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INTOUCH NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The windy days and dropping temperatures indicate that fall is REALLY here now! In spite of that, so many of us have been able to wrap ourselves in the absolute splendor of fall colors for the past few weeks. I would venture to say it has been a landscape artist's paradise!

This is a busy time for us artists as we hurry to finish up pieces to boost our sales for the upcoming holidays. Be cautious about becoming overwhelmed with all the things you need/want to get done before the end of the year.

Remember to take time for yourself. Sit in front of the fire with a cup of hot chocolate. Read excerpts from a favorite book. Slow down, stay in the moment, focus on yourself for a few minutes every day, spend time with loved ones, love your life! It all moves much too quickly.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Warmly,
Barb Byrne
BOMH President
Juried Glass Artist



REGIONAL MEETUPS

BOMH is encouraging our members across the state to connect with those in their areas. Artists are often working in isolation and several members have expressed a need and desire to connect with other artists. Thus we are encouraging regional gatherings.

Some members have come forth and raised their hands to "host" regional gatherings, and we continue to look for other members as well. To learn more, please keep reading.

Hosts must be BOMH members. If you're not a member but would like to host, I'd be happy to share more about joining. Multiple hosts are welcome, especially in more populated regions.

Anyone can attend. Non-members are welcome at gatherings, though we encourage all Missouri artists to consider becoming members.

Gatherings can be simple and informal, for example, coffee with fellow artists, a studio visit, attending a show together, or even a walk in the park. Whatever works for your group. Group gatherings do not have to incur an expense.

For those unable to attend in-person events: We offer a monthly Artists Talk via Zoom (first Tuesday of each month, for members). We're also exploring additional online meetups for both members and non-members. Let me know if that interests you.

Privacy note: If you are hosting, please be aware that BOMH cannot share a list of members in your area. However, we will contact members in your region so they can contact you.

When does this begin? Whenever you're ready, it can start now.

If you'd like to host or have questions, please reach out to me at bcp@quietimagery.com (and include BOMH in the subject line).

We're excited to see how these gatherings grow and how they'll strengthen connections across Missouri.

For more information or to let me know how you'd like to participate, please contact Barbara C. Phillips at bcp@quietimagery.com. Please include 'BOMH' in the subject line. You can also contact me through the Best of Missouri Hands Members Only Facebook group.

Currently, the following members have raised their hands:

Maria Gianino, Regions 1 and 2

Patty Muenks, Region 3

Loren Woodard, Region 5

Meike Aton, Region 8

NOTE: A Meet & Greet has been set up in Region 8 for tomorrow, Friday November 14, 2025. Hosted by Meike Aton. All are welcome

Time: 2-3pm Location: 1200 E Woodhurst Dr K-300 in Springfield, MO

Warm regards,

Barbara C Phillips

Photographic Artist

QuietImagery.com

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MEMBER NEWS



Crossroads Art Council

Our November Gallery Show "Wild Things, Wildlife in Nature" is currently on display in our gallery located at 310 W. Pearce Blvd in Wentzville, MO.

Thank you to our Curator: Laurie Sirtak, our Judge: Meegan Kainady and our hard working gallery coordinator: Georganna Krumlinde.

Winners:

First place: Jean Benz, "Fine Feathered Friends"

Second place: Christine Ortballs, "Wildflowers in the Meadow"

Third Place: Sheila Michael, "The Flower and the Butterfly"

Honorable Mentions: Laurie Sirtak, "Dragonfly Dreams", Jay Preall, "Kris Moose", Sabrina Greer, "Grey Bat", and Zachary Rawls, "Dead Trees"

Pictured above Christine Ortballs, juried BOMH artist



Curator's Choice Award

What a great event at Soulard Art Gallery. I am so happy that my PopArt painting “Just Whistle...” received the Curator's Choice Award. Thank you Amela @amelacikotaart everyone involved. A great honor.

Juried BOMH Painter Terry Hinkle





Fall Into Art 2025 Award Winners

Congratulations on your achievement! There's no better feeling than seeing so many artists supported by this community of ours.

- ☐ First Place: Sean Ponder, Ceramics
- ☐ Second Place: Keith Buswell, Mixed Media
- ☐ Third Place: Sally Brandon, Fiber

∞ Awards of Excellence

Melanie Henry, Fiber

Allison Norfleet-Bruenger, Jewelry

Lynn Maggard, Mixed Media

To every participating artist, you are just as deserving of praise for all of your hard work and for having the courage it takes to be an artist! We see you, we appreciate you, and we honor you!

Pictured above 3 juried Best of Missouri Hands artists who won top honors at Fall Into Art....Melanie Henry, Allison Norfleet-Bruenger, and Lynn Maggard.



Art of the Plains

My two entries:

"When Trouble Rode into Town" and

"Somebody's Got a Case of the Mondays"

have been accepted into the
40th annual "Art of the Plains" at the Pearce Museum in Corsicana, TX
October 16th - January 5, 2026

Juried BOMH painter Veronica Brown



Artists' Guild of Valparaiso

Oh how exciting! Won two ribbons including Best of Show at the September Exhibit at Artists' Guild of Valparaiso. Here are my three pieces. — at Artists' Guild of Valparaiso.

Juried BOMH Photographer Carol Estes



Award of Excellence

Two exhibitions in one night! First, my work was selected by juror, Robin Hirsch, to be a part of the St. Louis Artists' Guild's Members Exhibition!

AND THEN I WON the Award of Excellence at Soulard Art Gallery for their REAL POP juried exhibition!!! Thank you to judge, Kourtney Hay, for choosing my textured watercolor, "Everything is FINE." So much amazing work in the show!!! I had THE BEST NIGHT hanging out with all my friends!!!

BOMH artist Alex Johnmeyer



Albrecht-Kemper Museum Exhibit

The Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art presents 4 Seasons Exhibition, featuring Midwest artists Linda Kinder, Darla Zook, Cathie Thompson, and Cathy Kline. September 20-November 2, 2025.

Juried BOMH painter Darla Zook

BOMH ON THE ROAD

ON THE ROAD with 

**Cultural Corner Art Guild in Chillicothe MO
September 30 - November 14, 2025**

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YOU ARE INVITED!

BEST OF MISSOURI HANDS
ARTISTS' RECEPTION

November 14th 5:00 - 7:00
Free Appetizers and Drinks

On The Road: The World We Create
Cultural Corner Art Guild, Chillicothe MO

CLOSING RECEPTION

November 14, 2025

Closing Reception Friday, November 14, 2025 from 5pm-7pm. **Cash prizes** will be awarded during the artists reception for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and an Honorable Mention.

Cultural Corner Art Guild

424 Locust

PO Box 24

Chillicothe, MO 64601

This exhibition was developed by The Missouri Artisans Association, d.b.a. The Best of Missouri Hands, and Cultural Corner Art Guild to provide a forum to demonstrate the creativity and diversity of the artists and artisans of Missouri. We encourage artists to submit works that exemplify Missouri's traditions of handmade arts and crafts. The theme for this exhibit is, "On The Road; The World We Create." The theme is open to individual interpretation and should be considered in the creative process.

Angel Brame

Events Committee, Best of Missouri Hands

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BOMH ON THE ROAD EXHIBIT 2026

*Next Up....BOMH On The Road, July 2026 in Springfield, MO. will take place at the Creamery. Look for more details in future newsletters.

BOMH JURY NOTICE

To better align with the calendar year and our member needs, our Jury Sessions have been adjusted to January 15th - 31st each year and July 15th - 31st.

Artists must be a General Member for at least 90 days prior to the date of the jury session to be eligible to apply for Jury Status, and you must be a Missouri resident (an individual that is domiciled in Missouri). If you are not domiciled in Missouri but have permanent living arrangements in Missouri, you must spend more than 183 days in a year in Missouri.

For more details please visit.... [BOMH JURY INFO](#)

*****Attend next months BOMH Professional Development Workshop on December 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM, to learn more about “Applying to Become a Juried BOMH Artist” with Lisa Hilton. Details below in Upcoming Workshop segment.**

EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

CALLS FOR ART

BOMH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



Join us Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 10:00 am on Zoom for the BOMH Professional Development Workshop. Our topic will be all about "Applying to Become a Juried BOMH Artist". Guest speaker will be juried BOMH Sculpture artist Lisa Hilton. Lisa also serves as the Chair for the BOMH Jury Committee. She will give helpful tips and pointers to guide you through the process of preparing for and submitting your application for consideration in the jury process.

With Lisa's knowledge and experiences in the jury process for not only the BOMH, but for multiple shows and exhibits, she will help you learn how to put your best foot forward.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89953420893?pwd=iU4ZvchWy2If905FUVPiYDRWHSJwhy.1>

Meeting ID: 899 5342 0893

Passcode: 178722

If you are unable to attend this workshop live, it will be recorded and posted to the BOMH YouTube Channel within 48 hours of the live event.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE

Andi Snethern

Missouri Life Spotlight

OCTOBER 2025

Jan Helton

Missouri Life Spotlight

November/December 2025





Photo Credit: Jan Helton

ARTS & CULTURE

Watercolor Wizard

by Emma Zawacki

Best of Missouri Hands juried artist, Jan Helton is featured in the November/December 2025 issue of Missouri Life Magazine. Read the full article here...

<https://missourilife.com/watercolor-wizard/>

Featured Missouri Life Magazine Artists

July/August 2025 Featured Artist: Wanda Tyner

September 2025 Featured Artist: Cindy Larimore

October 2025 Featured Artist: Andi Snethern

November 2025 Featured Artist: Jan Helton

MISSOURI LIFE MERCANTILE

The Missouri Life Magazine has a Mercantile located in its offices in Rocheport, MO. Here you can find many pieces by BOMH artists. The Mercantile is now buying Missouri made art and products wholesale. Any members who offers wholesale prices and would like to sell at the Mercantile, you should can email inquiries to Missouri Life. info@missourilife.com

Visit the Mercantile shop online... <https://missouri-life-mercantile.square.site>

VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM



Our first Visiting Artist visit of the new fiscal year! Juried member in Jewelry and Photography, Beit Anya provided children and parents attending SciFest at the St. Louis Science Center with a video she created about metalwork, and taught them to make their own bracelet cuff or key tag.



Beit Anya
Jewelry/Photography



Her table was located on the lower level near the T-Rex.. If you would like to do an artist demo visit (and get paid for it!) please contact Nina Miller nina-miller@att.net

Our first Visiting Artist visit of the new fiscal year! Juried member in Jewelry and Photography, Beit Anya did a demo and project at SciFest at the St. Louis Science Center. Thank you Beit!



MICHELE SPRY
VISITING ARTIST
SEPTEMBER 2025



Thank you to Michele Spry for introducing fused glass to the residents of The Westbury Senior Living!

As part of our Visiting Artists Program Michele allowed 23 people the opportunity to make 2 fused glass magnets each.

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On October 20, Jeff Hornung, Juried Wood Artist, did a demonstration as a Visiting Artist at Progress South Elementary School. He described what he does as an artist, and showed a number of examples of his work, from functional to decorative to toys. For a project, he taught the students how to apply gold leaf to wood hearts and stars. Thank you Jeff!

Take part in BOMH

Visiting Artist Program

Best of Missouri Hands asks our juried artists to participate in this program, either by finding a school or by answering a request. We hope to reach students all over the state, so we need the help of artists from all regions.

Best of Missouri Hands uses money from our Missouri Arts Council grant to provide a \$100 stipend to the artist. If the artist supplies materials for a project, the artist will be reimbursed up to an additional \$100.

Click here for more information about the [Visiting Artist Program](#).

Contact:

Visiting Artists Program Chair Nina Miller

nina-miller@att.net

visitingartist@bestofmissourihands.org

Phone: 618-978-9773

BOMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Build greater financial security

Exploring Multiple Streams of Income for Artist



NOW ON YOUTUBE.....

Here's a replay of the November 2025 Professional Development Workshop all about "[Exploring Multiple Streams of Income for Artists](#)".

Maybe you'll get an idea or two that you can utilize for creating some passive income in your art business. If you have some suggestions, please drop them in the comments.

Watch on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/nbTt8ljH97E>

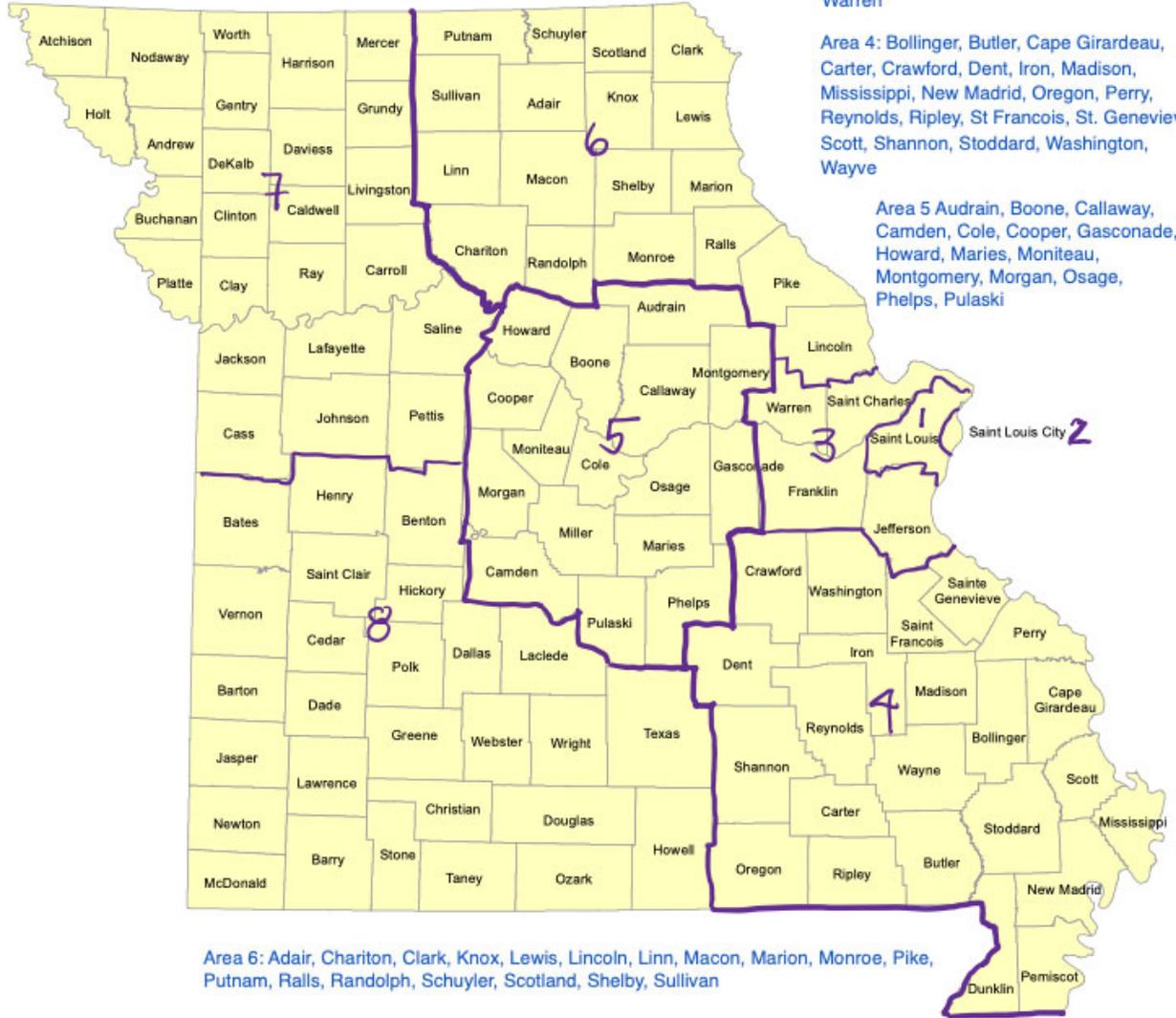
WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

WELCOME....

Audrey Bottrell-Parks / Region 8

Mike & Donna Thibodeau / Region 3

BOMH REGIONAL MAP



WAYS TO SUPPORT BOMH

NEW BOMH GEAR

Embroidered Logo

Polo: \$25.00



T-Shirt: \$17.00

Cap: \$15.00



Get Yours at the BOMH Store at

<https://bestofmissourihands.org/shop/>



Get your very own BOMH Porcelain Mug as well as Juried Member stickers, banners & signs at <https://bestofmissourihands.org/shop/>

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League www.columbiaartleague.org

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www.elkhornsilver.com

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www.greendoorartgallery.com

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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! Also, Membership in BOMH Members Only Facebook Page.

- Included with all Corporate Members on Corporate Members page of BOMH website.
- Listed on BOMH email Newsletter with hyperlink to your website.
- 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 or join online at

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Community Arts Agencies
<https://macaa.net>

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on the Memberships link.

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