms and mediums, all of which exhibit the highest level of artistic quality and craftsmanship.



In an effort to showcase the vast and diverse talent of BOMH members, a show, "On The Road," has been a part of an exhibit circuit for several years with shows all over the state of Missouri. Unfortunately, the pandemic put a hold on these shows. BOMH is excited to announce that the show will resume in 2023 at Spiva Center for the Arts in Joplin this fall.

Best of Missouri Hands presents "On The Road-The World We Create" will be held at Spiva Center for the Arts from August 19, 2023 through October 6, 2023 with an opening reception on Friday, August 18th from 5:30 to 8:30.

"The World We Create" can hold any meaning. A quick look around in any setting showcases the vast amount of art in everything from architecture and design to color theory and arrangement. There is nothing in our lives, from building design to fine art to food to functional every day items that didn't start with creativity. BOMH has challenged its members to look at the title and reveal what it means through their art.

Please join Spiva Center for the Arts and BOMH in celebrating the artists of the state and all of the beauty they have to offer.

DETAILS:

I am writing to invite you to a Best of Missouri Hands "On the Road-The World We Create" exhibit that will be in the Four States Gallery at Spiva Center for the Arts in Joplin. This is an exhibit for 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional work with a subject manner spotlighting the world around you and creative processes. Just a simple look out of any window exposes architecture, design, nature, color theory, etc. The world can be as small as your neighborhood or as vast as the entire planet.

The exhibit will be on display August 18, 2023 through October 6, 2023. Installation will be the week of August 7, 2023. Spiva Center for the Arts is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm. There will be an opening reception on Friday, August 18th from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase BOMH artists. Spiva Center for the Arts has recently moved in to their new, state of the art, spectacular facility. We have an incredible opportunity to help bring statewide attention to the brand new gallery as well as the diverse, incredible talent of the BOMH members. Each member can submit up to three pieces for display, with the understanding that space may dictate that not all submitted pieces will be hung. Each piece of artwork needs to be framed and ready to hang or display. Jewelry is allowed, but no locking cases are available. Spiva Center for the Arts will be able to make sales on works and will retain a 40% commission. Size and weight restrictions are listed on the Call For Entry. The Four States Gallery is large with moveable walls. Pedestals are available for 3-dimensional work. Let's make sure to fill the space!

Members in the St Charles and Kansas City area have graciously volunteered to be drop off points for works. Members in Joplin and Kansas City have also volunteered to pick up works and deliver to Spiva Center for the Arts. Additionally, pieces can be shipped directly to Angel Brame and held until drop off. Return shipping to be paid for by the artist. BOMH would like to see the entire state represented, so please reach out for any additional questions or requests for getting work to Joplin.

Important dates:

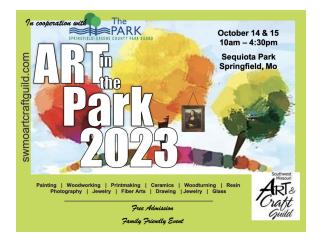
- ASAP-any images of pieces available for the exhibit to drgnflysnmud@gmail.com for marketing purposes
- July 1-Call For Entry form due to Angel Brame at drgnflysnmud@gmail.com
- August 1-pieces shipped to Joplin due, address provided upon request
- August 5/6-pick up of work in the St Louis and Kansas City areas, details available as it gets closer
- August 7-delivery to Spiva and hang show

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to be part of, please let me know as soon as possible. Feel free to give me a call if you have any other question.

Sincerely,

Angel Brame
Events Committee, Best of Missouri Hands
417-483-8084
drgnflysnmud@gmail.com

Sequoia Park Springfield Missouri



Sequoia Park Springfield
Show dates:
Saturday October 14,10am-4:30pm
Sunday October 15,10am-4:30pm
Applications accepted:
Open April 15, closing June 10
Notices of acceptance mailed out July 1

More info: https://www.swmoartcraftguild.com/art-in-the-park

We have Space for 25-30 juried artists from a variety of disciplines: painting, pottery, jewelry, drawing, photography, printmaking, recycled and new clothing. Food truck Our wonderful harpist will be providing soothing background harmonies.

Macon Fork & Cork Artisan Festival



We would like to invite the Missouri Artisans Association/Best of Missouri Hands artists to show at our fall festival. Our festival continues to grow every year and we'd love for you to be a part of our festivities!

The Macon Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Fork & Cork Festival in downtown Macon every fall. Our festival attracts high end visual art artisans, master craftsmen as well as quality antique dealers. Enjoy jazz, blues, country and swing band musicians entertaining throughout the day. Great food and tasty wines add to the mix making for an outstanding day.

The MACC would like to personally invite you, as artists, master crafters, antique dealers and art councils/galleries, to show at our fall festival this year. We have enlarged our festival and built our artisan base over the past fifteen years. 2022 was our largest Fork & Cork Festival with over 70+ artists, crafters, and antique dealers.

We would like to invite you to show at our 2023 Fork & Cork Festival. The vendor application is attached. Our vendor application is also on our Face Book page – Macon Fork & Cork Festival and our web page maconforkandcork.squarespace.com

Although we are a non-juried art festival, we do encourage a high level of quality vendors. Your name, FB page and web site will be advertised as attending F&C.

Come join us if you can! There were 70+ participants, new and returning artists, who joined us in 2022 and we're planning on our festival being bigger and better in 2023.

As we fill the streets with artists, crafters and antiques, we hope you will consider joining the fun and let's "Make Macon a Destination!"

G. Kay Kindle
Co-Chair & Vendor Coordinator

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ArtSmart Swag! Get your own.



Were you unable to attend ArtSmart 2023? Well, it was a great conference. And you can have part of it, at least, by getting your very own tote and sketch book, the same ones that were distributed to attendees. Both are available at https://bestofmissourihands.org/shop/

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Here are a few of the benefits for those who help support our mission by becoming a Corporate or Gallery Member with the BOMH. The annual fee is just \$100 per year. Besides the list below, you will also get preferred promotion on our Facebook page which currently has 3,600+ followers!

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- Included with all Corporate Members on Corporate Members page of BOMH website.
- Listed on quarterly BOMH email Newsletter with hyperlink to your website.
- Opportunity to advertise at the bottom of the BOMH website homepage. Fee: \$100/month.
- Opportunity to sponsor events at ArtSmart Conference and Annual Membership Meeting.
- Ability to have your events publicized in periodic BOMH member emails free of charge (within policy guidelines).

For additional information please contact us at admin@bestofmissourihands.org or join online at www.bestofmissourihands.org and click on the Memberships link.



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